

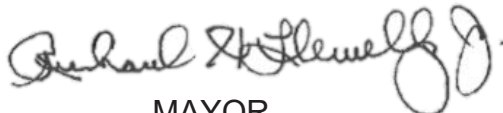
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**Department of Transportation
Transportation Grant Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22**

Transmitted for your consideration. See the
City Administrative Officer report attached.



MAYOR

(Rich Llewellyn for)

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REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: December 1, 2021

CAO File No. 0220-00210-0278

Council File No. -

Council District: All

To: The Mayor

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Department of Transportation 2021-22 Transportation Grant Fund Report dated November 19, 2021; referred by Mayor for report on November 23, 2021

Subject: **TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUND REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Controller to establish new appropriations in the amount of \$74,922,900 within the Transportation Grant (TG) Fund No. 655 for the projects and amounts listed in Attachment 1 of this Report;
2. Authorize a total increase of \$8,098,711 in appropriations within the TG Fund No. 655 for three existing projects with the amounts listed in Attachment 2;
3. Authorize the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:
 - a. Receive grant funds to reimburse the TG Fund No. 655 for expenditures made directly from the TG Fund;
 - b. Reimburse the General Fund on an annual basis for its costs associated with Fringe Benefits, Central Services, and Department Administration using proceeds that the Department has collected from granters;
 - c. Reimburse the Proposition C Anti-Gridlock Transit Fund No. 540 on an annual basis for its cost associated with the City staff salaries, overtime, compensated time off, and any other expenditures directly incurred by the Proposition C Anti-Gridlock Transit Fund No. 540 and associated with grant projects;
 - d. Increase appropriations within the TG Fund No. 655 by up to 25 percent of any project budget listed in the Attachments 1 and 2 of this Report or any other project accounts, not to exceed \$100,000, provided that the proposed increase is reimbursable through a grant award and subject to the review and approval of the Office of the City Administrative

Officer (CAO);

- e. Make any technical adjustments as necessary and consistent with Mayor and City Council actions on administrative and technical matters, subject to the approval of the CAO, and request the Controller to implement these instructions; and,
4. Direct LADOT to decrease and/or close out project appropriations for completed projects that have been accepted by the Board of Public Works, projects where the City Council has made a determination to cancel the project, and/or projects wherein the grant funding has lapsed or has been deobligated.

SUMMARY

The 2021-22 Transportation Grants (TG) Fund report reflects a total of \$83.3 million in new transportation grants awarded to the City. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) requests authority to establish new appropriations for six new projects totaling \$74.9 million as included in Attachment 1 of this Report. In addition, LADOT requests authority to increase appropriations in the total amount of \$8.1 million for three existing projects as included in Attachment 2 of this Report. In total, LADOT requests to increase the appropriations in the TG Fund by \$83 million for both new and existing projects. Intermittently, the Department requires the ability to increase project appropriations within the Transportation Grant Fund to accommodate design or construction contracting needs in cases where it has been decided that City staff will no longer perform the work. To facilitate these types of requests where there are no budget increases, the Department requests authority to increase appropriations by up to 25 percent of a TG Fund project's appropriation within the Council authorized budget, not to exceed \$100,000, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer.

The cash balance in the TG Fund was \$67.4 million as of November 22, 2021 with \$383.7 million in current anticipated receivables, for a total of \$451.1 million. With the additional grant revenue anticipated for the new proposed projects in this report, the current cash balance and current and future grant receivables are projected as \$460 million. This is sufficient to cover the total of the proposed increased appropriations in the TG Fund. The TG Fund is a revolving fund and the balance changes daily based on grant reimbursements received and/or expenditures made. It is anticipated that forthcoming grant receivables will reimburse the requested new appropriations. Therefore, this request is compliant with the City's Financial Policies in that appropriations are supported by anticipated grant revenues.

This Office recommends approval of LADOT's requests.

