

MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

After extensive outreach and engagement, the Department of Transportation (LADOT), with the support and coordination of the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) and Metro, is beginning construction of the first phase of the Venice Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project, which will create a full-time dedicated bus lane and continuous protected bike lane on one of Los Angeles' most important east-west corridors. The bus lane will speed up the commutes of Metro Line 33's nearly 20,000 weekday riders, 93 percent of whom are people of color and 84% of whom are members of households with annual incomes less than \$50,000. The protected bike lane component of the project will close a critical gap between the protected bike lanes recently installed in Council District 10 and the Mar Vista Great Street, making bike riding a much safer and more comfortable option for people traveling along the entire corridor.

In response to both community input and technical considerations, LADOT and Metro are proposing a phased approach to this project, with immediate quick-build improvements to be coordinated with StreetsLA's December 2022 resurfacing through eastern Mar Vista and Palms and subsequent investment in a more comprehensive scope with more durable concrete improvements, bus stop amenities, lighting, greening, and other community-requested elements. Implementation of the western segment of the project will be coordinated with a forthcoming resurfacing project via Mayor Garcetti's new BLAST program, providing more opportunity for additional stakeholder input on this longer project. Both the Mar Vista Community Council and Palms Neighborhood Council have passed motions committing to partner on engagement for these future phases.

This approach requires funding to support further project development and community engagement on subsequent phases, leverage external grant funds, and ensure community sustainability and aesthetic priorities are incorporated. To undertake these activities, a transfer of funds is necessary. Funding is dedicated to this corridor and is available for these purposes.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Transfer/appropriate up to \$11.7 million from the Subventions and Grants Fund No. 305-50, Venice Blvd Relinquishment Account 50NKGD to a new account in the Transportation Trust Fund No. 840-94, entitled "Venice Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project," for the following purposes:
 - a. Planning and community engagement for future project phases
 - b. Design and engineering
 - c. Grant application support
 - d. Local match for regional, State, and/or Federal grants
 - e. Installation of community-supported project scope elements (lighting, trees, etc.)
 - f. Construction

Within this funding allocation, reserve \$1.9 million for project development and implementation for the segment between Lincoln Blvd and Beethoven Street and \$3.9 million for project development of a potential project extension east of Culver Blvd.

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2. Transfer/appropriate up to \$93,000 from the Subventions and Grants Fund No. 305-50, Venice Blvd Relinquishment Account 50NKGD to StreetsLA Fund 100, Department 86, Account 001010 (salaries general) for resurfacing of a portion of Venice Blvd.
3. Authorize the Department of Transportation to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:

