

# TRANSPORTATION

## MOTION

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability dated February 26, 2021 (NOFA), for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Round 6. The AHSC applications are due June 8, 2021.

Heritage Housing Partners is a nonprofit affordable housing developer based in Pasadena, California. Heritage Housing Partners is seeking an award from the AHSC Program in an amount of \$8,750,000 for the construction of an affordable housing project at 1880 E. Walnut Street in Pasadena and for related transportation improvements that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In order to meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals, the application includes a request of \$1,537,500 to allow LADOT to purchase 2 battery-electric buses for the Commuter Express 549 under the Sustainable Transportation Improvements (STI) portion of the AHSC Program.

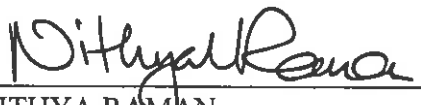
These buses will provide cleaner bus service to Los Angeles residents and workers along the route of the Commuter Express 549, which connects Pasadena with the San Fernando Valley, including Toluca Lake, North Hollywood, and Sherman Oaks.


In sum, if Heritage Housing Partners' application is successful, the AHSC Program will provide \$1,537,500 to cover the marginal cost of the two battery-electric buses with no matching fund requirement or other capital costs to the City of Los Angeles. At that point, LADOT would return to City Council for approval to accept the grant funding and authority to sign any funding agreements.

While LADOT is not a direct applicant, a cooperative agreement is necessary, to meet the AHSC Program Threshold Requirement of the FY 2019-20 AHSC Program Guidelines.


**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the LADOT General Manager, or designee, to sign the Cooperative Agreement between LADOT and Heritage Housing Partners in support of an AHSC application, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:

  
PAUL KORETZ  
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