


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: September 16, 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 APPLY FOR, ACCEPT FUNDS, AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS FOR THE FY 2020-2021 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM (SGR) FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL ELECTRICAL CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE LADOT BUS YARD IN SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA.**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is requesting authority to apply for and accept funds in the amount of \$546,648 up to \$620,000, and approve the resolution for the FY 2020-2021 State of Good Repair Program (SGR) funds from California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the purchase and installation of electrical infrastructure related to bus electrification at the City owned bus yard in Sylmar, California.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager or Chief of Transit Programs of LADOT to apply for and accept funds for the SGR Program from Caltrans on behalf of the City.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager or Chief of Transit Programs of LADOT to execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for accepting SGR program funds.
3. APPROVE the attached resolution.

BACKGROUND

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), includes the State of Good Repair Program (SGR) which provides approximately \$105 million annually to transit operators in California for eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation, and capital projects. As a transit operator in Los Angeles County, LADOT is eligible to receive an allocation of up to \$620,000 from Caltrans for FY 2020-2021 SGR program.

DISCUSSION

The City of Los Angeles (City) purchased the Sylmar bus yard in 2018 to serve both DASH and Commuter Express routes in northern Los Angeles. LADOT DASH and Commuter express services provide frequent, inexpensive, and convenient bus service all across the City of Los Angeles. To support the City's goal to electrify its entire fleet by 2028, LADOT proposes to use SGR funds for battery electric bus charging at the Sylmar yard, which requires an upgrade to the existing electrical infrastructure. Caltrans requires LADOT to submit an initial request for funding, which requires City Council approval of the attached SGR Resolution.

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact to the City's General Fund because the grant does not require a local match but in the event of a shortfall, the FY 2021 385 Account 94SA20 will be used.

SJR:CR
attachment

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM: ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CITY OWNED BUS YARD IN SYLMAR, CA.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive State Transit Assistance (STA) funding from the State of Good Repair Program (SGR) now or sometime in the future for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (2017) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the SGR; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing SGR funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, LADOT wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to the LADOT General Manager or Chief of Transit Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Los Angeles City Council that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SGR funded transit projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LADOT General Manager or Chief of Transit Programs be authorized to execute all required documents of the SGR Program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation. These include the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY 2020-2021 SGR funds:

- Electrical infrastructure related to bus electrification at the City owned yard in Sylmar, CA
- Amount of up to SGR funds requested: \$620,000