



Administrative Report

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Meeting Date: 9/2/2025

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

TITLE

APPROVE FUNDING AGREEMENT (#9200000000M460114) WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR PREDESIGN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AVIATION BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board approved funding for concept analysis, design development, and construction of a possible project to address Aviation Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Enhancements. Following Metro's approval, staff began feasibility and preliminary design work on the Project. The analysis and pre-design work concluded that the Project would not be feasible at this time. Accordingly, City staff asked Metro to prepare the Funding Agreement to reflect reimbursement for the design phase (plans, specifications and estimate) of the Project only. Approval of the Funding Agreement would allow the City to be reimbursed for up to \$125,000 of eligible expenses incurred to design and research the feasibility of the Project. No additional work is scheduled to be performed on the Aviation Blvd. Pedestrian Safety Enhancements Project.

BACKGROUND

The project concept and grant application were developed in response to requests by some area residents (pedestrians, transit users) that the City look into installing additional controlled intersections for pedestrians and bicyclists crossing Aviation Blvd. between Artesia Blvd. and Manhattan Beach Blvd. The City applied for, and received, a funding award from Metro under its Measure M competitive grant program for \$1,500,000 for the exploration and construction of the Project, if feasible. The Project concept included the addition of two additional marked crossings along Aviation Blvd. to possibly enable safer east-west pedestrian and micromobility crossings and to allow the public to more easily access bus transit stops in the area without lengthy detours. The City hired a consultant to perform preliminary design and feasibility analyses.

Notably, Aviation Blvd. lies on the boundary between the cities of Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach. Manhattan Beach was supportive of Redondo's effort to explore conceptual designs, gather public opinion, and to perform feasibility analyses, as it had the potential to further the region's Bicycle Master Plan and the Local Travel Network.

Following preliminary design of the Project, community feedback was solicited from Manhattan and

Redondo Beach residents. The public input received was mixed and the design options were determined to be technically infeasible.

As there is not a suitable design to move forward with the Project, Metro prepared a \$125,000 funding agreement (rather than a \$1,500,000 agreement) that covers design development (plans, specifications, and estimates) only. The remainder of the original \$1,500,000 award will be de-allocated and circulated to other eligible Measure M projects. Approval of the funding agreement is required to ensure the City is reimbursed for the consulting work performed to date. Reimbursement for the predesign work will conclude the City's Project efforts.

COORDINATION

Staff from the Public Works' Engineering Services Division have worked with their counterparts in the City of Manhattan Beach to address public outreach and technical feasibility matters. The City Attorney's Office approved the agreement as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total allocation of Regional Measure M funds to the City in the agreement is \$125,000. The funding does not require a local match. Funds are paid to the City on a cost-reimbursement basis after work is performed. For this Project, the City's hired consultant performed \$73,964 of preliminary analysis and design work. The City will be reimbursed for these costs following execution of the proposed funding agreement.

APPROVED BY:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Agmt - Measure M Funding Agreement #9200000000M460114 with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority