

Background/Discussion of Each Recommendation

A. Recertify

The \$12.78 million in existing FY 2021-22 Board approved commitments and programmed through previous Countywide Call processes are shown in Attachment A. The action is required to ensure that funding continues in FY 2021-22 for those on-going projects for which Metro previously committed funding.

B. Deobligate

Attachment B shows the \$12.47 million of previously approved Countywide Calls funding that is being recommended for deobligation. This includes approximately \$11.21 million in cancelled projects, and \$1.26 million in project savings.

C. Authorize

Projects receiving their first year of funding are required to execute Funding Agreements or Letter of Agreements with Metro. And Projects receiving time extensions are required to execute Amendments with Metro. This recommendation will authorize the CEO or their designee to negotiate and execute any agreements and/or amendments with the project sponsors, based on the project sponsors showing that the projects have met the Project Readiness Criteria and timely use of funds policies.

D. Approve Project Scope Change

1. The City of Glendale – Purchase of Alternative Fuel Buses for Glendale Beeline (#F9435) was programmed through the 2015 Call. As approved, the project includes procure three 35-foot and two 40-foot clean fuel buses to replace three existing 35-foot and two 40-foot CNG buses for its Beeline Transit System. The City is requesting to revise the scope of work to replace the five existing buses with five 35-ft battery-electric clean fuel buses for the Glendale Beeline service. The five 2009 buses have reached their useful life of 12 years. The new buses will feature bicycle racks and be ADA compliant. The buses will be deployed on the Glendale Beeline transit service which serves a significant role in providing feeder service to several Metro local and Rapid lines, Metrolink, Amtrak, Pasadena Arts, BurbankBus and LADOT Commuter Express. Staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope and found that they are consistent with the intent of the original scope of work. Metro will maintain its funding commitment of \$2,186,396, and the City will maintain its local match commitment of \$546,599 (30.3%). In addition, the City is committed to cover any future project cost overruns, if occurs.
2. The City of Lawndale – Redondo Beach Boulevard Improvements (#F9101) was programmed through the 2015 Call. As approved, the project covers 0.7 miles on Redondo Beach Boulevard between Artesia Boulevard and Prairie Avenue. The improvements include reconfiguring/adding lanes; improving traffic signals at the Hawthorne Boulevard, I-405 Southbound Off-Ramp, and Prairie Avenue intersections, add new signal at I-405 Northbound On-Ramp, signal synchronization, widening terminus of I-405 Southbound Off-Ramp, installing Class II bike lanes along the entire length of the project, adding new drought tolerant landscape

medians, improving access ramps, and improving pavement. Since the award of the Call grant, portions of project scopes were either completed by the LA County (under #F5316) or to be included as part of project with Caltrans. The City is requesting to revise the scope of work by eliminating freeway ramp improvements, traffic signals at the Hawthorne Boulevard, I-405 Southbound Off-Ramp, and Prairie Avenue intersections, add new signal at I-405 Northbound On-Ramp. Staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope and found that the remaining improvements are still consistent with the original intent of the project. The remaining scopes include: Class II bike lanes and Class III bike routes along the entire length of the project, adding new drought tolerant landscape medians, improving pavement, ADA improvements including sidewalk and curb ramp, and traffic striping and new traffic signs. Staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope and supports the changes. The revised scope of work will reduce Metro Call funds from \$3,362,792 to \$2,175,726 and the City corresponding local match commitment (35.3%) from \$1,833,519 to \$1,186,287. The revised total project cost of \$3,362,013 will result in a cost saving of \$1,187,066 in Call funds. In addition, the City is committed to cover any future project cost overruns, if occurs.

