



CITY OF POMONA

COUNCIL REPORT

August 3, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

Submitted By: Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR METRO L (GOLD) LINE FAIRPLEX SAFETY AND CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council the authorize the submittal of a letter of support to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) executed by the City Manager for the Metro L (Gold) Line Fairplex Safety and Connectivity Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The SGVCOG has been working closely with the City of La Verne on a project to construct a pedestrian overcrossing above Arrow Highway to connect the Fairplex Campus with the future La Verne L (Gold) Line Station. SGVCOG staff is working with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to secure Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 funds from the California Department of Transportation to construct the bridge. This action will result in a letter of support (Attachment No. 1) to the SGVCOG to be submitted with the application for ATP funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact with this action.

DISCUSSION: This bridge project aims to provide a safer and easier access for residents and visitors between the Fairplex and the future L (Gold) Line Station in the City of La Verne. It would significantly reduce conflicts between pedestrians and vehicle movements on a busy and non-pedestrian friendly traffic thoroughfare. Additionally, this project can directly reduce traffic, greenhouse gas emissions, and smog emissions as a majority of the three million annual visitors travel by car to events held on the Fairplex Campus.

By increasing accessibility and providing a safer connection to the Fairplex, this bridge removes a major barrier to regional connectivity and connects La Verne and nearby residents from disadvantaged communities in Pomona, Azusa, Claremont, Montclair, Ontario, and other surrounding regions to employment and recreational opportunities at Fairplex.

As of this month, the Cities of Azusa, Claremont, Irwindale, and Monrovia, as well as Foothill Transit, the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, Nature For All, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and the University of La Verne have submitted letters to the

SGVCOG stating their support for this project. The SGVCOG has kindly requested a letter of support from the City of Pomona to be included in its ATP Cycle 5 grant application.

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Attachment No. 1 – Letter of Support