

STREET AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 30, 2025**
3:00 PMCommittee Members Present

Matt Szabo, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chair
Matias Farfan, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
Andrea Greene, Office of the Mayor (Mayor)

Committee Staff Present

Daisy Bonilla, CAO
Maria Souza-Rountree, CLA

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: General Public Comment, Multiple Agenda Item Comment**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Reports requesting Committee action to approve status updates on street transportation projects list and schedules for:
 - A. Public Works (PW) Bureau of Engineering (BOE):
 - I. Hillside Slope Stability Program (HSSP);
 - II. Street Improvement Division (SID); and,
 - B. PW Bureau of Street Services (BSS);

The Committee received presentations from the Bureaus regarding updates to their project schedules. BOE's Hillside Slope Stability Program removed one project (2023 Whitley Avenue) from the list, as the retaining wall was reevaluated and determined not to require replacement. BSS added one grant-funded project and removed four completed projects from its list. BOE's Street Improvement Division (SID) added 11 street projects related to the 2028 Games to its work plan.

SID also reported on the constrained resources available to complete its projects and presented a prioritized project ranking system. Priority 1 projects involve safety improvements that have funding deadlines and/or are Council Office priorities. Priority 2 projects are in the pre-design phase, are not urgent safety improvements, do not face a risk of losing funding, and/or are planned as future projects. Priority 3 projects are in the post-construction phase. While construction has been completed, these projects still require staff time for monitoring and close-out.

DISPOSITION: Approved the changes to the project lists.

2. Reports with status updates on street transportation projects list and schedules:
 - A. Public Works (PW) Bureau of Engineering (BOE):
 - I. Bridge Improvement Division (BID);

II. Architectural Division (ID);
B. PW Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL); and,
C. Department of Transportation (DOT).

The Committee received presentations from the Bureaus and Departments regarding updates to their project schedules. Revisions were made to the project delivery timelines.

DISPOSITION: The Committee noted and filed the report.

3. Written report from BOE BID on the status of the Glendale-Hyperion Complex of Bridges Project.

Principal Civil Engineer Nadir Shah and Senior Civil Engineer Andrew Asfour, BOE, provided the Committee with an update on the status of the Glendale-Hyperion Complex of Bridges Project. The Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) will fund up to 88.53 percent of the project, with State Proposition 1B and City funds covering the remaining costs. HBP funding is managed by Caltrans, which currently has a \$20 million per year reimbursement limit and has capped contingency funding at ten percent.

BOE requested the Committee's approval to continue negotiations with Caltrans to increase the annual reimbursement limit to \$40 million and to remove the cap on change orders that exceed the original contingency.

DISPOSITION: Approved.

4. Joint verbal report from BOE, BSS, and DOT on the prioritization of resources and delivery of City Grant Projects.

Principal Civil Engineer Nur Malhis, BOE; Principal Transportation Engineer Carlos Rios, DOT; and Senior Civil Engineer Prashant Konareddy, BSS, provided the Committee with a verbal report on the prioritization of resources and delivery of City grant projects. The City's current portfolio of grants and special projects is estimated at \$1.8 billion. The City has been particularly successful in securing awards through the Active Transportation Program (ATP) and the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, both of which have very rigid deadlines.

Due to the limited resources available to complete grant-funded projects, the team presented a list of ATP and AHSC projects along with a prioritized ranking system. Priority 1 projects involve safety improvements with funding deadlines and/or Council Office priorities. Priority 2 projects are in the pre-design phase, are not urgent safety improvements, do not face a risk of losing funding, and/or are planned as future projects. Priority 3 projects are in the post-construction phase; while construction has been completed, these projects still require staff time for monitoring and close-out.

As the City continues to secure additional grant awards, the same resources currently responsible for capital project delivery may also be tasked with supporting Fire Relief Efforts

and the 2028 Olympic Games across multiple City departments. All three Bureaus and Departments have submitted requests for additional staffing resources to support the grant portfolio. Many ATP and AHSC street projects also require gap funding. The team recommended that the City institute a moratorium on pursuing future non-Olympic grant opportunities until the current portfolio of grant projects is reviewed. They further recommended that the City request revisions to the Timely Use of Funds policies.

The Committee requested a future report providing (1) a prioritization list of all projects based on current resources, (2) a list of all grant projects with funding gaps, and (3) direction for the Bureaus to work with CLA and CAO staff to examine the feasibility of a moratorium on non-Olympic grant projects.

DISPOSITION: The Committee noted and filed the report.

5. Next Meeting Dates: The quarterly meeting will be held on March 6, 2025. – Discussion

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.