



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: May 27, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Martha Eros, Transportation Planner

Subject: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
2009 Call-for-Projects Grant Applications

Attachments:

1. Mid-Block Crosswalk Project Map
2. Sunset Boulevard Median Improvement Diagram
3. Sunset Boulevard Median Improvement Map

INTRODUCTION

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) initiated a Call-for-Projects process in February 2009 for regional transportation grant funds. The Call-for-Projects is a countywide competitive process whereby federal, state, and local transportation funds are awarded to the most regionally significant capital projects.

The City of Beverly Hills Public Works & Transportation Department submitted two grant applications for review and consideration: (1) four mid-block crosswalks within the Business Triangle, and (2) Sunset Boulevard median improvements. Project applications were due on April 24, 2009. The Metro Technical Advisory Committee (comprised of 33 countywide public agency representatives) will evaluate applications and forward recommendations to the Metro Board of Directors in September 2009.

DISCUSSION

The Call-for-Projects (Call) is a biennial process administered by Metro for the allocation of federal, state and local discretionary transportation funds for regional surface transportation projects. Metro accepts Call applications from local jurisdictions, transit operators, and other public agencies (e.g., Caltrans) and ranks eligible projects based on regional transit significance and benefit, cost effectiveness, and sustainability. A local/city match ranging between 20-35% is required for all proposed Call projects.

The City Traffic Engineer submitted two grant applications for regional Call money available in FY2014:

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1. Mid-block Crosswalks.

The construction of four mid-block bulb-outs with signalized crosswalks are proposed at four locations in the Business Triangle: the 300 and 400 blocks of North Camden Drive, the 400 block of Bedford Drive, and the 400 block of Roxbury Drive. The total cost is projected at \$870,000, with a 25% local match of \$174,000. If awarded, the project will be programmed for environmental review and design in FY2014, with a 6-month construction period scheduled in FY2015.

2. Sunset Boulevard Median Improvements.

The Sunset Boulevard improvements include reconstruction of curbs and gutters and rebuilding the existing medians between Rexford and Camden drives to comply with current standards. The project improves left-turn pocket visibility at two major intersections (Sunset-Beverly-Crescent and Sunset-Canon-North Rodeo), will allow safe non-peak hour parking along the existing roadway, and improve and provide a third lane of travel in this segment during peak hour traffic. This can be accomplished by setting the median back by 2.5 feet. The medians need to be reconstructed with new standard curb and gutter that would provide more efficient water runoff and provide new landscaping features along with energy saving irrigation systems. The total cost is projected at \$420,000, with a 35% local match of \$147,000. Per Call guidelines, a minimum 35% local match is required for regional arterial street improvements. If awarded, the project will be programmed for environmental review in FY2014, followed by design and construction in FY2015.

FISCAL IMPACT

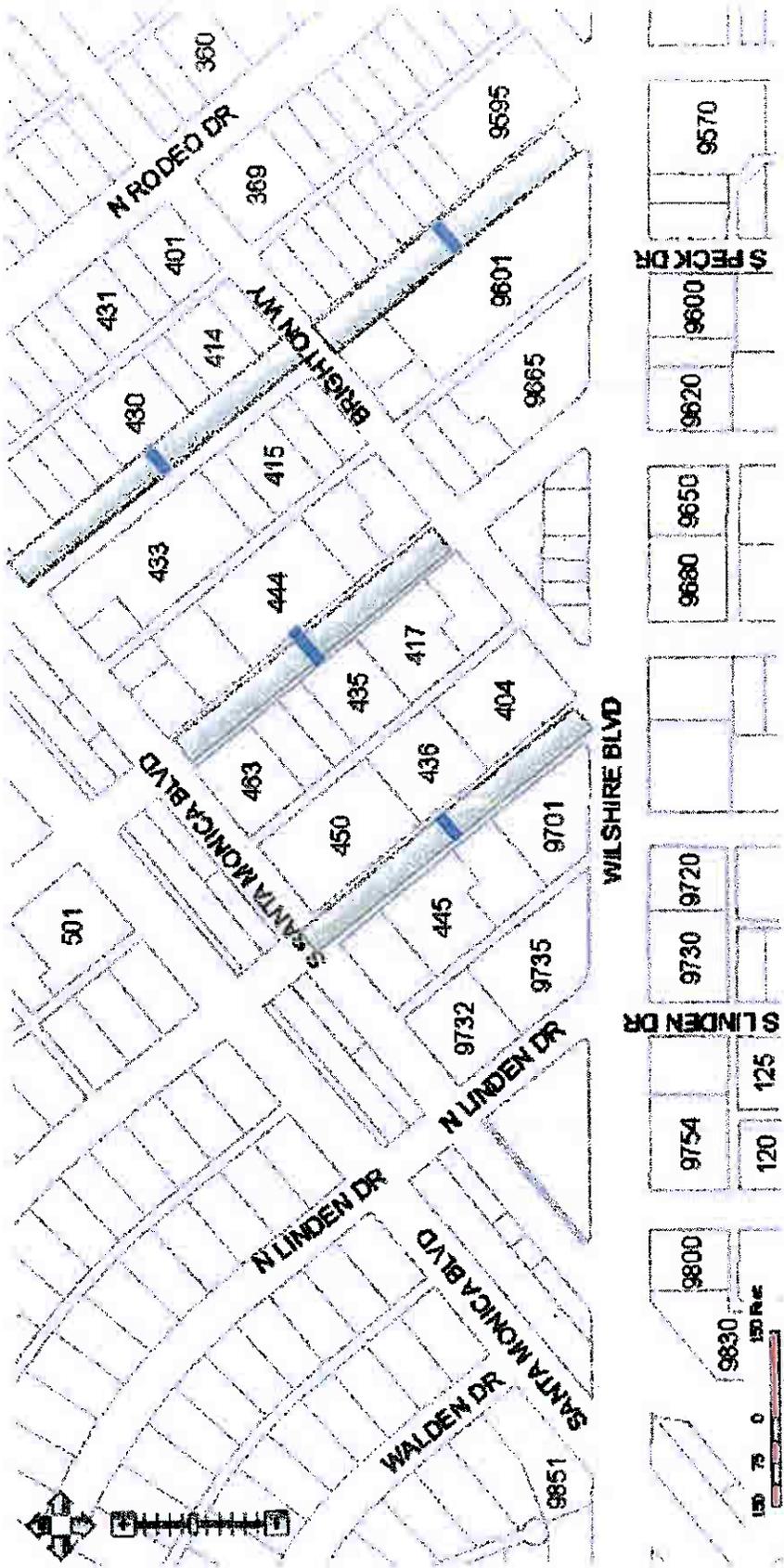
If awarded, both projects will begin implementation in FY2014. The combined local match funds of \$320,000 will be identified during the 4-year interim period prior to the annual Capital Improvement Project budget commitment.

