

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: March 10, 2016

To: Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Honorable Jose Huizar, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager 
Department of Transportation
for SJR

Subject: **CONFIGURATION OF STREETS/SPRING & MAIN STREETS PHASE 2
RECONFIGURATION/DTLA FORWARD (Council File 15-0547)**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recommends that the Council receive and file this report detailing the approach to initiating the Phase 2 reconfiguration of Spring Street and Main Street in Downtown Los Angeles.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

RECEIVE AND FILE this report.

DISCUSSION

In response to this motion (CF 15-0547-S1), LADOT has developed an overall project approach for the design and implementation of Phase 2 of the Spring and Main Streets reconfiguration. Phase 1 of the Spring and Main Streets reconfiguration was completed in 2012, which brought the addition of buffered bicycle lanes and full-time parking/loading to the west side of Spring Street and the east side of Main Street. The Phase 2 project would involve conversion of the existing buffered bicycle lanes to protected bicycle lanes, with the objective of reducing bus-bicycle conflicts and incorporating associated pedestrian improvements.

The project presents an opportunity to further augment institutional capacity for innovative design elements associated with protected bicycle facilities first explored through the MyFigueroa and Reseda Boulevard Great Street project processes. Staff will work in conjunction with national experts with extensive experience in the design of protected bicycle lanes, including innovative corridor-level design, signal treatments, and civil engineering design, and apply national and local expertise in real-time to the development of the Spring and Main Streets Phase 2 reconfiguration plans. Information from this

technical assistance and real-time case study project development will broaden in-house capacity for planning, design, and implementation of similar facilities in the future and support the implementation of the Mobility Plan 2035 "Bicycle Enhanced Network" streets. This project process is tentatively scheduled to begin in April 2016 and extend through early 2017. The project team will coordinate with the CD 14-initiated DTLA Forward effort.

These projects are in coordination with other Downtown Los Angeles streets slated for near-term reconfiguration with enhanced infrastructure:

- 7th Street Protected Bicycle Lanes
- Los Angeles Street Protected Bicycle Lanes
- Full, permanent build-out of the Broadway Streetscape Master Plan

Future coordination is needed between the Department of City Planning, Department of Public Works, and other relevant departments and agencies to explore prioritization of additional corridors and identify funding to support these efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT

No direct impact to the City's General Fund is anticipated.

SJR:vaw

c: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee