

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: September 28, 2026

To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Heather Hutt, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager
Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) 

Subject: **AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT FUNDS, AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS FOR THE FY 2026-27 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR (SGR) PROGRAM FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL ELECTRICAL CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE SYLMAR BUS MAINTENANCE YARD**

SUMMARY

LADOT requests authority to apply for and accept funds in the amount of \$922,191 (or a revised, final amount as determined by the State Controller's Office) and approve the resolution for the FY 2026-27 SGR funds from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to purchase and install electrical infrastructure for bus electrification at the city-owned Sylmar Bus Maintenance Yard located at 12776 Foothill Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, or designee to apply for and accept funds in the amount of \$922,191, or the final amount as determined by the State Controller's Office, for the SGR Program on behalf of the City of Los Angeles (City) for bus electrification at the Sylmar Bus Maintenance Yard.
2. APPROVE the attached resolution, as required by Caltrans, to authorize the execution of the certifications and assurances for the SGR Program project *Electrical Infrastructure for Bus Charging at Sylmar Bus Maintenance Yard* (SGR Project ID 2021-5006-005).

BACKGROUND

LADOT DASH provides frequent and convenient bus service in downtown Los Angeles and in 27 communities across the City.

Caltrans began providing SGR funding in 2017. LADOT previously used SGR funds to purchase electric buses and install the electrical infrastructure at various bus yards that are needed to charge new vehicles.

In 2018, the City purchased the Sylmar Bus Maintenance Yard to serve both DASH and Commuter Express routes in northern Los Angeles. The yard's current infrastructure primarily supports the operation of compressed natural gas (CNG) buses, with limited and temporary equipment that supports deployment of battery-electric buses.

DISCUSSION

LADOT proposes to use SGR funds to upgrade the existing electrical infrastructure at the Sylmar Bus Maintenance Yard in order to charge and deploy battery-electric buses, some of which the department currently owns and deploys with temporary charging equipment, and others yet to be procured. The yard has 12 electric buses in its inventory and uses mobile chargers to charge them. SGR funding would be used to replace these with permanent chargers and infrastructure.

Caltrans requires LADOT to submit an initial fund request, which requires City Council approval of the attached SGR Resolution. This proposal helps fulfill the City Council's mandate to have a fully electric transit fleet by 2030 per Council File 17-0739.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City of Los Angeles General Fund since the grant does not require a local match. LADOT will rely on Prop A currently budgeted for this purpose as front funding to be reimbursed by the FY 2026-27 SGR funds.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR (SGR) PROGRAM: ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CITY-OWNED BUS YARD AT THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (LADOT) SYLMAR BUS YARD

WHEREAS, the LADOT is an eligible project sponsor and may receive funding from the 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 ALSO RESOLVED that the General Manager, LADOT, or designee, 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 2026-27 SGR funds:

- Electrical infrastructure related to bus electrification at the City-owned Sylmar Bus Maintenance Yard at 12776 Foothill Boulevard.
- Amount of up to SGR funds requested: \$922,191.