

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authority to submit grant applications to the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to compete for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 Call for Projects.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), and/or Director of the respective lead City Department to submit grant applications to the Caltrans ATP Cycle 7 for the four projects as detailed in the May 29, 2024 LADOT report, attached to the Council File.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to enter into an agreement with the City of Culver City, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, and include a project contribution of up to \$150,000 from Fund No. 840/94 Appropriation Unit No. 94WE37.
3. AUTHORIZE the respective lead City Department to execute any necessary funding, cooperative agreement, or contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for accepting the funding.
4. DIRECT the General Manager, LADOT, and/or Director of the respective lead City Department to:
 - a. Identify any additional resource needs, including staff, and/or overtime funding, for the successful implementation of the projects awarded funding.
 - b. Report on which projects were awarded funding and related staffing and fiscal impacts.
5. AUTHORIZE leveraging of City staff salaries through the annual budget of the Transportation Grant Fund Annual Work Program in the Proposition C Fund for the LADOT and applicable Public Works Bureaus.
6. AMEND Page 5 of the May 29, 2024 LADOT report, attached to the Council File, to expand the title of LA River Greenways Bike Path Segment 7 to:

LA River Greenways Bike Path Segment 7/Los Angeles Bikeways,
Riverways, and Active Valley Equity - Segment 7 (LA BRAVE 7)

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that there is no impact to the City's General Fund. There is also no immediate impact on special funds; however, for projects awarded grant funding, City agencies, in conjunction with the CAO, will identify the recommended front funding appropriations from available and appropriate funding sources in that current fiscal year to deliver the projects (i.e., design, project management, construction, and

inspection). Funding in subsequent budget years will be determined by the Mayor and Council each year as part of the annual budget process.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 5, 2024, your Committee considered a May 29, 2024 LADOT report relative to authority to submit grant applications to Caltrans to compete for the ATP Cycle 7 Call for Projects. According to the LADOT, California State Senate Bill 99 established the ATP to provide funding opportunities for projects that promote active modes of transportation, such as bicycling and walking. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) administers ATP funding.

ATP consolidated various transportation programs into a single program with an estimated allocation of \$123 million per year from a combination of state and federal funds. This is the seventh application cycle, and the program will fund up to \$568 million in projects. The Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) administer the regional competition of the Active Transportation Program. The CTC will announce project awards in the statewide competition in December 2024. Candidate projects unsuccessful in the statewide competition will be eligible for the MPO portion of the competition. MPO funding awards will be available in June 2025.

In Los Angeles County, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the MPO that selects projects in consultation with its member counties. The ATP is a key source of funding for large cities like Los Angeles. So far, the City has received about \$500 million in ATP funding over the past six cycles for active transportation projects. There have been six previous cycles of ATP, programmed every two years starting in 2012. The City received grant funding in each of those rounds, which spurred key active transportation projects and initiatives across the City.

Most recently, in ATP Cycle 6 submitted in June 2022, the City was successful in securing funding for eight of the nine submitted projects, receiving funding for approximately \$271 million in infrastructure funding for initiatives like Western Our Way: Walk and Wheel Improvements, Osborne Street: Path to Park Access Project, LA River Greenway, East San Fernando Valley Gap Closure, Wilmington Safe Streets: A People First Approach, and Normandie Beautiful.

In May 2021, Council approved recommendations for a Citywide coordinated project selection process for transportation grant applications (Council File No. 14-0499-S5). Following this approach, LADOT uses the Mobility Investment Program (MIP) - the City's tool to inventory and plan for mobility investments - to identify, evaluate, and prioritize candidate projects. The MIP provides a detailed look at the City of Los Angeles' planned transportation infrastructure improvements, operation of mobility services, and specific initiatives that increase equity, safety, sustainability, and reliability of the transportation system. Department of Public Works (DPW) Bureaus can also identify and propose

projects that address Mobility Plan 2035 Citywide transportation policy goals, which are evaluated with a shared eligibility checklist (Attachment C of the LADOT report). This improved coordination was a key success factor for ATP Cycle 6, and was replicated for ATP Cycle 7. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation contained in the LADOT report. Also, the Committee recommended approval of the following technical correction:

Revise page 5 of the report to expand the title of LA River Greenways Bike Path Segment 7 to:

LA River Greenways Bike Path Segment 7/Los Angeles Bikeways, Riverways, and Active Valley Equity - Segment 7 (LA BRAVE 7)

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
DE LEON:	ABSENT
RAMAN:	ABSENT

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