

June 11, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and any necessary documents including any amendments, with the Port of Long Beach (POLB), to accept and expend grant funding through the Community Grants Program, in an amount not to exceed \$2,999,700 to be used on the Del Amo Bicycle and Pedestrian project to build sidewalk-level, curb-separated bikeways and a protected intersection at Atlantic Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard for enhanced safety, and connectivity to Fairfield Family YMCA, Scherer Park, Boys and Girls Club, Dooley and Barton Elementary Schools, and local retail and dining on Long Beach Boulevard;

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$2,999,700, offset by POLB grant reimbursement revenues; and,

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$2,999,700 for a technical appropriation to allow for the transfer of POLB funds from the Capital Projects Grants Fund. (District 8)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), with the Port of Long Beach (POLB) to receive and expend grant funding for the Del Amo Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Project (Project) and increase appropriation.

In February 2023, the POLB began soliciting applications for the Community Grants Program Community Infrastructure Grant for Bicycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure (CI-22-01) (Grant). The Community Grants Program provides funding for projects that will mitigate environmental impacts of operations associated with the POLB. The Grant funds projects outside the Harbor District, in the neighborhoods and corridors where these impacts are most acutely felt. The Public Works Department applied to the grant for a Bikeway and Pedestrian Improvement project for a half-mile bicycle and pedestrian improvement project on Del Amo Boulevard between Atlantic Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard. The Project features best-practice complete streets elements as a portion of the overall efforts to provide protected bicycle lanes from Metro's A Line Del Amo Station to Lakewood Mall. The Grant will also fund the construction of a protected intersection at Atlantic Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard, which aims to reduce conflict zones and improve visibility between motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Project will also provide much-needed connections between Fairfield Family YMCA, Scherer Park, Boys and Girls Club,

Dooley and Barton Elementary Schools, and several retail and dining destinations on Long Beach Boulevard. The Project was awarded grant funds by POLB in the amount of \$2,999,700. The Bicycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure award was approved by the Port of Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners on September 27, 2023. The proposed MOU includes reimbursement of costs for permits, project management, construction, construction management, and administrative overhead expenses not to exceed \$2,999,700.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Vanessa Ibarra on May 16, 2024, and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamouch on May 8, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action authority to execute a MOU and increase appropriations is requested on June 11, 2024, to ensure the funding is in place to complete the project expeditiously. Pursuant to the MOU, the City is required to complete the Project no later than December 31, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost is estimated at \$8.5 million, inclusive of design, construction, construction management, labor compliance, project oversight, and inspections. The project is currently supported by \$750,000 of Measure R funds, \$120,000 of Proposition A funds, and \$4,673,404 of Proposition C funds, which are currently appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department.

An appropriation increase of \$5,999,400 is requested in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department. Of this amount, the appropriation increase of \$2,999,700 will be offset with reimbursement grant revenue from POLB. The remaining \$2,999,700 is a technical appropriation to transfer grant funds from 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. The number of additional local jobs created by this action will not be known until the contractor completes their hiring and construction has commenced.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Lopez
Director
Public Works

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER