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January 20, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve submittal of the recommended list of grant applications to potential funding agencies, including the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro); and

Authorize the City Manager to administer and execute all necessary documents to accept and expend all grant funds in connection therewith, to pursue additional grant funds for the projects listed as needed, and to take all other actions necessary to implement the use of such funds. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has initiated the 2015 Call for Projects. The Call for Projects is a key mechanism through which discretionary federal, state and county transportation funds are allocated to local agencies and Caltrans for specific major capital improvement projects in the county. Generally, Metro sponsors this competitive grant process every two years, and the last Call for Projects was in 2013.

The 2015 Call for Projects will allocate discretionary funding for FY20 and FY21 to local projects in several categories, including: Regional Surface Transportation Improvements (RSTI), Goods Movement Improvements (GMI), Signal Synchronization and Bus Speed Improvements (SS), Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Bicycle Improvements, Pedestrian Improvements, and Transit Capital. The funding available for this Call for Projects cycle will be available in Spring 2015.

Within each category, Metro will rank project applications using several criteria, with an emphasis on sustainability, complete streets, and first/last mile projects. Metro has specified certain requirements, including:

1. Applicants must fund a minimum of 20 percent of the total project costs for each project, referred to as a local match. The local matches proposed for all of the City's 8 project applications are non-general fund dollars that are restricted in use by eligibility requirements, such as Transportation Funds.
2. A Project Study Report (PSR) or Equivalent (PSRE) is required for all applications. This is documentation of project, scope and detailed cost breakdown, and is typically a minimum 6 to 12 month process.

3. In compliance with AB 32 and SB 375, Metro will continue to consider sustainability in every category, taking into consideration each jurisdiction's efforts toward sustainability, recycling, emission reduction, greenhouse gas emissions reduction and resource conservation policies. This year, Metro has also added Complete Streets and First/Last Mile considerations, and will also prioritize projects that provide access for all users and to the regional transit system.
4. If an agency is submitting more than one application within a category, each project must be prioritized. Two City departments identified potential projects, and staff from the applying departments ranked the projects within each modal category based on competitiveness with Metro's prioritized criteria: regional significance & intermodal integration, first/last mile improvements, project need & benefit to transportation system, local match requirement, cost effectiveness, and land use and sustainability policies/principles. Metro retains the prerogative to vary from the priorities of the submitting agency.

The schedule for the 2015 Call for Projects is as follows:

January 30, 2015	Applications due
June 2015	Metro staff completes preliminary project and funding recommendations
July 28-29, 2015	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) appeals of Metro staff rankings and funding recommendations
Mid-August 2015	Metro Board review of Staff and TAC recommended projects and rankings
September 2015	Metro Board adoption of Call for Projects

City departments have developed a list of projects for submission for funding consideration (attached). The projects selected had some completed preliminary work that would satisfy Metro's PSR/PSRE requirements.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy Webber on December 31, 2014, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 7, 2015.

SUSTAINABILITY

The projects proposed for grant funding include a focus on sustainability, efficiency and alternative transportation modalities, which are intended to reduce or eliminate greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with Metro's priorities.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Council action is requested on January 20, 2015 in order to submit grant applications to Metro by the submittal deadline of January 30, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will be required to provide a minimum 20 percent match for any project awarded funding. Match amounts for each project indicated on the attachment would be included in future capital budgets subject to funds awarded. For all 8 projects, the City's local match funding proposed for the project applications includes AB2766, Proposition A, Proposition C and Transportation Improvement Fees. Each proposed capital funding source is restricted in use by eligibility requirements. Staff will return to City Council and request budget appropriations for projects as they are awarded. Approval of this recommendation may have a positive impact on the local economy.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment – 2015 Metro Call for Projects Proposed Project List

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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Metro 2015 Call for Projects - Recommended Project List

Project	Dist.	Est. Project Cost	Est. Grant Request	Est. Match	Match Source	Project Description
Regional Surface Transportation Improvements						
Great 7th St. - Connectivity	1, 2, 3	\$7,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$1,500,000	Prop C	7th St. will transform into a great street with vehicle and transit improvements, including transit priority treatments, bulbouts, and vehicular wayfinding.
Artesia - Complete Boulevard	9	\$4,500,000	\$3,600,000	\$900,000	Prop C	Artesia Boulevard will be transformed into a complete street with transit, streetscape, bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
Bicycle Improvements						
Walnut and 52nd St. Bike Boulevard.	8, 9	\$1,200,000	\$960,000	\$240,000	AB 2766	This "L" shaped bicycle boulevard in Northwest Long Beach combines (1) a 1.85 mile long north-south route between 68th Street and 52nd Street with (2) a 1.65 mile long east-west route between 52nd Street and the LA River.
Atherton Bridge and Campus Connections [ABC Connections]	3, 4, 5	\$4,000,000	\$3,200,000	\$800,000	AB 2766	This bicycle infrastructure project closes the remaining gaps in the University Area Bikeway Network of East Long Beach, a new traffic signal, traffic circles, wayfinding signage, bike lane striping, and a bicycle bridge.
LA River Gap Closures	2, 1, 7, 8, 9	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$200,000	AB 2766	This project closes access gaps in the river bikeway system by establishing connections to the L.A. River Bike Path at five locations.
Pedestrian Improvements						
Downtown Pedestrian Improvements	1, 2, 6	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$200,000	AB 2766	This project transforms key segments of Long Beach Blvd., 1st St. and Broadway into shared streets to better connect and pedestrianize several Downtown destinations and neighborhoods.
Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements						
Mid-City Advanced Traffic Control System & Transit Improvements (Mid-City ATCS & TI)	1, 2, 3	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,000	\$400,000	TMP	Advanced traffic control system upgrades and transit improvements on Broadway, 4th St., and 7th St.
Transportation Demand Management						
Park or Ride	1, 2	\$1,500,000	\$1,200,000	\$300,000	Prop A	Parking infrastructure improvements and innovative technology will be used to encourage more efficient and healthy transportation decisions, via a demonstration mobility application and upgrades to make the underlying public data more readily available, in real time.
		\$22,700,000	\$18,160,000	\$4,540,000		