



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** December 4, 2012  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation *ak*  
**Subject:** North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Update

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This report provides an update on staff's proposed timeline for design services and construction of the North Santa Monica Boulevard (NSMB) reconstruction project. Per City Council direction in April 2012, staff has revised the project timeline to begin construction of the project in early 2015 after completion of the City of Beverly Hills Centennial activities.

### **DISCUSSION**

In 2005, the State of California relinquished ownership of NSMB within the City of Beverly Hills to the City of Beverly Hills. The pavement quality, drainage system and other physical elements have deteriorated to the extent that the boulevard requires significant reconstruction. Staff has identified five phases of the NSMB reconstruction project:

- Phase 1: Topography and Utilities Survey
- Phase 2: Public Outreach/Conceptual Design
- Phase 3: Project Design
- Phase 4: Construction Bidding
- Phase 5: Construction.

In 2011, the City completed Phase 1, the Topography and Utilities survey that identified existing underlying infrastructure (e.g., franchised utilities, city and county-owned storm drains, sewers, city-owned waterline) and accurately established the centerline and right-of-way of NSMB.

In April 2012, staff presented to the City Council a draft request for proposal to solicit design consultant services for Phase 2 (Public Outreach/Conceptual Design development) and Phase 3 (Project Design).

At the April 2012 meeting, the City Council provided direction to staff to revise the schedule to begin construction in early 2015 and to incorporate additional language in the RFP regarding "Complete Streets" concepts, including consideration of bicycle lanes in both directions on NSMB.

The purpose of the public outreach/conceptual design process is to determine what enhancements should be made to the NSMB in addition to the core reconstruction project. The primary options to be considered as part of Public Outreach/Conceptual Design include:

- *Consideration of bicycle routes*

NSMB's roadway right-of-way extends approximately 20-feet beyond the existing northern curb face which has predominately been assimilated into Beverly Gardens Park. Prior to the April 2012 discussion with the City Council, staff had received direction from the City Council that no widening of the roadway would occur beyond the existing curb face which would allow a traditional bicycle lane in only one direction along the entire length of the Boulevard.

The City Council directed staff to incorporate into the RFP the City's desire to incorporate "Livable Streets" concepts into the overall reconstruction project, specifically consideration of bicycle lanes in each direction. The City Council acknowledged that bicycle lanes in each direction would require some widening of the roadway beyond the existing curb face.

- *Transit Stops*

There are four major transit stops along the Boulevard serving the Metro Rapid Bus Line in addition to 14 local bus stops. The RFP requires the project team to prepare options for transit amenities at these 18 locations in addition to concrete bus pads.

- *Landscaping/Urban Design*

With respect to landscaping and urban design, the primary enhancement option to be considered is if landscaped medians should be incorporated into the project.

- *Construction mitigation/Updated Cost Estimates*

Phase 2 will include development of construction mitigation plan (which will determine the timeframe of construction) and updated cost estimates.

Staff's revised timeline for the NSMB reconstruction project includes the following milestones. This timeline will be revised based on responses to the RFP and throughout the decision making process:

December 2012	Issue RFP for design consultant services for phases 2 and 3
April/May 2013	City Council award of agreement for design consultant services
May/June 2013	Initial public outreach/public scoping meetings
Fall 2013	Public outreach for conceptual design
December 2013/January 2014	City Council selection of conceptual design to include with Phase 3 final design
January – November 2014	Project Design
December 2014 – January 2015	Construction Bidding
Construction begins	Spring 2015

**Public Process**

Staff outlined a public process in the RFP to take place in three parts. First would be two public scoping meetings where the community will be provided the parameters of the reconstruction project and options available for enhancements beyond the core project as described in the RFP. Walking tours of NSMB would also be provided. The intent of the public scoping meetings and walking tours is to engage the community, including property owners adjacent and nearby NSMB, early in the process. The second part will involve a series of public meetings to review conceptual design alternatives. Extensive public noticing of the meetings will be provided through City-wide mailings, e-mail, social media and press releases. When awarding the agreement for design services, staff will recommend that a NSMB Committee be formed comprised of two representatives each of the Traffic & Parking, Public Works and Recreation & Parks Commissions to provide recommendations to the City Council. The third part would involve presentation of the Committees' recommendations to the City Council.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Preliminary total cost estimates (including design and construction) for the NSMB reconstruction project is approximately \$12 million. During Phase 2, the consultant will be required to develop a detailed cost estimate of the project. The proposed FY 2012-13 Capital Improvement Project includes \$11.9 million for the project, including:

State of California Relinquishment Funds: \$4.3 million  
 State Highway Gas Tax Funds: .5 million  
 Proposition C: 1.5 million  
 Measure R: .8 million  
 General Fund 6: 4.8 million

**RECOMMENDATION**

This memo is provided to the City Council for informational purposes.

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 Approved By