

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) Mobility Investment Program (MIP).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. RECEIVE and FILE the LADOT report dated November 5, 2019, relative to the MIP, project delivery and inventory of mobility enhancements, and achieving the City's policy goals for transit safety, health, equity, access, and sustainability.
2. DIRECT the LADOT to report in 120 days with:
 - a. An update on development of a capital improvement plan for transportation projects.
 - b. A project initiation process for strategic mobility projects.
 - c. Resources needed to support the above activities.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated November 5, 2019, discusses the MIP, the Department's tool to improve project delivery and to develop an inventory of mobility improvements. The City's mobility goals and policies are well-defined in multiple plans and initiatives including the Mobility Plan 2035, the Green New Deal, the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, the Vision Zero Initiative, and the LADOT Strategic Plan. The MIP advances these goals by identifying projects that enhance the safety, sustainability, and reliability of the transportation system for all users.

LADOT established the MIP to improve project delivery and develop a capital improvement plan. The MIP institutes project delivery best practices to identify funding opportunities early in project development, enhance project engagement and evaluation protocols, pursue formalized interagency collaboration, and establish short and long-term capital improvement plans. Collectively, these benchmarks will better position and organize the City and LADOT to pursue the unprecedented amount of transportation funding that will be invested in the region over the next forty years. The MIP includes project life cycle measuring the stages in a capital project in sequential order, scoring platform to objectively compare and evaluate projects, and project inventory.

LADOT staff is currently sorting through these projects to develop a five-year capital improvement plan that identifies the projects in an advanced phase of project-readiness (i.e., the outreach, feasibility assessment, and funding stages are complete or nearing completion) and that are realistically expected to start construction within the next five years. The plan will summarize project description, program category, funding sources, and project schedule. LADOT will also develop a twenty-year capital improvement plan that summarizes the unconstrained list of improvements that help advance the City's mobility goals.

For upcoming grant funding opportunities, LADOT will screen projects to ensure staff conducted necessary stakeholder outreach and assessed technical feasibility before moving forward with a grant application. The MIP will ensure the City is prepared to make the best use of transportation funding opportunities that achieve the best outcomes for residents and visitors that rely on the City's transportation system.

At its meeting held November 13, 2019, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. Department representatives stated that MIP is a map-based platform tool for advanced planning processes. MIP will assist staff rank projects according to how well they meet City mobility goals and criteria and will also make the Department's grant applications more competitive. Committee recommended that Council receive and file the LADOT report. Committee further recommended that Council instruct LADOT to report in 120 days with update on development of a capital improvement plan for transportation projects, a project initiation process for strategic mobility projects, and the resources needed to support these activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: YES

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