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June 23, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$2,800,000, offset by Measure R funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, for the Shoreline Drive Realignment Project; and,

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$2,800,000, offset by a transfer of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure R funds from the Capital Project Grant Fund. (Districts 1, 2)

DISCUSSION

The Shoreline Drive Realignment Project (Project) is the first phase of the Shoemaker Bridge Replacement Project, which will realign Shoreline Drive to create new functional park space and improve local street connections in the area. The Project is an early action project (EAP) of the I-710 Corridor Project and is compatible with the planned freeway improvements. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, reconstructing southbound Shoreline Drive to accommodate two-way traffic, removing northbound Shoreline Drive, reestablishment of park space, conversion of 6th Street and 7th Street from one-way to two-way traffic, installation of new traffic signals, enhancement of pedestrian and bicycle circulation to the Los Angeles River, striping, and signage.

On October 11, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution (No. RES-16-009) authorizing the City to enter into all agreements required by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for County funds that flow to cities to support transportation projects. On March 20, 2019, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) recommended approval of \$2,800,000 in Measure R "Early Action" funds for design work for the Project. Allocation of construction funds will occur later in the design phase after construction costs are developed.

On June 27, 2019, the Los Angeles County MTA Board of Directors approved and programmed Measure R funds for reimbursement of the Project design, subject to the terms of the Funding Agreement. On February 26, 2020, the City Manager executed a Funding Agreement with the MTA, under the authority of Resolution No. RES-16-009, formalizing the terms and conditions of use for the Project funded by Measure R funds. The Agreement specified each agency's role regarding Measure R funds.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on June 8, 2020 and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray June 3, 2020.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Project includes bioswales to collect stormwater and remove pollutants before it enters the drainage systems and the Los Angeles River. This system will tie into the future Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Facility for stormwater treatment and reuse for park irrigation and wetland habitat. The Project also includes four miles of new bicycle lanes and two miles of new pedestrian/bicycle paths that connect to the Los Angeles River Trail.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 23, 2020, to ensure timely completion of the Project in accordance with the Project schedule and Measure R expenditure timelines.

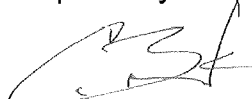
FISCAL IMPACT

The preliminary estimated cost of the Project is \$18,700,000, which includes design, construction, construction management, inspection, labor compliance, and project oversight. Current identified funding sources are \$2,800,000 in Measure R Early Action funds from the I-710 Non-freeway Program. It is anticipated that funding for the later phases of the project will also be covered through MTA. Staff will request construction funds from MTA toward the end of the design phase, after the detailed construction cost estimate is complete. An appropriation increase in the amount of \$5,600,000 is requested in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department. Of this amount \$2,800,000 will be offset with Measure R reimbursement revenues received from MATA. The remaining \$2,800,000 is a technical appropriation to allow for the transfer of Measure R funds from the Capital Projects Grant Fund, a fund within the Capital Projects Fund Group. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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