

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Community Planning grant from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), for the Reconnecting MacArthur Park project (Project).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to execute the grant agreement with the USDOT for \$2,000,000 to complete the concept design for the Project.
2. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), or designee, to accept the USDOT grant funds and deposit the grant funds into a new account in the Engineering Special Services Fund No. 682, Department No. 50, entitled "Reconnecting MacArthur Park," to provide the BOE with funding for Project related expenditures, including City staff costs.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer, or designee, to make any technical or accounting corrections, revisions, or clarifications, as needed, to the above recommendations in order to effectuate the intent of the City Council.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BOE reports that the 20 percent local match requirement for the \$2,000,000 USDOT grant will be fulfilled by a \$500,000 Southern California Association of Governments Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice grant (C.F. 23-0465). The grants discussed in this report are anticipated to cover the city staff and consultant costs for the Project. However, the grants will be on a reimbursement basis and, therefore, will require front-funding by the City to cashflow the Project until sufficient grant reimbursements have been received. The City Administrative Officer (CAO) is coordinating the request for \$2,000,000 in front funding for the USDOT grant from the Transportation Grants Fund (Fund No. 655), which is pending Council approval (C.F. 24-1419). Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Referred to Budget, Finance and Innovation and Transportation Committees)

Summary:

On December 4, 2024, your Transportation Committee considered a November 21, 2024 BOE report relative to the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Community Planning grant from the USDOT, for the Project. According to the BOE report, MacArthur Park is a 35-acre park located at 2230 W. 6th St. in the Westlake neighborhood of Council District 1. Reconnecting MacArthur Park will explore the feasibility of permanently closing Wilshire Boulevard between Parkview Street and Alvarado Street to vehicle travel. The project aims to explore how to correct for the legacy of environmental injustice, which included the construction of Wilshire Boulevard through MacArthur Park in the 1930's,

bifurcating a thriving local community. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the BEO report recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
HUTT:	YES
PARK:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	YES
DE LEON:	ABSENT
RAMAN:	YES

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12/04/24

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