

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Open Streets Grant Program- Cycle Four.

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

AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

- a. Submit Metro Open Streets Cycle Four grant applications for up to 15 Open Streets programs as detailed in Attachment A of the August 11, 2021 LADOT report, attached to the Council File, and led by the LADOT, for a total of up to \$4,600,000 in requested grant funds; and up to four applications for which the City of Los Angeles is a partner city to another lead jurisdiction.
- b. Execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, to receive any Metro Open Streets Grant Program Cycle Four awards, and to commit to provide the minimum required local match of up to \$1,150,000 through in-kind match for projects for which the City of Los Angeles is the Lead Agency, and up to \$112,500 for which the City of Los Angeles is a partner agency, in Fiscal Years (FY) 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24.
- c. Enter into a letter of agreement with each partner agency delivering Open Streets events that travel through the City of Los Angeles jurisdiction, in order to facilitate grant funding dispersal and ensure event coordination.
- d. Make any technical adjustments as necessary and consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that Open Streets events are largely funded through grants. The Adopted Budget provides front funding and City local match costs through the City's Measure M Local Return Fund. The Adopted Budget for FY 2021-22 includes \$500,000 in Measure M Local Return funds and \$500,000 in MSAPR Trust Fund for the Open Streets Program. The City also funds Open Streets events and local match costs for Metro-funded Open Streets programs through the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Trust Fund, Proposition C Local Transit Assistance Fund, and the Transportation Development Act Article 3's Local Transportation Fund. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 17, 2021, your Committee considered an August 11, 2021 LADOT report relative to the Metro) Open Streets Grant Program- Cycle Four. According to the LADOT,

Open Streets events bring together Angelenos to enjoy city streets by temporarily transforming them into car-free public places to bike, walk, skate, and roll. The events promote community exploration, active transportation, public health, and social and civic engagement.

Since 2010, the City of Los Angeles successfully facilitated many open streets events in partnership with a non-profit contractor and community-based organizations. Each event provides an opportunity for creative programming and the celebration of streets as community hubs. On Thursday June 24, 2021, the Metro Board approved the Open Streets Grant Program Cycle 4 Application and Guidelines, making available \$5 million for Open Street events in Los Angeles County. The Metro will distribute funding through a competitive grant application process, for which the deadline to apply is September 15, 2021. Funding is eligible for expenditure by December 31, 2023.

The Metro's Open Streets Program "aims to encourage sustainable modes of transportation (biking, walking and transit), provide an opportunity to take transit for the first time and provide an opportunity for civic engagement that can foster the development of multimodal policies for cities." The LADOT participated in Metro Open Streets Cycles One, Two, and Three. In 2018, the Metro awarded funding through Cycle Three for nine Open Streets events in 2019-21 occurring within or passing through the City of Los Angeles (City): six events for which LADOT was the lead agency and occurring entirely within City of Los Angeles jurisdiction, and an additional three events led by partner cities in which LADOT was a delivery partner. Metro Open Streets Cycle Three funds will expire on December 31, 2021, following a one-year extension due to the pandemic.

The LADOT delivered three Metro-funded events in 2019-20 and repurposed funding awards from two awarded events for expenditure on COVID-19 response programs, Al Fresco and Slow Streets, in 2020-2021 (Council File No. 20-1292). Due to COVID-19, LADOT postponed two events funded by Cycle Three, "Heart of Los Angeles" and "South Los Angeles Crenshaw," and will deliver them in FY 2021-22, pending public health conditions. The City of Glendale, the lead agency for the Cycle Three-funded "Glendale to Atwater" event, chose to postpone and roll over the awarded funds, and will reapply under Cycle Four. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the LADOT report and detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES
KORETZ: YES
BUSCAINO: YES

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