


**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: June 2, 2022

To: Honorable City Council  
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall  
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager   
Department of Transportation

Subject: **Project Cancellation - Century City Urban Design and Pedestrian Connection Plan - LAF1612**

**SUMMARY**

The City of Los Angeles (City) received grant funding for the Century City Urban Design and Pedestrian Connection Plan through Metro's 2007 Call for Projects, with a local match commitment from Westfield Century City Shopping Center. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) recommend project cancellation as the project is no longer viable. Staff will work with the Westfield Century City Shopping Center to repurpose the local match funding to other bicycle and pedestrian needs in the area, and will work with Metro staff to repurpose grant funds to other Call projects in need of funding.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council, subject to approval by the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the Department of Transportation to:

1. Cancel the Century City Urban Design and Pedestrian Connection Plan (C.F. 06-1080-S2), due to the City determination that the 2007 Call for Projects scope is no longer viable, and request the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority repurpose this amount to an existing City of Los Angeles Call for Project that needs additional funding;
2. Reduce the appropriations in the following Transportation Grant Fund No. 655 accounts as follows: up to \$1,614,000 in Account No. 94E242 Century City Urban Design/Pedestrian Construction, and \$231,000 in Account No. 9424G2 Century City Urban Design & Pedestrian;
3. Make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this report, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers.

**BACKGROUND**

Council File (CF) 06-1080-S2 authorized LADOT to submit a funding application as part of the 2007 Metro Call for Projects for the Century City Urban Design and Pedestrian Connection Plan. The Westfield Century City Shopping Center commissioned Rios Clement / Hale Studios to provide the original project scope from a greening study conducted in early 2006. Metro awarded the City of Los Angeles (City)

\$1,614,000 for the Century City Urban Design and Pedestrian Connection Plan. The Westfield development committed \$1,500,000 in external funding as a local match to this project.

### **DISCUSSION**

The original Century City Urban Design and Pedestrian Connection Plan scope of work included streetscape improvements such as landscaping, street furniture, pedestrian lights, intersection improvements, and a linear park along Century Park West (CPW). Due to the economic downturn and delays in the development, the Westfield Century City Shopping Center decreased their external funding commitment. Other City projects delivered or will deliver several remaining project elements such as intersection improvements, street trees and streetscape elements. The outstanding project element is a linear park along Century Park West that would narrow the street to accommodate a wider sidewalk from Santa Monica Boulevard to Constellation. After community engagement efforts, adjacent homeowners raised concerns that this proposal would create an increase in pedestrian traffic along CPW, and as ridesharing services became more prevalent, Westfield designated the area along CPW for pick-up/drop-off. Metro and LADOT determined that this remaining limited project scope is no longer viable due to community opposition, and recommend project cancellation. LADOT, with concurrence from Council District 5, requests the authority to begin the project cancellation process with Metro. LADOT is working with the Westfield Century City Shopping Center to repurpose the local match funding to other bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the project area and will work with Metro staff to repurpose the grant funding to other Call projects in need of funding.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact to the General Fund and existing Transportation Grant Fund Appropriations will be reduced.

SJR:DM:CR