RECOMMENDATION

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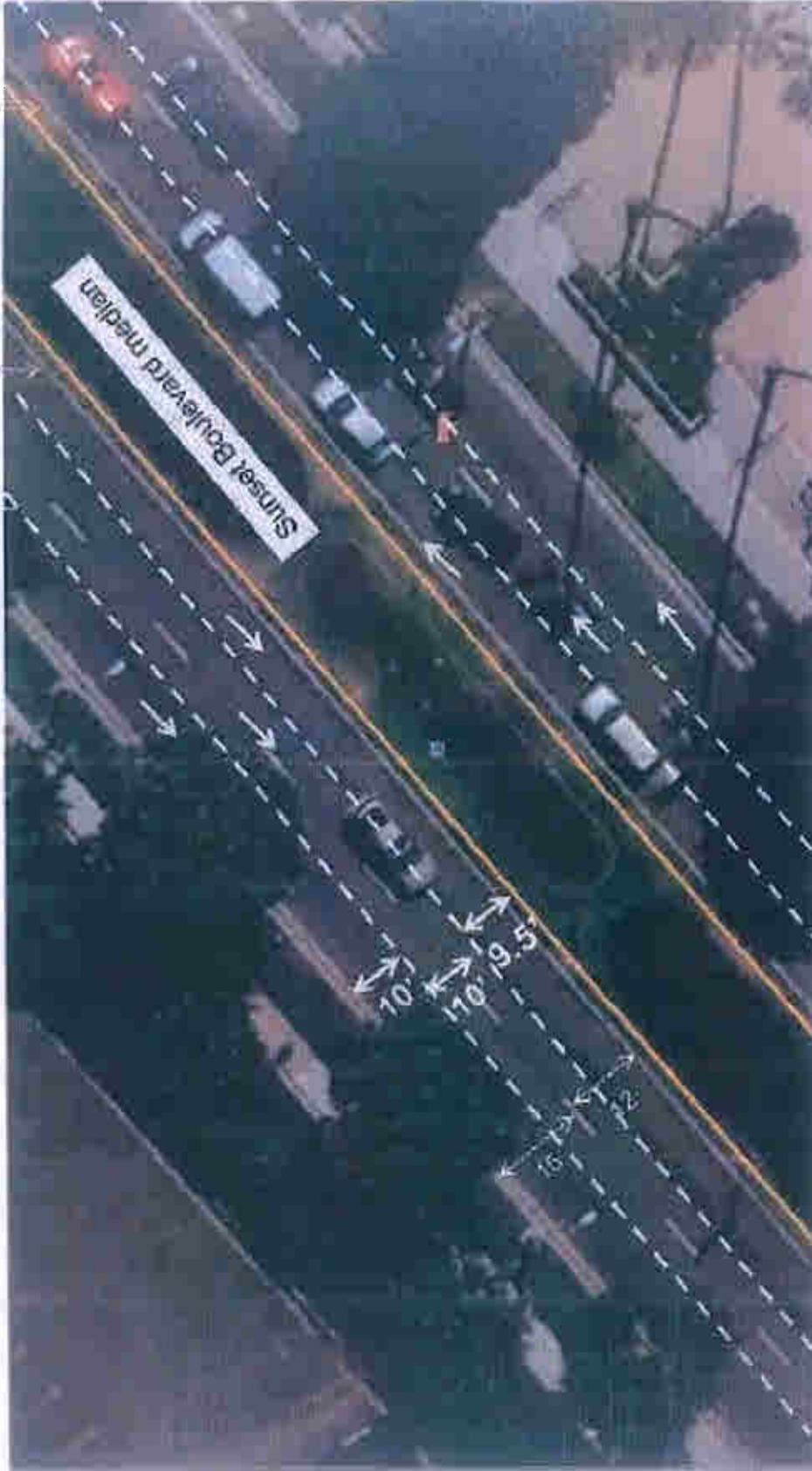
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Project Location

City of Beverly Hills Public Works and Transportation
 2009 Metro Call for Projects – Construction of Bulb-outs and Signalized Midblock Crosswalks

Setting back 2.5 feet onto the median



City of Beverly Hills- Metro Call 2009- Sunset Boulevard Median Interchange



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