New Appropriations

Attachment 1 identifies the new 2021-22 TG Fund projects awarded from various grantors and identifies \$74.9 million in new appropriations needed for contract and/or material procurement over the next few years. The match requirements are typically satisfied by direct labor costs provided to

departments through the Proposition C Anti-Gridlock Fund as part of the annual budget process, as well as previously identified special purpose fund appropriations when available. LADOT will seek on-going reimbursements for eligible expenditures from grantors throughout the term of the projects which will be reimbursed to the appropriate special fund. The summary of the new project appropriations in Attachment 1 are as follows:

• Connecting Canoga Park through Safety & Urban Cooling	\$ 30,924,000
• Safe Routes to School Berendo Middle/Three Feeder Elementary Schools Project	\$ 2,211,400
• Mission Mile: Sepulveda Visioning for a Safe & Active Community	\$ 39,920,000
• Safe Routes for Seniors – LATP 19S003	\$ 1,487,500
• HSIP Cycle 10: Los Angeles Citywide Safety Guardrail Improvements Project	\$ 200,000
• Local Roadway Safety Plan: Vision Zero Los Angeles Safety Study Update and Systemic Safety Analysis	\$ 180,000
TOTAL	\$ 74,922,900

Increases to Existing Appropriations

LADOT requests authority to increase existing appropriations for three projects by a total of \$8.1 million (from \$10.9 million to \$19 million) as listed in Attachment 2. Additional funding for the first project below was approved by Council from the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) (C.F. 21-0904). The third project received funds reallocated by Metro from a canceled City project and from a developer mitigation fee described below.

- **Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 8 - Left Turn Phasing:** This project will install left turn signal phasing Citywide. This project received an additional funding allocation of \$1,000,000 from the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) (C.F. 21-0904). The City Council previously authorized a \$4,661,689 appropriation in Fiscal Year 2018 for this project with grants awarded from the Highway Safety Improvement Program. LADOT determined that the project appropriation needs an increase of \$1,582,711, from \$4,661,689 to \$6,244,400, to support the construction contract award. The additional appropriation is within the revised project budget, including the additional \$1,000,000 of CRRSAA funds. The project is currently in the final design phase and expects to advertise for a construction contract in the Fall of 2022.
- **2009 Metro Call for Projects - Exposition - West Bikeway - Northvale Gap Closure:** This project will construct a bike facility north of I-10 from Motor Avenue to Dunleer Drive, providing a continuous bikeway from Exposition Park to Santa Monica Beach. This project received additional funding allocation of \$5,293,000 in CRRSAA funds (C.F. 21-0904). The City Council previously authorized a \$4,500,000 appropriation in Fiscal Year 2018 for this project with grants awarded in the 2009 Metro Call for Projects. LADOT determined that the

project appropriation needs an increase of \$5,209,000, from \$4,500,000 to \$9,709,000, to support the construction contract award. The additional appropriation is within the revised project budget, including the additional \$5,293,000 of CRRSAA funds. The project is currently in the final design phase and expects to advertise for a construction contract in the Summer of 2022.

- **2007 Metro Call for Projects - Widening San Fernando Road at Balboa Road:** This project will widen the west side of San Fernando Road at Balboa Road to install a right turn lane, which includes constructing retaining walls. This project received a developer's mitigation fee of \$642,992 as the result of an agreement with Cascades Project Owners, LLC. Additionally, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) re-allocated \$1,000,000 from a cancelled City grant project to the Widening San Fernando Road at Balboa Road project. The City Council previously authorized a \$1,632,000 appropriation in Fiscal Year 2009 and a \$58,000 appropriation in Fiscal Year 2011, for a total appropriation of \$1,690,000, for this project with grants awarded through the 2007 Metro Call for Projects. LADOT is requesting to increase the appropriation by \$1,307,000, from \$1,690,000 to \$2,997,000 to cover the construction contract award. The additional appropriations are within the revised project budget, including the developer's mitigation fee and re-allocated Metro funding. The project is currently in the bid and award phase with an anticipated contract award date of March 2022.

Authority to Increase Current Appropriations

Intermittently LADOT requires the ability to increase project appropriations within the TG Fund to accommodate design or construction contracting needs in cases where it has been decided that City staff will no longer perform the work. Currently, these requests are handled on a case by case basis through the City Construction Project Reports, the annual TG Fund report, or through a Motion. To facilitate these types of requests where there are no budget increases, LADOT requests delegated authority to increase appropriations by up to twenty-five percent of a project's appropriation within the Council authorized budget, not to exceed \$100,000. Increases above \$100,000 or that increase a project budget will continue to be considered by the Council and Mayor. This Office recommends approval of the LADOT request provided that the proposed increase is fully reimbursable through a grant award. This Office further recommends that these transactions be subject to the review and approval of the CAO, and that all increases also be reported to the Mayor and Council in the next annual Transportation Grant Fund report.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no General Fund impact. The Transportation Grant Fund is a revolving account established to receive grant reimbursements for transportation grant funded programs. A total of \$83.3 million in new grants was awarded to the City, of which \$74.9 million requires the establishment of new appropriations in the Transportation Grant Fund. In addition, the Department is requesting to increase existing appropriations by \$8.1 million for current projects that remain within their Council authorized project budgets.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

These recommendations are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that onetime revenues (grants) are used for one-time expenditures.

