PROPOSITION K:
L.A. FOR KIDS STEERING COMMITTEE
Minutes from the Meeting of September 24, 2026

MEMBERS: Edwin Gipson, City Administrative Officer, Chair (CAO)
Matias Farfan, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
Matt Hale, Office of the Mayor (Mayor)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

General Public Comment, Multiple Agenda Item Comment.

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Item 1 Minutes of the August 27, 2026 Regular Meeting.

DISPOSITION Approved on consent.

Item 2 The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Report on the Manchester Junior Arts Center (Council District 8) Report for Approval of Bid and Award, Project Budget, and Shortfall Funding (Proposition K ID: S70). Action by Committee. Direction to staff and related actions.

DISPOSITION Approved.

Matias Farfan, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, asked for the bid and award timeline. Ohaji Abdallah, BOE, responded that all Proposition K grants must be allocated by the June 30, 2027 deadline. The bid and award generally takes five to six months. The Board of Public Works will consider the bid and award report, once ready. In the worst case scenario, BOE will award the contract to the General Services Department.

Mr. Farfan asked what BOE's confidence level was on the bid and award contract staying within the proposed funding scope range. Mr. Abdallah responded that with inflation and gas costs, BOE anticipates bidders to either overload the bid with contingency costs for potential cost escalations or for bidders to underbid with future change orders to account for future cost escalations.

Mr. Farfan asked whether there is community support for this project. Mr. Abdallah responded affirmatively and added that this project has a small overlap with the Destination Crenshaw project where there will be an installation of an information kiosk in the public right-of-way.

Matt Hale, Office of the Mayor, asked whether the original Proposition K funding allocation of $1.8 million was ever intended to cover the full cost of the project. Mr. Abdallah responded that no Proposition K-designated project has ever been fully funded solely by Proposition K funds. Historically, all Proposition K-designated projects have leveraged Proposition K funds along with City (General Fund and/or Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles) funds.

Mr. Hale asked how Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs will be funded upon the sunset of the Proposition K program. Mr. Abdallah responded that, currently, Proposition K covers a small portion of O&M costs; however, these costs will no longer be covered by Proposition K upon the sunset of the program.

Edwin Gipson, Office of the City Administrative Officer, asked whether it is tradition for there to be a maximum price contract or is there a possibility for the contract to eliminate the risk of cost escalation and change orders. Mr. Abdallah confirmed that there is a part of the contract that includes a maximum price guarantee though there may be change orders. BOE expects contractors to propose a realistic quote with the understanding that there may be a possibility for change orders based on the fluctuation of inflation costs.

The LAFKSC Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:42 A.M.