

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City's current active transportation projects and associated grant deadlines.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Hutt – Jurado):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Street Services (BSS), and Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) provide a current list of the City's active transportation projects and associated grant deadlines, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Protected bicycle lanes and paths
 - b. Pedestrian safety improvements
 - c. Neighborhood greenways
 - d. Sidewalk improvements associated with corridor upgrades
 - e. Prioritizing projects that are located on the City's High Injury Network
 - f. Improving access to transit stations, major job centers, and key entertainment and sporting venues
 - g. Serving disadvantaged communities
 - h. Locations along the Festival Trail or extend the existing network of non-vehicular paths.
2. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with assistance from the LADOT, BOE, BSS, and BSL, to identify adequate staffing levels and evaluate funding options, including the feasibility of utilizing Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles lease revenue bonds, that would provide the necessary staff resources and project implementation costs to deliver the City's active transportation projects.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On October 7, 2026, your Committee considered a Motion (Hutt – Jurado) relative the City's current active transportation projects and associated grant deadlines. According to the Motion, the City has adopted multiple policies to improve transportation safety, reduce

greenhouse gas emissions, and expand mobility options for residents, including the Mobility Plan 2035, Vision Zero, the Sustainable City pLAn/Green New Deal, and Safe Routes to School initiatives.

Despite these policy commitments, the pace of implementation of active transportation infrastructure, which encourage the increased use of walking and biking, has been limited by the availability of existing staff and upfront capital funding for construction. While the City's active transportation project portfolio has increased considerably over the past few years, staffing levels remain constant or have declined.

The lack of adequate staff to undertake the necessary work to deliver projects has led to lengthy reviews and administrative delays, as well as an increased reliance on consultants, which further increase project costs. Jurisdictions that invest in their own workforce are better able to plan effectively, complete projects on time and budget, and avoid relying on more expensive consultants. Additionally, the cost of building new transportation infrastructure has increased. The Federal Highway Administration data notes that construction costs have risen about 70% since 2020, which make it imperative that the City move as quickly as possible in delivering transportation. The timely construction of active transportation infrastructure will improve public safety, advance the City's climate and mobility goals, and address transportation equity needs in communities across the San Fernando Valley, Central Los Angeles, and South Los Angeles. It will also make legacy initiatives like the Festival Trail Initiative possible. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
PADILLA:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES

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