

MOTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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On June 5, 2018, Proposition 68 (Prop 68) was passed by California state voters, which authorizes \$4.1 billion in bond funding for parks, natural resources protection, climate adaptation, water quality and supply, and flood protection. Prop 68 is intended to fund state and local parks, beaches, environmental protection and restoration, water infrastructure, and flood protection projects.

The Los Angeles River (LA River) spans 51 miles from its origin in the San Fernando Valley to its mouth in the port of Long Beach. Channelizing the LA River for flood risk management, while successful in achieving its goals, has impacted its natural ecosystem and function, and disconnected people from the river. The City's vision for rehabilitation is expressed in the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP), adopted in 2007 (C.F. 07-1342). Central to the revitalization vision is the LARiverWay, a growing public access system and active transportation network—consisting of bike paths, bridges, various routes and trails, along with street and sidewalk facilities—that will ultimately connect the entirety of the River's 51 miles.


The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) Prop 68 Grant Program aims to support projects that facilitate the protection and restoration of wildlife, habitat, and historical and archaeological resources. The program is administered by the SMMC and is funded by Prop 68. Eligible applicants include public agencies, such as the City's Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, to seek funding for projects within the SMMC Zone.

The LARiverWay project area is described in nine segments, which are proposed as individual potential projects. Segments 1 and 2 stretch from Vanalden Avenue to Balboa Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley. These segments are bundled into a single large construction project—the Segment 1+2 project, located in Council Districts 3, 4, and 6. The Segment 1+2 project lies within the SMMC Zone and advances the goals of the LARRMP, the City's Mobility Plan 2035, and the City's broader climate, equity, and active transportation objectives, making it a strong candidate for SMMC Prop 68 grant funding in the amount of \$3,000,000.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council instruct the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer, to prepare and submit all documents necessary to apply for a grant in the amount of \$3,000,000 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program to support the LARiverWay Segment 1+2 project, and to accept the grant funds if awarded.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council authorize the Bureau of Engineering to negotiate and execute the grant agreement, and any related documents, with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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