



Information Item

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To: Mayor and City Council

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Subject: 2013 Call For Projects Grant Fund Awards

Introduction

On [January 8, 2013](#), Council authorized the submission of seven applications to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) 2013 Call for Projects grant process. At that time staff committed to providing an Information Item to notify Council in the event that one or more of the Call for Projects grant applications were selected for funding.

On September 26, 2013, the MTA Board approved a list of recommended 2013 Countywide Call for Projects that included four projects submitted by the City of Santa Monica. The total recommended grant amount for Santa Monica projects is \$5.4 million with a required \$1.3 million local match commitment. Staff has identified and reserved available Proposition C Local Return, TDA Article 3 and bike designation funds to meet the local match obligation. The Board conditionally approved the list subject to finalization of a new Active Transportation Program. Once the program is established and guidelines and funding levels are set, MTA staff will return to the Board with a final recommendation for bicycle and pedestrian improvement project funding that is most advantageous to maximizing funds for Los Angeles County. The date of the final recommendation has not been released by MTA.

Discussion

On January 18, 2013, staff submitted seven grant applications to MTA for consideration in the 2013 Call for Projects competitive grant program. On September 27, 2013, staff was notified that four projects were awarded funding. Two of the projects, the Expo

Bicycle Path Extension and the 4th Street Streetscape Improvement projects, were funded at a reduced level from the original submittal for a revised project scope. All the recommended funding amounts and local match commitments are escalated from 2013 dollars to implementation-year dollars based on an inflation rate determined by MTA, typically around 3% per year. The four awarded grants applications were submitted and will be administered by Planning and Community Development staff for the years noted below.

The City's awarded projects are as follows:

1. Santa Monica Signal Sync Improvements

<i>Modal Application:</i>	Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements
<i>Total Original Project Cost:</i>	\$600,000
<i>Escalated Project Cost:</i>	\$675,600
<i>Recommended Funding:</i>	\$540,480
<i>Local Match Commitment:</i>	\$135,120
<i>Local Match Source:</i>	TDA Article 3
<i>Funding Year:</i>	FY 2018/19

The City has requested advance funding in FY 2015/16 subject to availability of funds and approval by MTA.

Project Description: This project would install bicycle detection, and the related signage and striping modifications, at 20 to 30 intersections on transit corridors to reduce signal delay for transit and autos. Santa Monica has installed bike detection at 30% of signalized intersections; this project would fund another 15%.

2. Multi-Modal Wayfinding: Congestion Reduction / Station Access

Modal Application: Transportation Demand Management

Total Original Project Cost: \$1,475,000

Escalated Project Cost: \$1,611,424

Recommended Funding: \$1,289,139

Local Match Commitment: \$322,285

Local Match Sources: Prop C Local Return

Funding Year: FY 2016/17 through 2018/19

The City has requested advance funding in FY 2014/15 subject to availability of funds and approval by MTA.

Project Description: This project would improve vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle circulation in the area surrounding the Expo stations by providing wayfinding signs, transit map cases, and electronic parking guidance signs.

3. Expo Bicycle Path Extension

Modal Application: Bikeway Improvements

Total Original Project Cost: \$2,500,000

Escalated Project Cost: \$2,409,168 (reduced scope and budget from original request)

Recommended Funding: \$1,927,334

Local Match Commitment: \$481,834

Local Match Source: Bike Plan Designation – Grant Readiness

Funding Year: FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20

Project Description: This project would fund a bikeway extension of the Expo bike path south along 17th Street to Pico Boulevard at Santa Monica College and westward along Michigan Avenue to Lincoln Boulevard. The east-west portion of this project would implement a first phase of the Michigan Avenue Neighborhood

Greenway (MANGO) toward the beach and the north-south portion connects the station and regional bike path directly to the College. The project would include intersection improvements, markings, wayfinding, landscaping, and roadway reconfiguration.

4. Expo Station 4th Street Streetscape Improvements to Downtown

<i>Modal Application:</i>	Transportation Enhancement Activities
<i>Total Original Project Cost:</i>	\$2,500,000
<i>Escalated Project Cost:</i>	\$2,015,875 (reduced scope and budget from original request)
<i>Recommended Funding:</i>	\$1,612,700
<i>Local Match Commitment:</i>	\$403,175
<i>Local Match Sources:</i>	Prop C Local Return and TDA Article 3
<i>Funding Year:</i>	FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20

The City has requested advance funding in FY 2016/17 through FY 2018/19 subject to availability of funds and approval by MTA.

Project Description: This project would fund the planning and construction of access upgrades to the Expo station on 4th Street between Broadway and Olympic Drive to increase pedestrian/bicyclist safety, to provide access and mobility, and encourage walking and biking between the Downtown, Civic Center, and the Expo light rail station. This project also supports the City's shared parking strategies. Facilities to be upgraded include the east sidewalk just north and south of the Expo station, the eastern sidewalk on the 4th Street Bridge, and the roadway lane striping.

Projects not recommended for funding include the \$1.60 million request to construct a Mobility Hub at the Expo 17th Street Station, the \$1.97 million request to install pedestrian lighting at the Expo light rail station at 17th Street, and the \$3.31 million request to replace nine 40-foot NABI LNG buses with five 60-foot articulated CNG buses.

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