


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2020

To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

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

Subject: **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
GRANTS FOR BUS AND BUS FACILITIES PROGRAM**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is requesting the authority to submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants for Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager of LADOT to submit a Bus and Bus Facilities Program application for a FTA grant on behalf of the City of Los Angeles.

BACKGROUND

On January 30, 2020, FTA released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (5339b) funding opportunity. There is \$456.6 million in FY 2020 funds for the Grants and Bus and Bus Facilities Program (CFDA #20.256). The purpose of the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program is to assist transit agencies in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related facilities. LADOT Transit is requesting up to \$8 million in grant funds to design and construct additional bus and bus operator parking and electrification infrastructure at a property adjacent to our existing Downtown Bus Maintenance facility. The added space is needed to accommodate the added battery-electric buses required for the operation of the expanded DASH Downtown routes.

In 2018, LADOT successfully received \$3,215,977 in Bus and Bus Facilities for electrification upgrades to our Sylmar and Washington Bus Maintenance facilities. The 2020 Grants for Bus and Bus Facilities Program application will allow LADOT to fully meet the Mayor and City Council's accelerated mandate to electrify our fleet by 2028.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City's General Fund since the match will be provided by Proposition A. If awarded funding, LADOT will request an allocation of Proposition A funding for the project at the time of accepting the grant.

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