

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Lincoln Boulevard (SR-1) Multimodal Bridge Improvement Project.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the April 5, 2023 Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On April 26, 2023, your Committee considered an April 5, 2023 LADOT report relative to the status of the Lincoln Boulevard (SR-1) Multimodal Bridge Improvement Project. According to the LADOT, in 2001, in anticipation of the traffic growth expected to occur with the implementation of the Playa Vista Master Plan Development and buildout of the LAX Master Plan, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) released an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment Report to widen Lincoln Boulevard from Jefferson Boulevard to Fiji Way.

The project scope included the construction of a new bridge over Ballona Creek and replacement of the Culver Boulevard overcrossing immediately north of the bridge. At the time, Caltrans' primary objective was to increase vehicle throughput capacity by constructing an entirely new bridge structure adjacent to the existing bridge. However, the California Coastal Commission did not approve the project and the state de-obligated its funding.

In 2016, Council adopted the Westside Mobility Plan (Plan) which included the update to the Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan Ordinance. The Plan, which was led by LADOT in coordination with the Department of City Planning, was the result of a study that included stakeholders working together to create a transportation blueprint for the Westside that offered strategies for multiple transportation choices, north-south rail connections, and parking solutions over the next 25 years. A primary objective of the study was to increase the passenger-carrying capacity and efficiency of the transportation system through multimodal solutions, including transit, bicycle and pedestrian friendly facilities.

The adopted Plan outlines a comprehensive transportation improvement program for the Westside that includes the Lincoln Boulevard Bridge Multimodal Improvement Project. This project was prioritized by stakeholders as necessary to address a major existing roadway bottleneck and to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections between Playa Vista, Marina del Rey, and the Ballona Creek bike path. The improvements in the

Westside Mobility Plan were included in both the Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan Ordinance and the West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan Ordinance. Both Ordinances task the LADOT with collecting developer impact fees and leveraging these fees to pursue outside grant funds to deliver the prioritized improvements. To initiate the feasibility study, outreach, agency coordination, initial design, and environmental clearance phases of the project, the LADOT contracted with a consultant team to complete the Project Report and Environmental Document (PR/ED) for the Lincoln Boulevard Bridge Multimodal Improvement Project. The project is in the final phase of the environmental documentation process with completion of the environmental impact report expected by the end of 2023. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the LADOT report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Transportation Committee

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
HUTT:	YES
PARK:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	ABSENT

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