

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed agreements in connection with the Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP).

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the execution of the following agreements between the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and various entities to implement the California Air Resource Board (CARB) STEP through March 31, 2025, with a total not to exceed the amount of \$7,077,770.53:

- a. Mobility Development Partners, LLC (MDP), to provide administrative and technical support for not to exceed amount of \$258,347.13.
- b. CicLAvia, to provide open street events for a not to exceed amount of \$175,000.00.
- c. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), to develop mobility wallet for a not to exceed amount of \$756,770.00.
- d. South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone (Slate-Z), to provide community engagement and outreach for a not to exceed amount of \$440,648.50.
- e. Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI), to provide e-bikes and workforce training for a not to exceed amount of \$1,600,000.00.
- f. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
- g. Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL), to install electric chargers for a not to exceed amount of \$240,000.
- h. Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC), to provide workforce training and internships for a not to exceed amount of \$258,504.00.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that acceptance of the \$7,077,770.53 million for STEP grant award from CARB will provide funds to support the City's efforts to continue the nation's biggest EV Carsharing Program and provide access to transportation options in disadvantaged community in South LA. The STEP grant will fund the development of a mobility wallet program, installation of electric chargers, provision of electric bikes for public use, deliver training and workforce development, and provide Community outreach and Engagement. Upon execution of the grant agreement, the City anticipates total reimbursement of \$7,077,770.53 during the performance period through March 31, 2025. The grant requires a minimum 20 percent funding match that will be secured through a combination of funds including:

- a. A portion of CARB grant funds (\$3.0 million) for Phase II of the City's BlueLA Electric Vehicle Carshare system.
- b. \$855,000 in state Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction funds provided in the Fiscal Year 2019- 20.
- c. 2020-21 Adopted Budget for contractual services to implement an electric vehicle car share system and other sustainable transportation initiatives.
- d. Additional funds and in-kind match provided by LADOT, LADWP, LACI, LATTTC, Ciclavia, and Metro.

Matching and in-kind resources of at least \$3,984,261 will be available to implement the STEP Pilot Project. The LADOT continues to seek state and federal support for associated initiatives. There is no financial impact from this project to the General Fund. These recommendations are in compliance with City Financial Policies in that grant revenues and anticipated budgeted City funds are available to support this program. Further information on these commitments is outlined in the grant application.

Fiscal Policies Statement: These recommendations are in compliance with City Financial Policies in that grant revenues and anticipated budgeted City funds are available to support this program.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 2, 2021, your Committee considered an October 27, 2021 LADOT report relative to proposed agreements in connection with the STEP. According to the LADOT, on June 4, 2020, CARB issued a notice of funding availability for the STEP grant program to address community transportation needs, increase access to key destinations, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by funding clean transportation. On August 19, 2020, City Council authorized LADOT to apply for an amount up to \$16 million in CARB STEP grant funding to expand mobility solutions in South Los Angeles. On November 6, 2020, LADOT received an award letter stating that CARB preliminarily selected the STEP LADOT proposal for a \$7,077,770 grant. On May 27, 2021, City Council approved and authorized LADOT to accept this grant award (C.F. #20-1041). LADOT is partnering with MDP, CicLAvia, Metro, EVgo, Slate-Z, LACI, LATTTC, LADWP, and the BSL for project implementation as it aligns with the STEP to expand the City's BlueLA electric vehicle car share stations and charging facilities throughout South Los Angeles, subsidize micromobility and electric bicycle access, implement an electric vehicle neighborhood shuttle, and develop a Mobility Wallet to distribute sustainable transportation subsidies.

STEP is a new CARB funding program that takes a community-based approach to overcoming barriers to clean transportation and mobility options. It aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase access to clean transportation, and address community transportation needs by funding planning, clean transportation, and land use

projects. This pilot is part of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan, which is part of California Climate Investments. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation contained in the LADOT report, detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

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COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES

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