

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2015 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 7 Call for Projects grant award.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the final list of projects (Attachment A) as the City's priorities for funding for the HSIP Cycle 7, as shown in Attachment A of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report to Council dated June 18, 2015.
2. AUTHORIZE the LADOT to include the 6th Street Viaduct – Intersections Improvements Project in the City's final list of projects, if the project meets HSIP grant cost-benefit criteria.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, on behalf of the City to submit grant applications for all recommended projects to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for possible funding.
4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, or Director or General Manager of the lead City department to execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for grants to the City approved in the HSIP Cycle 7.
5. DIRECT the General Manager, LADOT, or Director or General Manager of the lead City department for each project to submit to the LADOT, for inclusion in the Transportation Grant Fund Report, any resource needs, (including, but not limited front-funding, staff, and overtime funding) for the implementation of projects funded through the HSIP Cycle 7.
6. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, to relinquish previously awarded HSIP Cycle 5 funds, as shown in Attachment B of the LADOT report to Council dated June 18, 2015.
7. SUPPORT the efforts of the City of Carson for an HSIP application seeking funds for a traffic signal modification at the intersection of Figueroa Street and 190th Street, and provide the City of Los Angeles' 25 percent fair share of the local match, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LADOT. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated June 18, 2015, LADOT requests authority to submit grant applications to Caltrans to compete in the State's 2015 HSIP Cycle 7 Call for Projects grant award process, as well as authority to relinquish funds for three previously funded HSIP Cycle 5 projects. LADOT recommends clearing the existing backlog of unfunded safety-related improvements citywide. Additional projects are being recommended based solely on safety and incident data and meeting Caltrans' selection criteria for HSIP. An attachment to the report lists

the projects recommend by LADOT for consideration by Caltrans.

LADOT reports that the recommended projects are divided into five packages. These packages of various locations were selected based on best solutions and countermeasures to remedy particular pedestrian, bicycle and/or vehicular safety issues.

- Package 1- Installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at locations with uncontrolled crosswalks.
- Package 2 - Modification of traffic signal's operation, by adding left or right turn phasing.
- Package 3 - Installation of new traffic signals.
- Package 4 - Crenshaw Boulevard Traffic and Street Improvements - Florence Avenue to 79th Street.
- Package 5 - La Tuna Canyon Boulevard Safety Improvements between Lowell Avenue and Sunland Avenue.

At its meeting held June 24, 2015, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. Department representatives discussed progress made on the City's bicycle plan and the process by which projects are evaluated and included in the City's application for HSIP grant funding. A representative of the 14th Council District Office requested that the Committee amend the LADOT list of projects to include the 6th Street Viaduct – Intersections Improvements Project. Department staff indicated that additional time was needed to evaluate the project. Committee recommended that Council approve LADOT's recommended HSIP grant list of projects and related actions, as recommended to authorize the Department to include the 6th Street Viaduct – Intersections Improvements Project in the City's final list of projects, if the project meets HSIP grant cost-benefit criteria.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
PARKS:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES

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