3. The City of Los Angeles – Stocker/MLK Crenshaw Access to Expo LRT Station (#F3409) was programmed through the 2009 Call. As approved, the project is for design and construction of 12 local bus shelters for Metro local and LADOT stops with benches, security lighting, wayfinding signage, bike parking, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, bus pads and transit information. During the design phase, city staff determined some of the bus stops will be installed by the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project or will be relocated due to lack of ridership volumes. In addition, the newly adopted ADA standards would require civil design and concrete work with associated pipe/utility relocations, landscaping/tree relocations, electrical work, and easement permits. The City is requesting to revise the scope of work to include the design and construction of five bus shelters with benches, security lighting, wayfinding signage, sidewalk, and crosswalk improvements. Due to increased costs associated with the newly adopted ADA standards, this revised scope of work will require the entire project budget. Staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope and supports the changes. Metro will maintain its funding commitment of \$1,390,203 and the City will maintain its local match commitment of \$781,989 (36%). In addition, the City is committed to cover any future cost overruns, if occurs.
4. The City of Los Angeles – Interactive Bicycle Board Demo Project (#F7708) was programmed through the 2013 Call. As approved, the project is to install a total of 12 interactive display screens and 96 bicycle counters. Monitors will display this mode's level of use. Since the award of the Call grant, the City has found that the counting technology has improved and is proposing different models of Eco-Counter pedestrian and bicyclist counter units. The City is requesting to revise the scope of work by eliminating ten display screens and increase the counters. The revised scope will include 60 Loop Detectors, 55 Eco-Counter CITIX 3D Counter units, and 2 Eco-Counter Compact Displays. Staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope

and supports the changes. Metro will maintain its funding commitment of \$547,212 and the City will maintain its local match commitment of \$136,803 (20%). In addition, the City is committed to cover any future cost overruns, if occurs.

5. The City of Los Angeles – LADOT Streets for People: Parklets and Plazas (#F7814), was programmed through the 2013 Call. This project scope was revised once previously in 2019. As approved in 2019, the project is to install one parklet, one plaza, four intersection murals and nine decorative crosswalks. The City is requesting to revise the scope of work due to the financial impact of Covid-19, as well as the parklet partner withdrew. The revised scope of work will include seven decorative crosswalks, one intersection mural and one parklet. Staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope and supports the changes. Metro will maintain its funding commitment of \$437,200 and the City will maintain its local match commitment of \$109,300 (20%). In addition, the City is committed to cover any future cost overruns, if occurs.
6. The City of Los Angeles – Slauson Avenue: Western Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard Project (#F9204), was programmed through the 2015 Call. As approved, the project covers 1.26 miles of improvements on Slauson Avenue by increasing curb radii, installing new signalization equipment at key intersections, reconstructing failing AC pavement, providing street lighting, and installing ADA compliant curb ramps. The City is now proposing to make 0.80 miles of improvements, between Western and 5th Avenue. The revised scope will include the construction of curbs and gutters, sidewalks, driveways, grind and overlay portions of the pavement, and ADA compliant curb ramps. Staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope and found that they are consistent with the intent of the original scope of work. Metro will maintain its funding commitment of \$1,929,408 and the City will maintain its local match commitment of \$482,352 (20%). In addition, the City is committed to cover any future cost overruns, if occurs.

E. Receive and File

1. During the 2001 Countywide Call Recertification, Deobligation and Extension, the Board authorized the administrative extension of projects based on the following reasons:
 - 1) Project delay due to an unforeseen and extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of project sponsor (federal or state delay, legal challenge, Act of God);
 - 2) Project delay due to Metro action that results in a change in project scope, schedule or sponsorship that is mutually agreed; and
 - 3) Project is contractually obligated, however, a time extension is needed to complete construction that is already underway (capital projects only).

Based on the above criteria, extensions for the 66 projects shown in Attachment D are being granted.

2. Since the March 2016 Metro TAC approval of the Proposed Revised Call Lapsing Policy, several project sponsors have informed staff that their projects will not be able to be completed within the one-time, 20-month extension. Through the 2016 Call Recertification and Deobligation process, Board delegated authority to reprogram currently programmed Call funds to a later year. Reprograms for the nine projects shown in Attachment E are being granted.