

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2026

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

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR USDOT SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT**

SUMMARY

As directed in Council File (CF) [24-0869](#), this report requests authority for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to enter into agreements for a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant, which awarded funds to the Pedestrianization for the 2028 Games and Beyond Project.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council AUTHORIZE the General Manager of LADOT to execute any necessary funding, cooperative agreement, or contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for accepting the funding, and to commit to provide the minimum required leverage funding of up to \$1,431,250.

BACKGROUND

In August of 2024, City Council authorized the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to partner with SCAG to submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Fiscal Year 2024 funding round. The SS4A program awards funds to local and state agencies to achieve roadway safety goals through the development of safe street plans, demonstrations, and infrastructure projects.

In November 2024, the City was notified that USDOT awarded SCAG and LADOT \$6 million to implement the Pedestrianization for the 2028 Games and Beyond demonstration project that will temporarily pedestrianize three street segments. These street segments were identified due to their significant collision histories and proximity to major rail stations. These temporary demonstrations will support street safety efforts during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games and create potential for legacy investments.

DISCUSSION

The Pedestrianization for the 2028 Games and Beyond project will create safer roads for people walking, bicycling, and using public transportation to reach 2028 Games venues and key City destinations by installing temporary materials to create a series of semi-permanent open streets events. These demonstration projects and subsequent evaluations will help LADOT better understand the potential benefits and impacts of more permanent roadway closures and inform future pedestrianization projects in the City of Los Angeles. The three project segments are as follows:

- 1) Figueroa Street between Downtown LA and Exposition Park
- 2) Hollywood Boulevard between Orange Drive and Highland Avenue
- 3) Wilshire Boulevard adjacent to MacArthur Park

LADOT identified these corridor segments based on collision patterns, with a focus on locations in disadvantaged communities or where pedestrian activity will be highest during the 2028 Summer Games. Figueroa, Wilshire, and Hollywood are major transportation corridors near major Metro rail stations with high pedestrian and bicycle volumes that have a demonstrated history of fatal and serious injury crashes. Given the anticipated influx of visitors and demand on the transportation network during the Games, roadway pedestrianization will create safer and more enjoyable travel experiences and public spaces for Angelenos and visitors.

While these demonstration projects take inspiration from past open streets events such as CicLAvia, these projects will take place over multiple days or weeks, providing a broader understanding of both the benefits and potential impacts of a pedestrianized roadway. LADOT and other City agencies will collaborate to devise infrastructure solutions to make efficient use of funds and rely less on on-site supervision. The project aims to create a replicable model for future semi-permanent or permanent pedestrianization on corridors with a higher incidence of injury and fatal crashes to improve traffic safety citywide.

USDOT awarded SCAG and LADOT \$6 million in grant funds with a required 20-percent leverage requirement of \$1.5 million for a project total of \$7.5 million. SCAG will serve as the primary recipient of the funds. For their administrative role, SCAG will receive 5-percent of the total project award (\$275,000) and will contribute \$68,750 in leveraged funds. LADOT's project total of \$7,156,250 includes an award of \$5,725,000 and a 20-percent match requirement of \$1,431,250.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City expects to meet its match requirement through staff salaries (funded through Prop C, Measure M, and General Fund) as well as Metro Open and Slow Streets Cycle 6 and 7 grant funding for the Wilshire and Figueroa corridors. LADOT staff will work in conjunction with the CAO to identify the recommended front funding appropriations from available and appropriate funding sources to deliver the project.

