



**R-14**

**Date:** March 10, 2009

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District   
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Eighth District 

**Subject:** **AGENDA ITEM: Request to adopt guiding principles for projects receiving potential funding from the forthcoming Stimulus package**

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The City of Long Beach has submitted over \$497,483,559 in potential projects in answer to the Federal Governments Stimulus Package and in conjunction with the Mainstreet Economic Recovery Survey conducted by the United States Conference of Mayors. This source of potential funds may provide our city with an amazing opportunity to fund, revive and renew ready projects throughout the city and provide jobs for our struggling community and businesses.

Key in the approach is the creative planning and thinking "out-of-the-box" and insuring that the entire city benefit from stimulus funding, not just a select few. The City Council should adopt as a priority projects that provide a sense of place for residents; projects that are sustainable and green; projects that improve the quality of life for residents of the city; projects that provide living wages for employees; projects that enable us to recoup useful and productive programs that were cut; and the selection of projects that benefit the most in need - seniors, youth and the working poor as parts of our guiding principles.

Potential programs could include:

- Streets and infrastructure project to enhance community mobility
- Renewed emphasis on summer youth employment programs
- Emphasis in the area of green jobs creation
- Aggressive push to recapture lost health department programs such as WIC, etc.
- Diesel emission reduction programs, to bring relief to communities that are impacted by the diesel death zone fueled by the national goods movement infrastructure.
- Public courthouse and other public private partnerships
- Food bank commodity assistance programs to assist with replenishing our cities food banks

- VA hospital funding
- Green building initiatives for low income families and Section 8 homeowners
- Brownfields development for the Sports Park/Hill Top area which the City Council has a previously certified Environmental Impact Report
- Water retention projects, Arlington Water Retention facility with completed designs
- Parks and Recreation, with an emphasis on completion of Riverlink project

**Suggested Action:**

**Request the City Council adopt guiding principles and priorities for projects submitted for the stimulus funding and direct the City Manager to return as soon as possible with a list of potential “shovel ready” projects.**

Attachment: US Conference of Mayors MainStreet Economic Recovery Survey

## MainStreet Economic Recovery Survey

Return to Participating Cities

City	State	Program	Project Description	Funding Required	Jobs
Long Beach	CA	Airport	Long Beach Airport Solar Powered Parking Structure Project?Includes a new 3,200 space parking structure, modifications to an existing 1,000 space structure, utility and roadway improvements, and the installation of solar arrays.	85,000,000	1000
Long Beach	CA	CDBG	Non Profit Assistance?Provide zero percent interest loans ranging from \$5,000 to \$70,000 for facility improvements for 10 non-profit agencies via the use of the Community Development Department?s existing Non Profit Assistance Program.	700,000	20
Long Beach	CA	CDBG	Business Districts Signage Program?Stimulus funding will be used to develop and implement a comprehensive signage program in the City?s business districts.	1,500,000	35
Long Beach	CA	CDBG	Energy Efficient Homes?Implement an Energy Efficient Homes program, using the current CDBG-funded Home Improvement Rebate Program model. Grants up to \$5,000 per unit would be used to assist 300 units.	1,500,000	43
Long Beach	CA	CDBG	Neighborhood Sidewalk Replacement & Improvement Project?Funds will be used to aggressively expand this program in CDBG eligible areas throughout the City and provide neighborhoods with safer and more easily accessible sidewalks.	1,000,000	50
Long Beach	CA	CDBG	Summer Sidewalk Improvement Project?This program would provide area youth with the opportunity to enter into an apprenticeship program to be trained on construction techniques.	200,000	50
Long Beach	CA	CDBG	Extensive Facade Improvement Project?Area architects and contractors would be selected via the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to implement this program, which would improve the facades of businesses along major commercial corridors.	1,500,000	86
Long Beach	CA	CDBG	Park and Open Space Improvement Project?CDBG currently funds a \$25 million bond for park and open space improvements, the proceeds of which must be expended by 2009. Additional funding would allow this project to continue in 2009.	6,000,000	172
Long Beach	CA	CDBG	Mural Projects on Local Public & Private Facilities?The Economic Development Bureau, in conjunction with the Arts Council of Long Beach, would implement a program to provide funds for murals to be painted on public and private facilities across the City.	3,000,000	175
Long Beach	CA	Energy	Incentives/Grants for Solar Installations?Incentives/grants to developers and residents to incorporate solar technology into new and existing structures, make roofs ready for solar	2,000,000	13

