

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

The United States Department of Transportation, through the Central Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration, has released a request for proposals for the California Federal Lands Access Program (Program). The Program was established to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal Lands. The program is designed to provide flexibility for a wide range of transportation projects in the 50 States and is funded by contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund and subject to obligation limitation. Funds are to be allocated among the States using a statutory formula based on road mileage, number of bridges, land area, and visitation. It is anticipated that California will receive \$32,000,000 in funding this cycle. The application deadline is May 12, 2017.

The City's Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and the Mobility Plan 2035 designate the Los Angeles River Bicycle Path as a key low stress, non-motorized, transportation corridor. Additionally, the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area and Flood Control Facility (Basin), owned by the United States Department of Defense, exists as the largest natural open space resource along the entire Los Angeles River and provides considerable opportunities for active, as well as passive, recreation but does not yet have a significant connection to the LA River path system.

To date considerable design efforts and funds are dedicated to the completion of a connected bicycle path system in the San Fernando Valley (Valley). The Headwaters segment to Mason Avenue is designed and funded for construction, the segment from Mason Avenue to Vanalden Avenue is complete, and the remaining gaps in the Valley path system are undergoing a significant design effort in the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) funded by the City and County of Los Angeles. In addition, Measure M, passed by the voters in 2016, dedicates \$60,000,000 in funds to complete the Valley segments of the path. The City is proposing an application to the Program to construct the 3 miles of bicycle path between Vanalden Avenue and Balboa Boulevard to leverage local funds for this vital transportation project and complete the path from the Headwaters of the River to the Basin.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Engineering to:

1. Submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 to the United States Department of Transportation's California Federal Lands Access Program for the construction of the segment of Los Angeles River Bicycle Path between Vanalden Avenue and Balboa Boulevard; and
2. Execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for accepting the project.

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