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Attachments

A: List of SS4A Pedestrianization Demonstrations

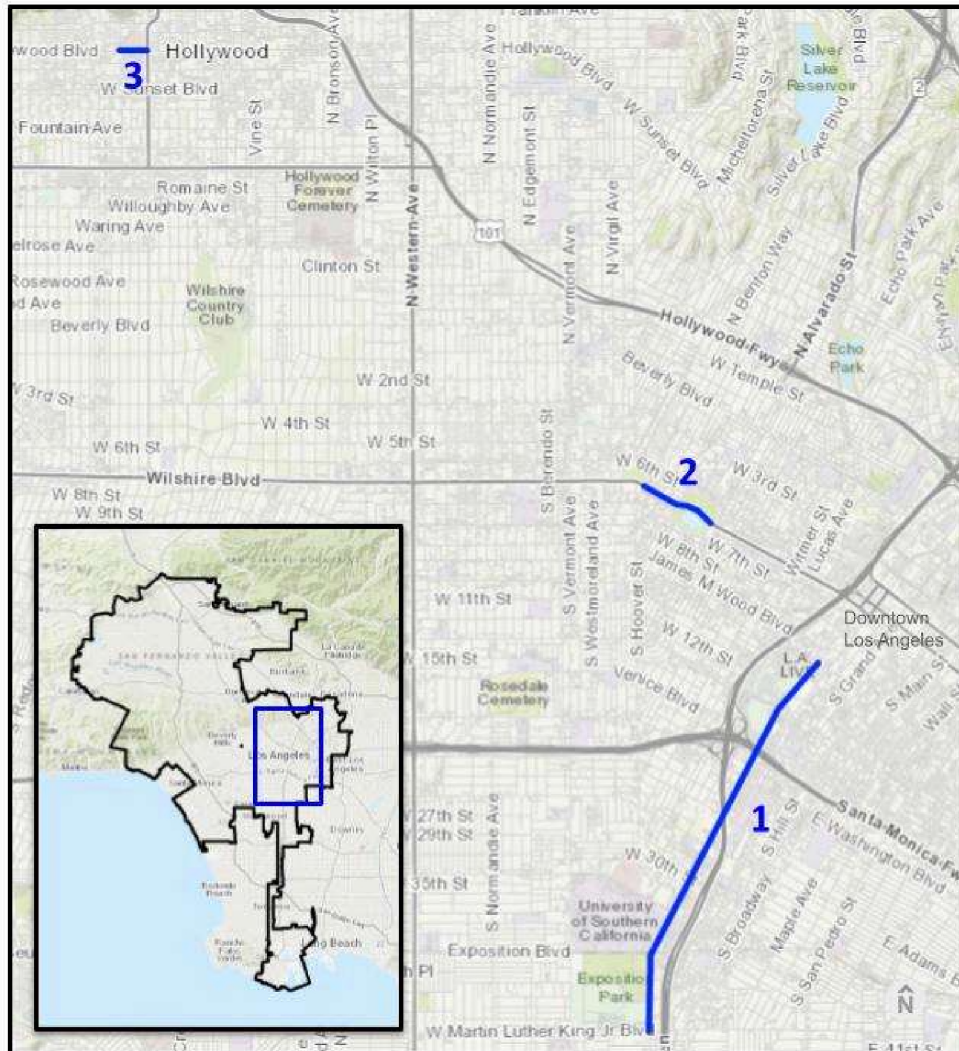
B: Map of SS4A Pedestrianization Demonstrations

Attachment A: List of SS4A Pedestrianization Demonstrations

	Project Limits	Council Office	Local Match Funding Source	Project Lead	Total Project Cost	Total Project Match
1	Hollywood Boulevard between Orange Drive and Highland Avenue	13	Staff Salaries (Prop C, Measure M, General Fund);	LADOT	\$5,725,000	\$1,431,250
2	Wilshire Boulevard adjacent to MacArthur Park	1	Staff Salaries (Prop C, Measure M, General Fund); Metro Open and Slow Streets Cycle 6 and 7 Grant			
3	Figueroa Street between Downtown LA and Exposition Park	1, 9, 14	Staff Salaries (Prop C, Measure M, General Fund); Metro Open and Slow Streets Cycle 6 and 7 Grant			

Attachment B: Map of SS4A Pedestrianization Demonstrations

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