

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to upgrading all uncontrolled crosswalks throughout the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the May 10, 2022 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: Yes

For:
Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On May 17, 2022, your Committee considered a May 10, 2022 LADOT relative to upgrading all uncontrolled crosswalks throughout the City of Los Angeles. According to the LADOT, traffic signal plans require coordination between LADOT, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Street Services (BSS), and Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL). The LADOT is responsible for the signal plan design; BOE and BSS provide access ramp civil design support to comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA); and the BSL provides the necessary street lighting designs.

Using a consultant to conduct the civil design for the required access ramps is the most efficient approach to expedite design of the 47 approved, but unfunded crosswalk improvements. The LADOT has four vacancies in positions that support the design and implementation of LADOT's traffic signal backlog reduction program, consisting of one Transportation Engineering Associate III and three Transportation Engineering Associate II's. If filled, these positions would accelerate all funded and committed projects on LADOT's existing work program, and provide the necessary staffing resources to begin the signal design of the 47 approved crosswalk locations in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24.

The following additional resources are necessary to implement this work and initiate the access ramp design of the first 47 locations in FY 2022-23:

- \$1,081,000 and one Civil Engineer for the BSS to issue and manage a Task Order Solicitation (TOS) for access ramp design.
- One Management Analyst for the BOE to provide administrative support for the TOS.

- Two Street Lighting Engineering Associates for the BSL to provide associated street lighting design.

With funding and staffing as identified above, the BOE and BSS could begin access ramp design of the first 47 locations by the third quarter of FY 2022-23; the LADOT can finalize design on the first 25 traffic signal plans by the second quarter of FY 2023-24, and the construction contract can be awarded at the end of FY 2023-24.

As directed by Council, the LADOT will conduct the necessary traffic control studies to determine the appropriate traffic control measures for the remaining 155 locations within the next 180 days. With a high-level rough order of magnitude cost for these additional locations, LADOT developed a multi-year implementation schedule in which batches of 25 traffic controls would go into the bid and award phase every six months, with the last package going into bid and award by the first quarter of 2027-28. No additional staffing beyond the request in this report would be necessary to implement this entire program. However, future budget cycles will need to identify an additional \$3.5 million for civil engineering consultant services for access ramp design for the remaining 155 locations, plus roughly \$90 million in construction funding for all 202 traffic controls. 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



COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES
KORETZ: YES
BUSCAINO: YES

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