

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to executing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the construction of the Taylor Yard Bikeway Pedestrian Bridge over Los Angeles River (Bridge) Project.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to execute the MOU between the City and Metro, for an amount not-to-exceed \$21,700,000, for the construction of the Bridge (E1907487).
2. AUTHORIZE the City to accept a not-to-exceed amount of \$21,700,000 from Metro, for the construction of the Bridge.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to deposit the funds set forth above in Recommendation Nos. 1 and 2 into the Engineering Special Services Fund; and, to APPROPRIATE said funds to the Taylor Yard Bridge (Appropriation Unit No. to be determined), for the construction of the Bridge.
4. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Engineering to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above actions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Public Works (BPW) reports that there is no direct impact to the General Fund. Metro will provide funding for the construction of the Bridge.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

At the meeting held on January 17, 2018, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a BPW report relative to executing a MOU with Metro for the construction of the Bridge Project. According to the BPW, the bridge will be located within the City, and will connect the communities of Elysian Valley on the south (Council District No. 13) and Cypress Park on the north (Council District No. 1). The proposed bridge is being designed for bicycle and pedestrian use, and will also support emergency vehicles. On the south, the proposed bridge will connect with the existing bikeway along the Los Angeles River.

The bridge features a steel-framed structure, approximately 400 feet long, which will be supported on abutments and a concrete pier in the central portion of the Los Angeles River channel. The abutment to the north would be along the Los Angeles River maintenance road, and the abutment on the south side would be along the existing bikeway. Both abutments would be adjacent to the top of the channel slopes. The bridge structure itself would be approximately 30 feet high by 27 feet wide, and the width of the actual pedestrian and bikeway path would be approximately 18 feet (A detailed description is provided in Transmittal No. 1, attached to the Council file). The bridge landing on the north side will land on the G2 parcel, recently purchased by the City. The proposed project would cross land within the jurisdictions of the City, Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and Metrolink.

During the first half of 2017, the Metro and the City have finalized a draft MOU for Construction of the bridge (Transmittal No. 2, attached to the Council file) and on July 19, 2017, the Metro Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the MOU with the City for the Bridge, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$21,700,000 (Transmittal No. 3, attached to the Council file).

The Metro has funded the design, environmental review and documentation of this project per a separate MOU tailored for design. The construction of the bridge is anticipated to begin in Summer of 2018, and having this MOU for construction of the bridge in place will allow the construction to move forward. Funding for this MOU for construction of the bridge will be contributed from Metro, and pre-programmed amount of funds will be transferred from Metro to the City, prior to construction activities, based upon biannual estimates of expenditures.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee moved to approve the Board's recommendations, as detailed above. Subsequently, on January 24, 2018 the Transportation Committee also considered this matter and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Transportation Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| BLUMENFIELD:  | YES         |
| BUSCAINO:     | ABSENT      |
| MARTINEZ:     | YES         |
| RYU:          | YES         |
| RODRIGUEZ:    | YES         |

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| BONIN:        | YES         |
| MARTINEZ:     | YES         |
| KORETZ:       | ABSENT      |

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