

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorizing the Bureau of Engineering to receive funding for costs related to the Soto Street Bridge Widening Project.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Cedillo – Huizar), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Engineering to:

1. Receive \$50,000 from University of Southern California (USC) for the evaluation, approvals and related construction costs resulting from a redesign of the curb cuts of the Soto Street Bridge Widening Project at their facilities.
2. Deposit said funds to Engineering Special Service Fund No. 682 and appropriate therein to Fund 682, Department 50, Account No. TBD, entitled Soto Street Bridge Widening Project.
3. Negotiate and execute a letter or agreement or similar instrument between the City and USC to implement the proposed construction and design work associated with the Soto Street Bridge Widening Project.
4. Make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above recommendations in order to effectuate the intent of this action.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On November 10, 2015, Council considered Motion (Cedillo – Huizar) relative to authorizing the Bureau of Engineering to receive funding for costs related to the Soto Street Bridge Widening Project. Motion states that the Bureau of Engineering is undertaking the renovation of the Soto Street Bridge Widening Project which integrates with the Soto Roadway Widening Project. The project is currently in the right-of-way phase and consists of widening the west side of Soto Street Bridge. The existing curb barriers and sidewalks will be replaced with architectural barriers and wider sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. The Soto Roadway Widening Project includes the widening and realignment of Soto Street, the addition of a Type II bike lane, and the provision of a sidewalk.

Motion goes on to state that USC owns and operates two parcels that contain three office facilities and one warehouse facility located northwest of the Soto Street Bridge. USC conducted a pedestrian and vehicular safety feasibility study to identify solutions to the existing entrance and exit challenges at the site. Based on recommendations contained in the feasibility study, it has been determined that relocation and widening of the existing entrance and exit driveway to 70 feet would be the best option to addressing the safety concern.

Since the Soto Street Bridge Widening Project includes installation of a new curb cut at the USC

parcel and replacement of a parking lot, USC and the Bureau of Engineering have discussed how the curb cut can be relocated to assist in resolving pedestrian and vehicular safety. USC has retained an engineering firm to redesign the entrance and parking lot replacement. USC has also offered to pay for any additional cost that occurs as a result of their redesign effort, including design evaluation, approvals and construction costs. Motion recommends that Council authorize the Bureau of Engineering to accept these funds from USC. Council referred Motion to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held November 23, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council approve Motion relative to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
PRICE:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
RYU:	YES

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