

STREET AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - June 1, 2023
2:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Yolanda Chavez, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chair
Maria Souza-Rountree, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
Randall Winston, Office of the Mayor (Mayor)

Committee Staff Present

Daisy Bonilla, CAO
Salyna Cun, CAO
Maria Souza-Rountree, CLA

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: General Public Comment, Multiple Agenda Item Comment

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2023, meeting. - Action by Committee

DISPOSITION: Approved.

2. Verbal status update on Street and Transportation projects lists, Gantt charts, and schedules from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Street Services (BSS), Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) and Department of Transportation (DOT) - Action by Committee

a) Bureau of Engineering (BOE) – Bridge Improvement Program (BIP)

Scott Gibson from BOE presented the status of the BIP. Currently there are nine active projects in the BIP with a total cost of \$147 million. BIP is developing a routine annual maintenance program for the City's 500 bridges and a strategic plan to sustain the bridges for the next 25 years. BIP is also actively looking for grant funding opportunities from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Bureau of Engineering (BOE) – Hillside Slope Stability Program (HSSP)

Patrick Schmidt from BOE presented the status of the HSSP. Three new projects were added to the Master Schedule: the Sunset Plaza (2057) Emergency Bulkhead, Mulholland Drive (13150) Debris Wall, and Vista Del Mar (Near 8054) Emergency Slope Mitigation project. Maria Souza-Rountree from CLA asked if there were any new projects added since HSSP submitted the project list for this meeting. Patrick responded that there was no project added. Randall Winston from the Mayor's Office asked about the referring sources for the hillside slope problems. Patrick stated that they got referrals from many sources such the Los Angeles County, Los Angeles Building & Safety Department

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(LADBS), Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Bureau of Street Services (BSS), Department of Water and Power (DWP) and 311.

DISPOSITION: The Committee approved the changes to the Hillside Slope Stability Project List.

Bureau of Engineering (BOE) – Municipal Facilities Architectural Division (MFAD)

Nur Malhis from BOE presented the status of the MFAD. There are 17 projects with the total cost of \$161,915,878. The project list included four re-baselined projects (Metro Active Transportation - Hollywood /Vine Station Improvements, Metro Active Transportation - Hollywood /Highland Station Improvements, Taylor Yard Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge over LA River and Western Ave Bus Stop and Pedestrian Improvements. The Los Angeles River Way-San Fernando Valley Completion Project (Whitsett Ave to Lankershim Blvd) will be added in the September 2023 STPOC meeting. Randall Winston from the Mayor's Office asked the status on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Renovation project.

DISPOSITION: The Committee approved the changes to the Municipal Facilities Architectural Division Project List.

Bureau of Engineering (BOE) – Street Improvement Division (SID)

Matthew Masuda from BOE presented the status of SID.

DISPOSITION: The Committee noted and filed the reports - Updated Street Improvement Program Master Schedule (Dated May 26, 2023); Updated Project Status Report (Dated May 26, 2023).

b) Bureau of Street Services (BSS)

Shirley Lau from BSS presented the status of the BSS' projects. She stated that they will expedite the schedule for the Clean California grant projects as the projects are under strict deadline to complete.

DISPOSITION: The Committee noted and filed the BSS Project Lists and Gantt Chart.

c) Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL)

Eddie Chavez from BSL presented the status of the BSL's projects. He stated that there are a total of 142 projects that the BSL is managing with different funding sources. He also highlighted the status of the High Voltage Conversion Program.

DISPOSITION: The Committee noted and filed the BSL's Project Lists and Gantt Chart.

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d) Department of Transportation (DOT)

Carlos Rios from DOT presented the status of the DOT's grant funded projects. He stated that there are 75 active projects with a total cost of \$236,824,703.

DISPOSITION: The Committee noted and filed the report and the Gantt chart.

3. Report from BOE Municipal Architectural Division on the Status of the Hollywood Walk of Fame Project.

Nur Malhis from BOE presented the Hollywood Walk of Fame Project. He discussed the background, budget shortfall and the status of the project.

