

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: August 26, 2024

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

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

Subject: **AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT FUNDS, AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS FOR THE FY 2024-2025 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM (SGR) FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL ELECTRICAL CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE LADOT WASHINGTON BUS YARD**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) requests authority to apply for and accept funds in the amount of \$795,826 and approve the resolution for the FY 2024-2025 State of Good Repair (SGR) funds from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to purchase and install electrical infrastructure for bus electrification at the city-owned bus yard at 1910-1950 E. Washington Boulevard (Washington Bus Yard).

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor of Los Angeles:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager or Chief of Transit Programs of LADOT to apply for and accept funds in the amount of \$795,826 for the SGR Program on behalf of the city for bus electrification at the Washington Bus Yard.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager or Chief of Transit Programs of LADOT to execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the Los Angeles City Attorney as to form and legality, for accepting SGR funds.
3. APPROVE the attached resolution, as required by Caltrans, authorizing the execution of the certifications and assurances for the SGR Program project *Electrification of LADOT Bus Maintenance Facility* (SGR Project ID 2019-5006-003).

BACKGROUND

LADOT DASH provides frequent, inexpensive, and convenient bus service in downtown Los Angeles and in 27 communities across the City of Los Angeles.

Caltrans began providing SGR funding in 2017. LADOT previously used SGR funding to purchase electric buses and install the electrical infrastructure at various bus yards that are needed to charge new vehicles.

In 2018, the City of Los Angeles purchased the Washington Bus Yard to serve Community DASH bus routes that include service to Mid-City and northeast Los Angeles. LADOT proposes to use the FY 2024-2025 SGR funds to purchase and install the necessary infrastructure to charge battery electric buses at the Washington Bus Yard. The SGR funds help to fill an existing funding gap of over \$14 million dollars to electrify the Washington Yard. Apparent, Inc. are currently preparing design plans under their contract (C-143726) to install electric charger and a microgrid. Once the design plans are complete, LADOT will apply to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to use Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding and leverage the SGR funding towards the required minimum 20 percent local match to access FTA funds. This proposal fulfills the Office of the Mayor's and City Council's mandate to have a fully electric transit fleet by 2028 per the LA Green New Deal.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City of Los Angeles General Fund because the grant does not require a local match. LADOT will rely on Prop A Account 94RA20 and 94SA20 'Facility Upgrades for Electrification' for front funds to be reimbursed by the FY 2024-2025 SGR funds.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM: ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CITY-OWNED BUS YARD AT THE LADOT WASHINGTON BUS YARD

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive State Transit Assistance (STA) funding from the State of Good Repair Program (SGR) now or sometime in the future for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (2017) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the SGR; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing SGR funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, LADOT wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to the LADOT General Manager or Chief of Transit Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Los Angeles City Council that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SGR funded transit projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LADOT General Manager or Chief of Transit Programs be authorized to execute all required documents of the SGR Program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation. These include the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY 2024-2025 SGR funds:

- Electrical infrastructure related to bus electrification at the city-owned bus yard at 1910-1950 E. Washington Boulevard (Washington Bus Yard).
- Amount of up to SGR funds requested: up to \$795,826.