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RELEASE: City of LA to Receive Over \$200 Million in State Grants for Active Transportation Projects

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LOS ANGELES – The City of Los Angeles is set to receive over \$200 million in Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants following a vote on Wednesday by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The ATP grants fund transformative transportation projects that support and encourage transportation through active modes such as walking, biking, and taking transit by making streets safer and more accessible to people traveling by these means.

“Our mission is to build a city that has safe, affordable, and sustainable transportation options for all residents in all neighborhoods because we know that when we create access to mobility we create access to opportunity,” said LADOT Interim General Manager Connie Llanos. “These grants, worth more than \$200 million, allow us to deliver transformative projects in every corner of the city -- from the Northeast San Fernando Valley to the Harbor -- that will make communities safer, greener, and more connected.”

The CTC awarded ATP Cycle 6 grants to six separate projects within the City of Los Angeles. They are:

Skid Row Connectivity and Safety Project (\$38.6 million):

This project will construct three miles of complete streets elements in the Skid Row neighborhood of Downtown Los Angeles, where 50 percent of residents live in poverty, and 35 percent of residents are unhoused. The project area currently has no bike facilities, few crosswalks, and sidewalks that are in a state of disrepair. Project improvements include over two miles of protected Class IV bikeways, improved sidewalks, secure bike lockers, hydration stations, e-bike charging stations, high-visibility crosswalks, shade trees, and benches. Once built, the project will provide safer connections to transit, three schools, parks, City Hall, medical facilities, and employment opportunities.

Osborne Street: Path to Park Access Project (\$42.3 million)

The project will focus on Osborne Street between San Fernando Road and Foothill Blvd to create a connected, complete street and improve access to transportation options, neighborhood destinations, open spaces and trails. Osborne Street is a missing link for people traveling to Hansen Dam Recreation Area, getting between neighborhood destinations, and accessing transit in Pacoima.

Normandie Beautiful: Creating Neighborhood Connections in South LA (\$23.58 million)

This project will bring pedestrian and bike safety improvements including enhanced pedestrian crossings, traffic signal modifications, and low-stress bicycle facilities to address community-identified mobility barriers. Safety improvements are concentrated near Vermont Ave Elementary School -- a “Top 50 School with the Most Need” as identified by LADOT’s Safe Routes to School Strategic Plan. Normandie Beautiful will serve as a key connector to existing and proposed projects that run perpendicular to Normandie Avenue, while addressing mobility barriers and gaps to create a denser, safer, and more complete active transportation network

Wilmington Safe Streets – A people first approach (\$32.33 million)

The project is located near the Port of Los Angeles (busiest port in the U.S.) in the City of Los Angeles, will provide needed active transportation connections for the low-income Wilmington community. The project will install Class II,



III, and IV bike facilities, pedestrian and ADA improvements, and traffic calming measures, and will improve safety for all modes. Within one-mile of the project there are 11 schools, 5 parks, 3 recreation centers, Wilmington community gardens, businesses located along Avalon Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, and Metro J (Silver) Line BRT Transit Station and 4 bus lines.

Western our Way: Walk and Wheel Improvements (\$37.74 million)

This project will deliver significant safety improvements along nearly 7 miles of Western Ave from Washington to Century. The project will include dozens of new and upgraded crosswalks, traffic signals, pedestrian beacons, intersection tightening, and other treatments that improve safety and make the street safer for people walking and traveling along this corridor.

LA River Greenway: East San Fernando Valley Gap Closure (\$34.4 million)

The project will construct approximately 3.2 miles of greenway gap closure along/adjacent to the LA River from Lankershim to Whitsett in the East San Fernando Valley. The project will transform the non-motorized environment by providing a safe and direct alternative to walking and biking on high-speed, high-volume arterials and connect people to existing ped/bike facilities, schools, parks and other community destinations.

About LADOT

LADOT leads transportation planning, project delivery, and operations in the City of Los Angeles. We work together and collaborate to deliver a safe, livable, and well-run transportation system in the city and region. Our vision is for all people in Los Angeles to have access to safe and affordable transportation choices that treat everyone with dignity and support vibrant, inclusive communities.

About California Transportation Commission (CTC)

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) was established in 1978 by Assembly Bill 402 (Ingalls) - Chapter 1106, Statutes of 1977 (PDF) out of a growing concern for a single, unified California transportation policy. The Commission replaced and assumed the responsibilities of four independent bodies: The California Highway Commission, the State Transportation Board, the State Aeronautics Board, and the California Toll Bridge Authority. The Commission is responsible for programming and allocating funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit, and active transportation improvements throughout California. The Commission also advises and assists the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs. The Commission is also an active participant in the initiation and development of State and Federal legislation that seeks to secure financial stability for the State's transportation needs.

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