

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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

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Subject: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ACTIVE
TRANSPORT, TRANSIT AND FIRST/LAST MILE (MAT) CYCLE 2 AWARDED FUNDING**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) awarded the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Bureau of Engineering (BOE) a total of \$40,850,000 from Cycle 2 of the Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile (MAT) Program for four projects (CF # 25-0416). LADOT and BOE are seeking approval to accept the funding and to add staffing resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the respective lead City department 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;
2. AUTHORIZE the respective lead City department to establish a new appropriation account in the amount of \$40,850,000 within the Transportation Grant Fund No. 655, Department 94, as a front-funding source for this reimbursable grant;
3. ADD position authorities for staffing resources for design and construction support of the awarded MAT Cycle 2 projects:

10 Department of Public Works positions

Design and Construction Support:

- 1 Senior Civil Engineer
- 2 Civil Engineers
- 3 Civil Engineering Associate IIIs

Construction Inspection:

- 1 Senior Construction Inspector
- 3 Construction Inspectors

BACKGROUND

In 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved a portion of revenues generated by Measure M to fund the MAT Program, a multi-year competitive grant program open to jurisdictions within Los Angeles County. The MAT Program funds projects that facilitate the use of active modes of transportation, such as bicycling and walking, and expand the reach of transit. In 2021, the City received approximately \$25 million in MAT Cycle 1 funds for six First/Last Mile projects, including a joint project with Culver City, and one Active Transportation Corridor project (Council File 20-0504).

On February 6, 2025, Metro released its program solicitation for MAT Cycle 2, which commits \$75 million in Countywide awards for the five-year cycle of Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2030. City staff submitted letters of interest for Cycle 2 candidate projects to Metro by the April 7, 2025 deadline. The period of time between Metro's release of the program solicitation on February 6, 2025 and the due date of April 7, 2025 was less than 60 days. Due to these timing challenges presented by the condensed timeline, LADOT sought retroactive authorization for the submission of letters of interests to request grant funding. On April 23, 2025, LADOT provided a report to Council that outlined Metro's project eligibility criteria, discussed LADOT's selection process, and listed the projects submitted for funding. On August 12, 2025, City Council authorized the LADOT and BOE to submit four applications to the MAT Program. This report provides an update on awarded projects and seeks authority to enter agreements and accept funding.

DISCUSSIONProject Scopes

Attachment A lists the MAT Cycle 2 applications submitted by the City of Los Angeles as well as the requested and awarded funds for each. On September 25, 2025, the Metro Board awarded the full funding amount requested by the City of Los Angeles for each of the four projects listed below. These projects will kick off in Spring 2026 and are planned to be completed by Spring 2028:

Grand Ave/Cesar Chavez Ave First-Last Mile Improvements Project

This project delivers a package of first/last mile connections around the Grand Avenue/Cesar Chavez Transit Stop, a high-priority location identified in Metro's Active Transportation Strategic Plan. Improvements such as safer pedestrian crossings, accessibility (ADA) upgrades, priority bus lanes, and protected bike lanes will make walking, biking, and transit more seamless within a half-mile radius of the transit stop. By focusing on one of the City's busiest multimodal hubs, the project supports MAT's emphasis on safety, equitable access, and visible, near-term improvements that expand first/last mile connections to transit.

Koreatown to Pico-Union Neighborhood Active Transportation Corridor Project

This 1.8-mile corridor project addresses a critical north-south gap in the bicycle network to create a 5-mile continuous low-stress connection across South Los Angeles, Exposition Park, Pico-Union, Koreatown, and East Hollywood. Features such as traffic calming, protected intersections, and a two-way protected bike lane on Washington Boulevard advance MAT's active transportation corridor goals by linking high-need communities to major destinations and strengthening the regional bike network.

LA River Greenway: West San Fernando Valley Gap Closure

This project focuses on Segments 1 and 2 of the San Fernando Valley section of the LA RiverWay to close a 3-mile gap in the regional LA River greenway system, creating a continuous Class I multi-use path between Vanalden Avenue and Balboa Boulevard, as well as complementary Class III and Class IV bicycle facilities. The project integrates undercrossings, new bridges, upgraded sidewalks and ramps, and protected bikeways, directly supporting MAT’s aim to develop regionally significant active transportation corridors. Investments in lighting, bioswales, and wayfinding enhance safety and comfort, reinforcing the program’s commitment to equitable, high-quality infrastructure in underserved parts of the San Fernando Valley.

Pico Blvd First-Last Mile Improvements Project

This project will implement transportation improvements along Pico Boulevard at Flower, Union, Alvarado, and Vermont to strengthen first/last mile connections to four major bus and rail stations. Planned upgrades include new bikeways, repaired sidewalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and safer crossings that tie into neighborhood network streets. By prioritizing transit access in a high-demand corridor, this project aligns with MAT’s goals of increasing safe, reliable connections to the Metro system and delivering tangible improvements ahead of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Staffing and Resource Needs

Delivery of the City’s awarded MAT Cycle 2 projects in advance of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games is contingent upon the necessary staffing outlined in Table 1 below. Without approval of the requested staff positions, the City would jeopardize timely completion of the four MAT Cycle 2 projects and the associated grant funds would be at risk. The City’s commitment to ADA and Mobility Plan 2035 implementation requires that LADOT’s capital projects must rely on dedicated BOE and Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) staff for implementation of civil engineering elements. To support design and construction management for the MAT Cycle 2 projects, BOE and BCA require a minimum of: one Senior Civil Engineer, two Civil Engineers, three Civil Engineering Associates, one Senior Construction Inspector, and three Senior Construction Inspectors for construction testing and inspection services.

