REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: 14

To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer *for*

Subject: **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR CREATION OF A NEW SIXTH STREET VIADUCT MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND (C.F. 22-0708-S3)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Request the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to establish the Sixth Street Viaduct Maintenance Trust Fund for the purpose of the receipt, retention and disbursement of gifts, contributions, and donations for the maintenance of the Sixth Street Viaduct, including trash and bulky item pickup, graffiti abatement, and other services;

2. Authorize the Controller to establish a new fund entitled “Sixth Street Viaduct Maintenance Trust Fund”;

3. Instruct the Controller to establish new revenue accounts within the new fund, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Public Works; and,

4. Authorize the Department of Public Works, Board of Public Works to be the administrator of the “Sixth Street Viaduct Maintenance Trust Fund”.

SUMMARY

On July 1, 2026, the Council approved Motion (Jurado-Price) instructing the City Administrative Officer, in consultation with Council District 14 and the City Attorney, to report on the establishment of a Sixth Street Viaduct Maintenance Trust Fund (Fund) for the purpose of the receipt, retention and disbursement of gifts, contributions, and donations for maintenance of the Sixth Street Viaduct, including trash and bulky item pickup, graffiti abatement, and other services (C.F. 22-0783-S3). The recommendations of this report include the necessary approvals and requests to create the Fund in response to Motion (Jurado-Price).

DISCUSSION

The Sixth Street Viaduct, also known as the Sixth Street Bridge, was constructed in 1932 to connect Boyle Heights and Eastside communities with Downtown Los Angeles. In 2016, the Bureau of Engineering began the demolition and reconstruction of the Sixth Street Viaduct and the work was completed in 2022. Since the completion of the project, the Sixth Street Viaduct has confronted ongoing challenges due to bulky item disposal, vandalism, and other activities that have damaged both the bridge and its fixtures. Both the community and private entities have expressed concerns that these challenges would result in the bridge returning to its previous state and expressed interest in providing funds to ensure the bridge is properly maintained and preserved.

Motion (Jurado-Price) aims to establish the Fund to facilitate the receipt, retention, and disbursement of funds received from private entities for the purpose of maintaining the bridge. These may include graffiti abatement services, trash pick-up, bulky item pick up, and other services required to preserve the Sixth Street Viaduct. Funds may be appropriated to the relevant departments that provide these services such as the Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification, the Bureau of Sanitation, and Bureau of Street Services.

This Office recommends that the Board of Public Works (Board) serve as the fund administrator. The Board would be responsible for maintaining the records related to this fund, and the President of the Board would be authorized to establish appropriate procedures to ensure the appropriate use of the monies deposited in the Fund. Any appropriations or expenditures from this Fund must receive prior approval from the Board and subsequently transmitted to Council for approval. At the close of each fiscal year, monies not expended from the Fund shall remain in the Fund and shall not revert to the Reserve Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendations of this report will facilitate the creation of the Sixth Street Viaduct Maintenance Trust Fund (Fund), and to the extent that funds deposited in the Fund offset the City's costs to maintain the Sixth Street Viaduct, these recommendations will have a positive impact on the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies.

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