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March 5, 2024

Dear Michelle,

This letter is a formal request from the City of Los Angeles (City) to Metro to reprogram 710 Mobility Improvement Program (MIP) funds between existing 710 MIP projects, and establish funding for two new projects as further described below. Since Round 1 and Round 2 of the 710 MIP were adopted by the Metro Board on November 14, 2018 (Metro File #2018-0513) and September 26, 2019 (Metro File #2019-0245) respectively, the City has been working diligently to advance the implementation of a variety of projects that address the mobility needs of the residents and businesses of the City.

Please refer to the attached approved City Council Action to summarize the recommended changes.

As described above, this request includes programming 710 MIP funds to two new projects that were not included in the previous Metro Board Actions: the 6th Street PARC Street and Transit Improvements and the Colorado Boulevard. The other funds programmed for the 6th Street PARC project are 100% local, and the Colorado Boulevard project is in the construction phase, and as such, the City requests that the \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000 allocated to these two projects be local funds, and not federal funds.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Carlos Rios, Principal Transportation Engineer, at Carlos.rios@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

Shirley Lau Assistant Director

**Bureau of Street Services** 

Kevin Minne

Acting Deputy City Engineer

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## **MOTION**

In 2017, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) eliminated the SR-710 North extension between Alhambra and Pasadena. Metro also directed funding to the development and implementation of mobility improvement projects on local arterials and at freeway local interchanges experiencing congestion as a result of the discontinuation of the freeway project. Within the City of Los Angeles, the funding is limited to projects in the communities of Northeast Los Angeles and El Sereno.

On March 5, 2019, the Council authorized the Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Metro in order to receive SR-710 North Gap Closure Project Mobility Improvement Projects Phase I funds for four projects (C.F. 19-0110).

On January 17, 2002, the Council authorized another MOU with Metro for the receipt of SR-710 North Gap Closure Project Mobility Improvement and Project Phase II funds for nine projects (C.F. 19-1566).

In order to move as many SR-710 North Gap Closure Project Mobility Improvement Projects forward as quickly as possible, it is critical to reallocate funds from the following projects and allocate that money to other projects, as follows:

- Deobligate \$2,000,000 from the Soto Street & Marengo Street Traffic Signal Enhancements (MIP #LA8.3.2.07) and cancel the project.
- Deobligate \$10,000,000 from the ITS & Technology Traffic Signal Upgrades in El Sereno (MIP #LA8.3.1.03 and cancel the project.
- Deobligate \$9,147,854 allocated to the Soto Widening Multnomah Street to Mission Road (MIP #LA8.1.1.07).
- Allocate \$6,500,000 to the Northeast Los Angeles Active Transportation & Transit Connectivity Enhancements (MIP #LA8.5.2.03).
- Allocate \$8,500,000 to the 710 MIP Eastern Avenue Multi-modal Transportation Improvements (MIP #LA8.4.2.05).
- Allocate \$1,647,854 to the Valley Boulevard Multi-modal Transportation Improvements (MIP #LA8.4.2.07).
- Allocate \$2,500,000 to a new project entitled Complete Streets Project for Colorado Blvd. in Eagle Rock (Call #F9123).
- Allocate \$2,000,000 to a new project entitled 6th Street PARC Street and Transit Improvements (C.F. 23-0074).

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Engineering and Bureau of Street Services to revise/develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the deobligation and allocation of funds for projects identified in the body of this motion relative to SR-710 North Gap Closure Project Mobility Improvement Project (MIP) funds.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Street Services be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÒN

Councilmember 14th District

SECONDED BY:

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