



## CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL

### AGENDA ITEM

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Report: Authorization to Request and Appropriation of \$300,000 in Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds

1. Motion Authorizing Staff to Request \$300,000 of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds from Los Angeles Metro for Pedestrian Safety Improvement on Brand Blvd., Citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts, and the Purchase of Necessary Equipment for Planning and Design of Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities;
2. Resolution of Appropriation of \$300,000 of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Grant Funds.

### COUNCIL ACTION

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**Item Type:** Action Item

**Approved for** December 13, 2022 **calendar**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian funds are available to local agencies in Los Angeles County on a per-capita basis. Projects are reviewed and approved by Metro and funds are disseminated in advance to agencies for implementation. These funds will be utilized for three projects: to make Pedestrian Safety enhancements on Brand Boulevard, complete the citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle counts, and purchase necessary equipment for planning and analyzing pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.

### COUNCIL PRIORITIES

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**Mobility/Connectivity/Safety:** The improvements that will be implemented with these funds are aligned with Council priorities for mobility/connectivity/safety, as they will be directed toward pedestrian and bicycle safety.

### RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends the City Council authorize staff to request the TDA Funds, adopt the Resolution of Appropriation for \$300,000 in TDA Funds.

### BACKGROUND

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Pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity is a priority to the City of Glendale. As larger plans like Vision Zero, the Bicycle Transportation Plan Update, and various

elements of the General Plan are updated and completed to provide overarching support to these goals, smaller steps are being initiated and implemented to enhance those plans.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 bicycle and pedestrian funds are available to local agencies in Los Angeles County on a per-capita basis and can be used in alignment with Council's priorities. TDA Article 3 funds may be used for activities relating to pedestrian and bicycle facilities including:

- Engineering expenses leading to construction;
- Retrofitting existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, route improvements such as signal controls for cyclists, bicycle loop detectors, rubberized rail crossings and bicycle-friendly drainage grates;
- Purchase and installation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities such as secure bicycle parking, benches, drinking fountains, changing rooms, rest rooms and showers which are adjacent to bicycle trails, and employment centers; and
- Planning and designing pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.

TDA guidelines require that each Fiscal Year all agencies in Los Angeles County apply for their TDA apportionment by submitting an application to Los Angeles County Metro. TDA applications must include specific projects that will be funded by TDA apportionment for each year, and be approved by Los Angeles County Metro. Upon approval of the City Council, staff will apply for \$300,000 for FY 2022-2023 from Los Angeles Metro for the following projects:

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| • Pedestrian Safety Improvement on Brand Blvd:   | \$150,000 |
| • Citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts:  | \$125,000 |
| • Purchase of computer, necessary software, and plotter that will be used for planning, analyzing, and conceptual designing of pedestrian and bicycle safety projects: | \$25,000  |

The pedestrian improvements on Brand Boulevard are large concrete planters placed on the sidewalk over the 134 freeway to protect pedestrians against vehicle traffic. These improvements would be made in participation with the Greater Downtown Glendale Association, who will plant and maintain the planters. As they are to match the overall aesthetic of other improvements made in downtown Glendale.

## **ANALYSIS**

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These projects are aligned with Council's goals for active transportation and can be accomplished with a specialized funding source intended for this type of utilization.

## **STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH**

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No stakeholder outreach was conducted or deemed necessary for the actions of applying for the funds or adopting the Resolution of Appropriation.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total cost of the three projects is \$300,000, which was not included as a part of the FY 2022-23 budget. Therefore, staff is requesting an appropriation of \$300,000 from grant revenue. The appropriation request is outlined below:

<b>Requesting Appropriation</b>			
<b>Amount</b>	<b>From (Account String)</b>	<b>To (Account String)</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
\$150,000	GL: 34301-4090-CDD-0020 PL: CDD00943AG	GL: 43110-4090-CDD-0020 PL: CDD00943AG	CIP Reimbursement Fund
\$150,000	GL: 34301-4090-CDD-0020 PL: CDD00943AG	GL: 51000-40900-CDD-0020 PL: CDD00943AG	CIP Reimbursement Fund

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)**

These approvals are exempt under CEQA common sense exemption as they are funding activities; and exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15303 New Construction of Conversion of Small Structures as the projects to be funded involve safety improvements along an existing boulevard and the installation of planters on the sidewalk.

## **CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

Campaign Disclosure form for Quick Crete Products included as Exhibit 1.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1: Authorize staff to apply for Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, and adopt the attached resolution appropriating TDA funds for the three pedestrian and bicycle safety projects.

2: Do not to authorize staff to apply for the TDA fund and not approve the attached resolution appropriating TDA funds for these projects. If this alternative is selected, these three projects will remain unfunded.

3: Any other alternative not proposed by staff.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

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## **EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS**

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