

MOTION

Through the Middle Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI), the State will deliver publicly-managed, open-access fiber infrastructure which will allow a wide range of public, private, and non-profit agencies to more easily enter the market and provide internet service to communities. Due to budget constraints, the State has put most new MMBI construction on hold until future funding can be secured, including the most significant line in the network for the City: the Highway 110 Corridor. This route, through the highest concentration of disconnected households in the State, was originally added to the MMBI scope after sustained advocacy from City and County leadership.

In the past year, through conversations with the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL), the State determined that the BSL's reduced fiber optic infrastructure construction costs could make the project feasible within the current federally-funded budget. BSL has entered into a Joint-Build Agreement with the State wherein BSL will construct a 13.3-mile segment of open-access fiber-optics network along the Highway 110 Corridor between Downtown Los Angeles and Highway 91. Per the agreement, the State will provide BSL with \$8,629,089.95 in funding for the project, with 50 percent payable to BSL at the signing of the agreement. This project is significant for the near- and long-term future of connectivity in South Los Angeles, ensuring that some of the most disconnected and under-connected communities in the City can be served by the State's open-access fiber-optics network. Timely receipt of these funds by BSL is necessary to ensure that the Bureau can meet the construction deadline of December 31, 2026.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor, authorize the Executive Director of the Bureau of Street Lighting, or their designee, to receive and deposit up to \$8,629,089.95 from the California Department of Technology into the Digital Inclusion Fund No. 65Q-50, and appropriate therein to a new account entitled "State Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project," for the construction of a 13.3-mile segment of open access fiber-optics network along the Highway 110 Corridor between Downtown Los Angeles and Highway 91.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$1,290,000 be transferred/appropriated from the Digital Inclusion Fund No. 65Q 50, Account No. TBD (State Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project) to the Bureau of Street Lighting Fund No. 100-84 as follows for initial work on the State Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project along the 110 Highway Corridor between Downtown and Highway 91:

- Account No. 001010 (Salaries, General) - \$730,000;
- Account No. 001090 (Salaries, Overtime) - \$280,000;
- Account No. 001100 (Hiring Hall) - \$170,000; and
- Account No. 001120 (Hiring Hall Benefits) - \$110,000.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:

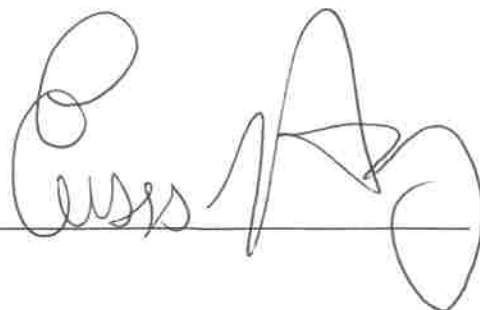


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