			projects, and fund solar demonstration projects.		
Long Beach	CA	Energy	Tree Planting?The City will implement a tree planting program that will decrease the urban heat island effect on surrounding communities by providing developers with incentives to purchase and utilize additional trees in current and future developments.	19,000,000	28
Long Beach	CA	Energy	LED Street Lighting Enhancement Program? Convert standard street lights in residential and commercial areas to energy-efficient LED light fixtures to enhance business activity and tourism, create neighborhood identity, and achieve a key sustainability goal	3,000,000	50
Long Beach	CA	Energy	Alternative Fuels?Invest in and promote the use of alternative fuels among residents and businesses, and partner with an organization to collect used cooking grease from local restaurants for use in developing biodiesel fuels.	40,000,000	56
Long Beach	CA	Energy	Energy Retrofits for Municipal Buildings?Increase energy efficiency and reduce costs to the City by retrofitting the Long Beach Senior Center, the City?s Fleet Services, the Public Safety Building, and City Hall.	90,000,000	105
Long Beach	CA	Public Safety	Forensic Investigation Equipment?Acquire the necessary equipment for controlled substance, firearms, toxicology, and latent fingerprint analyses, as well as photographic documentation, to enhance criminal forensic investigations and improve public safety.	779,000	
Long Beach	CA	Public Safety	Front Line Law Enforcement Overtime?Additional funding would allow the Long Beach Police Department to fund over 17,000 hours of additional police presence in high crime areas.	1,000,000	
Long Beach	CA	Public Safety	Mobile Radio Equipment?Additional funding would allow the LBPD to procure and install 330 new mobile radio sets into the vehicle fleet, in order to further regional communications interoperability objectives.	1,500,000	
Long Beach	CA	Streets/Roads	Studebaker and 7th Street Improvement Project? Implement significant landscaping improvements and traffic calming measures for the heavy traffic volumes entering/exiting State Route 22 and linking Los Angeles and Orange Counties.	1,000,000	13
Long Beach	CA	Streets/Roads	Long Beach Bicycle Boulevard Connections? Construct 4 bicycle boulevards to begin a citywide network that would provide key east-west/north-south linkages, and sustainable transportation alternatives for commuters, residents, and visitors.	5,000,000	63
Long Beach	CA	Streets/Roads	Citywide Street Resurfacing & Rehabilitation Project?Resurfacing and rehabilitating approximately 24 streets around the City, of which at least 30 percent serve as direct truck and passenger routes for traffic exiting the I-710 freeway into the City.	30,537,559	382
Long Beach	CA	Water	Cast Iron Water Main Replacement?This project would replace old cast iron water mains that have reached the end of their useful service lives, with new ductile iron mains.	6,660,000	
Long Beach	CA	Water	Recycled Water Facility Improvements?This project would expand the Long Beach Water Department?s recycled water system citywide to facilitate large commercial use of recycled water,	1,950,000	

Long Beach	CA	Water	in place of less reliable potable water supplies. Sewer System Improvements?This project would undertake major sewer system rehabilitation at the California Bowl.	2,392,000	
Long Beach	CA	Water	Water Conservation in Public Landscapes? Implement irrigation infrastructure upgrades citywide with water efficient technology such as need-sensing automated sprinkler systems and other water conservation devices, to control/reduce the amount of water used	50,000,000	
Long Beach	CA	Water	Water Distribution System Improvements?This project involves undertaking needed repairs and maintenance to water mains at several bridge crossings.	1,600,000	
Long Beach	CA	Water	Water Resources Facility Improvements?Replace the gaseous Chlorine storage facility and related transport with onsite Chlorine generation capability; rehabilitate one of the 3.3 million gallon water reservoirs; and rehabilitate key groundwater wells.	3,515,000	
Long Beach	CA	Water	Installation of Treatment Devices for 5 Outfalls? Install end-of-pipe structural best management devices at 5 of the City?s outfalls to capture and remove trash, debris, and green waste before they discharge onto beaches or into the ocean.	500,000	29
Long Beach	CA	Water	Storm Drain Replacement Program?The Long Beach Public Works Department will replace 28.1 miles of broken and/or undersized corrugated metal storm water conveyance pipes in order to ensure proper flood control throughout the City.	111,400,000	38
Long Beach	CA	Water	Catch Basin Best Management Practices Program?Install a debris excluder at the mouth of inlets with a filter and an outfall pipe screen inside the 3,000 catch basins in the City to capture/remove trash, debris, oils, grease, pesticides and bacteria.	8,000,000	101
Long Beach	CA	Water	Upgrading 23 City-Owned Pump Stations? Upgrade the 23 city-owned pump stations with low-flow diversion upgrades and treatment devices to capture and remove trash, debris, etc., and install permanent, low-flow/summer flow pumping systems.	17,250,000	174
<b>Totals: \$497,483,559.00</b>				<b>2,683.00</b>	