

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to submitting grant applications to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the 2015 Call for Projects, and proposed projects.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the City's final list of projects attached to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report to Council dated December 5, 2014 (attached to the Council file) as the City's priorities for funding in the 2015 Call for Projects, as amended to delete the Bridging Bikeshare Accessibility and the Bikeshare Phase 2 Expansion Projects from the final list of projects.
2. DIRECT the LADOT to reconvene the Pedestrian Improvement Subcommittee to score the revised Sixth Street Viaduct Pedestrian Improvement Project and report to the Transportation Committee at its first meeting in January, 2015, with a recommendation as to whether a grant application for the project should be prepared.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, on behalf of the City, to submit grant applications for all projects above the cut-off line in the City's final list of projects to Metro for possible funding.
4. AUTHORIZE the general managers and/or directors of the City departments or bureaus to execute and submit the necessary funding and contractual agreements, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for each project funded as part of the 2015 Call for Projects.
5. DIRECT the general managers and/or directors of the City departments or bureaus to submit to the LADOT, for inclusion in the Transportation Grant Fund Report, resource needs (including but not limited to match and front-funding, staff, and overtime funding), for the implementation of projects funded by Metro through the 2015 Call for Projects.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. There is also no immediate impact on special funds; however, future appropriations by the Mayor and Council will be required to finalize approved grant memorandum of understanding and to deliver the projects (i.e. design, project management, construction and inspection). For projects awarded grant funding by Metro, the LADOT, in conjunction with the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), will identify the required matching funds and recommend appropriate sources of funds from available revenues during the development of each fiscal year budget, as well as multi-year schedules for transportation special funds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated LADOT requests authority to apply for Metro 2015 Call for Projects grant funding, and recommends approval of a list of projects attached to the Department's report. An evaluation committee comprised of representatives of the Mayor, council offices, LADOT, CLA, CAO, Departments of City Planning and Public Works, and the Port of Los

Angeles to evaluate proposed projects. The ranking of projects was based on Metro evaluation criteria and City policies such as LADOT's 2014 Strategic Plan, the Mobility Plan 2035, and the Mayor's Great Streets Initiative. Those projects determined to be the most consistent with City policies and most competitive under Metro's evaluation criteria are recommended for submittal to Metro's 2015 Call for Projects.

LADOT states that the Call for Projects is a countywide competitive process by which Metro awards anticipated federal, state, and regional transportation funds to 88 cities and the Los Angeles County for transportation improvement projects. Metro typically conducts a Call for Projects every two years. Metro staff has estimated that the funds available in the 2015 Call are about \$200 million for the entire county. The criteria for the 2015 Call are regional significance and intermodal integration, first/last mile improvements, project need and benefit to transportation system, local match, cost-effectiveness, and land use and sustainability policies/principals.

At its meeting held December 10, 2014, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with representatives of LADOT. Department staff recommended that Committee approved the proposed list of projects, as amended to delete the Bridging Bikeshare Accessibility and the Bikeshare Phase 2 Expansion Projects. It was stated that Metro extended the application deadline for the 2015 Call to January 30, 2015.

A representative of the Council Office for the 14th District urged the Committee to add the Sixth Street Viaduct Pedestrian Improvement Project to the list of projects to be submitted to Metro for grant funding. Councilmember Koretz favored adding the project, stating that doing so would have no impact on the other proposed projects nor jeopardize their eligibility for grant funding. Councilmember Krekorian objected to adding the project without a thorough evaluation by staff. The Committee recommended that Council approve LADOT's recommended list of projects and authorize the Department to submit applications to Metro for 2015 Call grant funding, as amended to delete the projects mentioned above. Committee further recommended that Council direct LADOT to reconvene the Pedestrian Improvement Subcommittee to score the project requested by Council District 14 and report to the Transportation Committee at its first meeting in January, 2015, with a recommendation as to whether a grant application for the project should be prepared.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

LABONGE: YES
PARKS: ABSENT
KREKORIAN: YES

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