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Attachments

- 1 – 2021-22 Transportation Grant Fund – New Appropriations
- 2 – 2021-22 Transportation Grant Fund – Increase to Existing Appropriations
- 3 – LADOT Report to the Mayor's Office dated November 19, 2021

ATTACHMENT 1 - NEW APPROPRIATIONS (FY2021-22 TGF)

No.	Council District(s)	Lead Dept	Project Title	Council File	Grant Amount	Staff Labor (Local Match Prop C)	Project Budget	Appropriation Request	Purpose of Appropriation
Active Transportation Program (ATP)									
1	3	StreetsLA	Connecting Canoga Park through Safety & Urban Cooling	14-0499-S5	\$ 30,731,000	\$ 7,924,000	\$ 38,655,000	\$ 30,924,000	Contract and Material Procurement
2	1	StreetsLA	SRTS Berendo Middle & 3 Feeder Elementary Schools Safety Project	14-0499-S5	\$ 9,951,000	\$ 1,106,000	\$ 11,057,000	\$ 2,211,400	Contract and Material Procurement
3	7	StreetsLA	Mission Mile: Sepulveda Visioning for a Safe & Active Community	14-0499-S5	\$ 39,670,000	\$ 10,230,000	\$ 49,900,000	\$ 39,920,000	Contract and Material Procurement
4	CW	LADOT	Safe Routes for Seniors - LATP19S003	14-0499-S4	\$ 1,750,000	\$ -	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,487,500	Contract Procurement
			SUBTOTAL		\$ 82,102,000	\$ 19,260,000	\$ 101,362,000	\$ 74,542,900	
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)									
5	CW	StreetsLA	HSIP Cycle 10: Los Angeles Citywide Safety Guardrail Improvements Project	20-1192	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 200,000	Contract and Material Procurement
Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP)									
6	CW	LADOT	Local Roadway Safety Plan: Vision Zero Los Angeles Safety Study Update and Systemic Safety Analysis	20-1465	\$ 180,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 180,000	Contract and Material Procurement
			TOTAL		\$ 83,282,000	\$ 19,280,000	\$ 102,562,000	\$ 74,922,900	

ATTACHMENT 2 - INCREASE TO EXISTING APPROPRIATION (FY2021-22 TGF)

No.	Council District(s)	Lead Dept	Project Title	Council File	Grant Cycle	Grant Amount	Staff Labor (Local Match)	Original Project Budget	Additional Funding (CRSAA)	Additional Funding (Metro Repurpose)	Additional Funding (Developer's Mitigation)	Revised Project Budget	Existing Appropriation Account No.	Existing Appropriation Amount	Appropriation Request Increase	New Appropriation Total	Purpose of Appropriation
1	1,2,3,6,7,8,11,12,15	LADOT	Left Turn Phasing HB-07-024 (HSIP-8)	16-0821 21-0904	HSIP Cycle 8	\$ 5,244,400	\$ 582,711	\$ 5,827,111	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,827,111	948789	\$ 4,661,689	\$ 1,582,711	\$ 6,244,400	5% set aside for civil design consultant work and 70% for construction
2	5	LADOT	Exposition Bike Path Avenue (Northvale) - LAF3514	09-0099 21-0904	2009 Metro Call for Projects	\$ 4,416,000	\$ 1,105,000	\$ 5,521,000	\$ 5,293,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,814,000	94NT62	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 5,209,000	\$ 9,709,000	Contract and Material Procurement
3	12	LADOT	Widening San Fernando Rd at Balboa Rd - F1129 - LA0G1560	06-1080-52	2007 Metro Call for Projects	\$ 1,061,000	\$ 571,000	\$ 1,632,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 642,992	\$ 3,274,992	94228W, 94G423	\$ 1,690,000	\$ 1,307,000	\$ 2,997,000	Contract Procurement
			TOTAL			\$ 10,721,400	\$ 2,258,711	\$ 12,980,111	\$ 6,293,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 642,992	\$ 20,916,103		\$ 10,851,689	\$ 8,098,711	\$ 18,950,400	