

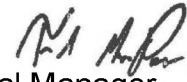
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: February 4, 2021

TO: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395

FROM: Adel H. Hagekhalil, P.E., Executive Director and General Manager
Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA)



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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY ROUND 4 URBAN GREENING GRANT FOR THE BROADWAY-MANCHESTER TREE PLANTING PROJECT

The Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) submitted an application with the California Natural Resources Agency Round 4 Urban Greening Grant Program and received a conditional award in the amount of \$713,804 to fund tree planting for the Broadway-Manchester Active Transportation Equity Project. StreetsLA is requesting authority to accept these grant funds and execute all Restricted Grant Agreements and any amendments thereto with the California Natural Resources Agency for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Executive Director and General Manager of the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA), or designee, to accept the conditional award in the amount of \$713,804 from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Urban Greening Grant Program to fund the Broadway-Manchester Active Transportation Equity Project.
2. AUTHORIZE StreetsLA to negotiate and execute a Restricted Grant Agreement and any amendments thereto with CNRA, as may be necessary to claim grant funds.
3. AUTHORIZE StreetsLA to execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, towards the completion of the grant scope.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a new account within the Transportation Grant Fund (Fund 655, Dept 94) entitled "Urban Greening Broadway-Manchester Active Transportation Equity Project" in the amount of \$713,804.
5. AUTHORIZE StreetsLA to receive grant funds and reimburse the Transportation Grant Fund for expenditures made directly from the Transportation Grant Fund.

6. ADOPT the accompanying resolution authorizing StreetsLA to accept the aforementioned grant funds and execute all Restricted Grant Agreements and any amendments thereto with CNRA.
7. AUTHORIZE StreetsLA to make any technical adjustments as necessary to effectuate the intent of the Mayor and Council on this matter.

DISCUSSION

In March 2020, the CNRA announced Round 4 Urban Greening Grant call-for-proposals, providing \$28.5 million for projects that reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) while also transforming the built environment into places that are more sustainable, enjoyable, and effective in creating healthy and vibrant communities. A minimum of 80% of awarded funds will go to disadvantaged and low-income communities (AB 1550).

StreetsLA has developed the Broadway-Manchester Active Transportation Equity Project (Project) which will provide a multi-benefit active transportation project in South Los Angeles area along a 2.8 mile stretch of Manchester Avenue (from S. Vermont Avenue to Broadway) and S. Broadway (from Manchester Avenue to Imperial Highway). These corridors are the "main streets" for the community, which residents traverse on a daily basis to reach their destinations, including transit connections, businesses, and community services, and has 14 schools serving approximately 9,000 students. The project will provide innovative active transportation treatments along the corridors to improve safety and encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as walking and bicycling, thereby also improving public health outcomes.

In May 2019, the Project received a Caltrans Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 Grant award, providing \$24.8 million for design and construction of mostly hardscape active transportation improvements.

The ATP Grant generally does not fund any green infrastructure, so StreetsLA pursued the Urban Greening Grant to supplement the hardscape improvements by planting 250 shade trees in under-utilized medians along the corridors to provide urban cooling, enhanced green space, cleaner air, and reduced greenhouse gases (GHGs). Larger medians ranging from 40 to 60 feet wide will be converted into a pedestrian path punctuated with cultural and recreational amenities in a community that is historically underserved and park-poor.

StreetsLA submitted the concept proposal, which was due on July 15, 2020, and completed the second step (site visit) of the application process in December 2020.

In January 2021, StreetsLA received a conditional award from the CNRA for the Project, which consists of \$713,804 in grant funds (no local match required). Final grant awards are expected to be announced in March 2021. Construction must be completed by March 2023 and can be extended 1-2 years, if needed.

As a condition of grant acceptance, CNRA requires a local resolution from the City Council

stating the grant project title and job title of the person authorized to enter into a contract with CNRA. The resolution must be submitted to CNRA by February 27, 2021 and is attached hereto.

Additionally, the grant funds will be disbursed to the City on a reimbursement basis. StreetsLA intends to hire a consultant to assist with the development of a planning document and requires front funding from the Transportation Grant Fund (Fund 655, Dept 94) to pay the consultant for the grant work to be performed. StreetsLA staff time will be front-funded through existing Prop C budget allocations. There is no local match requirement for this grant.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund if the grant is accepted. The grant will be disbursed to the City on a reimbursement basis. Consultant costs will be expended from the Transportation Grant Fund and repaid as reimbursements from the CNRA are received, while StreetsLA staff time will be front-funded through its existing Prop C appropriation.

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Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS URBAN GREENING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **City Council**

1. Approves the filing of an application for the "Broadway-Manchester Active Transportation Equity Project";
2. Certifies that applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.5 of the State Labor Code; and
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and
6. Certifies that applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and
7. Appoints the **City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA)**, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

Approved and adopted the _____ day of _____ 2021. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the **City Council**.

Following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: _____

Nos: _____

Absent: _____

Clerk/Secretary for the City Council