DISPOSITION: The Committee noted and filed the report.

4. Report from BOE Municipal Architectural Division on the Status of the Los Angeles River Bikeway Project

Nur Malhis from BOE presented the Los Angeles River Bikeway Project. He discussed the budget summary, the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and METRO and project segments status.

DISPOSITION: The Committee noted and filed the report.

5. Verbal Report from BOE Municipal Architectural Division on the Status of the Destination Crenshaw Project

Nur Malhis from BOE presented the Destination Crenshaw Project. He stated that BOE is acting as the grant administrator for the project. The project has different aspects such as the mural walls and the Sankofa Park. Overall project cost is \$100 million and is current with 65% construction completed. The whole project is expected to be completed by early 2024.

6. Verbal Report from BOE Street Improvement Division on the Status of the Venice Bollard Project

Matthew Masuda from BOE presented the update on the Venice Bollard Project. He stated that all the contracted work were done. CAO is identifying the funding for one year maintenance of the bollard and the Department is waiting for the Board of Public Works to approve additional funding for four years maintenance of the bollard after the first initial year. CD 11 and CAO are identifying a lead department to in charge of the maintenance of the project. Additional funding needs to be identified to pay DWP for the cost of energizing the project.

7. Verbal Report from BOE Hillside Slope Stability Program on the Status of the Vista Del Mar Emergency Slope Repair

Patrick Schmidt from BOE provided the update on the Vista Del Mar Emergency Slope Repair project. Construction is expected to be in early July 2023. The overall cost of the project

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is less than \$390,000.

8. Verbal Report from BSS on the Status of the Manchester-Broadway, Broadway Sur Project

Shirley Lau from BOE provided an update on the Manchester-Broadway, Broadway Sur Project. She provided a brief background of the project. This portion of the road serves 90,000 students. So, there are safety elements incorporated in the project. Design will be wrapped up in Summer and construction funding will be allocated in the Fall.

9. Verbal Report from BSL on the Status of the Copper Wire Theft Replacement Program

Eddie Chavez from BSL provided the update of the Copper Wire Theft Replacement Program. \$10.2 million is allocated for the program. He also provided the statistics for the program. Randall Winston from the Mayor Office asked the trend of copper wire theft as compared with last fiscal year. Maria Souza-Rountree from CLA asked whether the fortification of the circuit box help to prevent copper wire theft. Eddie stated that the success rate is 95%.

10. Report from DOT on the Measure M Three Percent Obligation for First and Last Mile Projects (FLM)

Carlos Rios from DOT presented the Measure M Three Percent Obligation for First and Last Mile Projects. In 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure M. The Measure M ordinance requires local jurisdiction to pay 3% of the total project cost of a major Measure M rail project. Current obligation for the City is \$183 million and this amount will go up when more transit lines opening. The City has requested a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) from METRO to begin crediting the FLM related projects development costs toward the 3% obligation.

11. Report from DOT on the Implementation Status of the Safe Routes to Schools Program

Margot Ocanas from DOT presented the status of the Safe Routes to Schools Program. DOT works with LAUSD, City departments and communities to prioritize and identity top 50 schools for the Safe Routes to Schools Program. The implementation of the program is mainly dependent on grant funding.

12. Verbal Update on Transportation Grants Including Pending Grant Awards, Upcoming Grant Deadlines, and Proposed Projects for Submission

Jennifer Lau from CAO provided the update for the following grants: Sustainable Communities Program for Civic Engagement, Equity and Environment Justice Grant (SCP CEEEJ), Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant (SMART), REAP 2.0 Grant, Low or No Emission Grant and Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation Grant (PROTECT). One of the BOE's project had received \$2 million award for the SMART grant. Projects applications have been submitted for SCP CEEEJ, REAP 2.0 Grant, and Low or No Emission grant pending award results. Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) had been issued for the PROTECT grant and notification was provided to the departments.

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13. Next Meeting Dates: The quarterly meeting will be held on September 7, 2023. – Discussion

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.