Table 1: Department of Public Works Staffing Requests to Support MAT Cycle 2 Projects

Position (Qty)	Position Description	Funding
Senior Civil Engineer (1)	Bureau of Engineering: Oversee the Civil Engineers and Civil Engineering associates for design support and construction management services	Salary: \$186,811 per position Total : \$186,811/year
Civil Engineers (2)	Bureau of Engineering <i>a. DesignSupport/Project Management:</i> Oversee and provide design support by reviewing and commenting on the plans and specifications, and estimate of the Design Consultant for compliance to City design standards; supervises Civil Engineering Associate IIIs <i>b. Construction Management:</i> Oversees the	Salary: \$161,855 per position Total: \$323,710/year

	construction administration, reviews and processes requests for information, change orders, project schedules, resolves complex construction issues on the field, and coordinates with various agencies during construction; supervises Civil Engineering Associate IIIs	
Civil Engineering Associates (3)	<p>Bureau of Engineering</p> <p><i>a. Design Support:</i> Provides design support by reviewing and commenting on the plans and specifications, and estimate of the Design Consultant for compliance to City design standards</p> <p><i>b. Construction Management:</i> Oversees the construction administration, reviews and processes requests for information, change orders, project schedules, resolves complex construction issues on the field, and coordinates with various agencies during construction</p>	<p>Salary: \$148,395 per position</p> <p>Total: \$445,185 /year</p>
Senior Construction Inspector (1)	<p>Bureau of Contract Administration:</p> <p>Oversees the Construction inspectors for contract administration for compliance of the project to the plans and specifications, inspects the quality of the work, as well as approves payments</p>	<p>Salary: \$149,295 per position</p> <p>Total: \$149,295/year</p>
Construction Inspectors (3)	<p>Bureau of Contract Administration</p> <p>Oversees the construction related to contract administration for compliance of the project to the plans and specifications, inspects the quality of work, as well as approves payments</p>	<p>Salary: \$132,495 per position</p> <p>Total: \$397, 485/year</p>

FISCAL IMPACT

Additional City staff resources are necessary to ensure timely design and delivery of projects, and to ensure continued funding of future project phases by Metro. Grant funding acceptance is contingent upon dedicated staffing to design and deliver projects. Local match was neither required nor proposed for these projects. The MAT Cycle 2 grant will fund the requested Department of Public Works positions throughout the four fiscal years shown in Table 2. The information in Table 2 depicts an estimate of needed staff salary funding based on the anticipated number of Public Works positions engaged per the anticipated project schedule. This estimate of funding amounts are subject to change based on deviations to the project schedule and/or deviations to the level of effort anticipated for these projects.

Table 2: Requested Positions and Associated Grant Funding by Fiscal Year for Department of Public Works Positions

Position	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	Total
Senior Civil Engineer	\$93,406	\$186,811	\$186,811	\$186,811	\$653,839
Civil Engineer	\$161,855	\$323,710	\$323,710	\$161,855	\$971,130
Civil Engineering Associate III	\$74,197	\$445,185	\$445,185	\$148,395	\$1,112,963
Senior Construction Inspector	\$74,647	\$149,295	\$149,295	\$149,295	\$522,533
Construction Inspector	\$64,091	\$397,485	\$397,485	\$132,495	\$991,556
Total	\$670,126	\$1,502,486	\$1,502,486	\$778,851	\$4,252,021

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Attachments

- Attachment A: List of Proposed MAT Cycle 2 Projects

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	Project Name	Project Limits	CD	Lead Dept	Project Type	Requested Amount	Local Match	Awarded Funding Amount
1	Grand Ave/Cesar Chavez Ave First-Last Mile Improvements Project	Cesar Chavez/Sunset (Beaudry to Alameda), Alameda (College to Los Angeles)	1, 14	LADOT	First/Last Mile	\$10M	\$0	\$10,000,000
2	Koreatown to Pico-Union Neighborhood Active Transportation Corridor Project	New Hampshire / Berendo (Wilshire to Washington)	1, 10	LADOT	AT Corridor	\$5.4M	\$0	\$5,400,000
3	LA River Greenway, West San Fernando Valley Gap Closure	Vanalden Ave / Balboa Blvd	3, 6	BOE	AT Corridor	\$10M	\$0	\$10,000,000
4	Pico Blvd First-Last Mile Improvements Project*	Pico Blvd (Normandie to Figueroa)	1, 9	LADOT	First/Last Mile	\$15.4M	\$0	\$15,450,000

*Included four individual applications for the Pico Blvd project for each of the four First-Last Mile areas adjacent to the Vermont/Pico, Alvarado/Pico, Union/Pico, and Pico Metro Stations.