

# Agenda Report

October 26, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOUTH LAKE AVENUE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GOLD LINE STATION**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) (General Rule); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute agreements associated with the receipt of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Call for Projects Grant Funds with the receipt of \$2,309,590 in reimbursable grant funding for the implementation of South Lake Avenue Pedestrian Access Improvements to the Gold Line Station (CIP Project No. 75106).

## **BACKGROUND:**

In 2015, the City applied for funds from the Metro Call for Projects. Through a competitive process, the South Lake Avenue Pedestrian Access Improvements to the Gold Line Station project was approved as part of the 2015 Call for Projects cycle and funding was set aside pending Metro Board and formal execution of a Funding Agreement with the City. The Metro Board approved funding for the 2015 Metro Call for Projects during the September 15, 2015 board meeting. The project funds were programmed to be available in FY2020. Today's action would allow the City to move forward with the agreement.

The project will provide various pedestrian related improvements along South Lake Avenue between Corson Street and California Boulevard. The project includes

removal of the “pork chop” island at the northeast corner of Lake Avenue and Union Street, installation of a mid-block pedestrian signal on Lake Avenue between Cordova Street and Del Mar Boulevard, installation of bulb-outs at the northeast and southwest corner of Lake Avenue and Del Mar Boulevard, installation of pedestrian scale post-top mounted street lights for improved pedestrian lighting on Lake Avenue from Corson Street to California Boulevard, and installation of a pedestrian signal at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Granite Drive. In addition, ADA compliant curb ramps will be installed where required.

City staff has been working with the South Lake Business Improvement District in refining the project elements and will continue to coordinate with them throughout the process. The South Lake BID has been supportive of this project and provided a letter of support for the grant application.

### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed action is consistent with the goals of the General Plan Mobility Element including “Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Improve Mobility and Accessibility throughout the City, and Support and Promote the Quality of Life and Local Economy.” The project funding will support the Department of Transportation in advancing the following objectives of the Mobility Element.

- Enhance Livability
- Encourage walking, biking, and other alternatives to motor vehicles.

Specifically, this project addresses these policies of the Mobility Element:

- Policy 1.2 Promote greater linkages between land uses and transit; as well as non-vehicular modes of transportation to reduce vehicular trip related emissions.
- Policy 1.30 Pursue funding opportunities such as grants, impact fees, or fair share contributions from development to implement programs and projects that contribute to the City’s Mobility Element objectives.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The City’s Environmental Administrator has determined that this action is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines in Section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule. The receipt of LACMTA Call for Projects funding does not result in a significant effect on the environment.

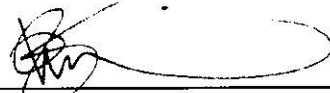
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the Funding Agreement for the LACMTA Call for Project funds will enable the City to obtain \$2,309,590 through Metro for the design and construction of the South Lake Ave Pedestrian Access Improvements to the Gold Line Station project (CIP project No. 75106) The following table presents the funding sources that will be used for this project.

<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>
LACMTA (80% Share)	
Prop C Reimbursable Grant	\$2,309,590
Local Match (20% Share)	
South Lake Parking Meter Fund	\$577,397
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$2,886,987</b>

The above funds distribution and project summary can be found in the City's FY2021-2025 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

Respectfully submitted,



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