

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

The Ventura Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan (Specific Plan) (Ord. 174,052), first adopted in 1991, establishes a Project Impact Assessment (PIA) Fee for the purpose of funding Specific Plan transportation improvements and services, as well as pedestrian improvements.

Section 12 of the Specific Plan sets forth guidance as to how Specific Plan PIA Fee funds may be used, with reference to a list of improvements and services. Section 12.A of the Specific Plan enables City Council to authorize additional improvements and services, upon recommendation by both the Director of Planning and the General Manager of Transportation (LADOT), subject to findings set forth in Section 12.B and subject to review by the Specific Plan Project Review Board (PRB).

At the May 4th, 2023 meeting of the PRB, a proposal from the Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District (Sherman Oaks BID) to construct a Van Nuys Boulevard Median Project (Project) along Van Nuys Boulevard from Moorpark Street to Hortense Street utilizing a total allocation of \$683,473 in PIA Fee funds was supported by the PRB. The Sherman Oaks BID is contracting for design and construction and will fund on-going maintenance and watering for the median once constructed.

The Project will have five main benefits for the surrounding community, mitigating cumulative adverse impacts of new development within the Specific Plan area:

- Calm vehicular traffic on Van Nuys Boulevard;
- Eliminate the ability for illegal and unsafe left turns from southbound Van Nuys Boulevard into the Gelson's and Citibank parking lots and create an organized left turn lane into the Gelson's and Van Nuys/Milbank shopping center;
- Create a pedestrian refuge island for the southern leg of the crosswalk in the Van Nuys Boulevard / Milbank Street intersection;
- Build a new ADA Accessible curb ramp on the southwest corner of the Van Nuys Boulevard / Milbank Street intersection; and
- Beautify the retail shopping area on Van Nuys Boulevard and create a new welcome sign for the Sherman Oaks BID business area.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the Department of Planning, to report back within 30 days with a recommendation, and findings from the General Manager of the Department of Transportation and the Director of Planning as set forth in Section 12.B of the Specific Plan, regarding an authorization of expenditure of up to \$683,473 of Specific Plan PIA Fee funds for the proposed Sherman Oaks BID Van Nuys Boulevard Median Project located on Van Nuys Boulevard from Moorpark Street to Hortense Street.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council authorize the Department of Transportation to make any corrections, clarifications, or revisions to the above fund transfer and amendment instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this motion, including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically, or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY: 
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 


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