

Background/Discussion of Each Recommendation

A. Recertify

The \$16.6 million in existing FY 2022-23 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 2022-23 for those on-going projects for which Metro previously committed funding.

B. Deobligate

Attachment B shows the \$0.65 million of previously approved Countywide Calls funding that is being recommended for deobligation. This represents cancelled projects requested by the project sponsors.

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 Bell – Florence Avenue Pedestrian Streetscape Improvements (#F7634) was programmed through the 2013 Call. As approved, the project includes pedestrian improvements, including crosswalk improvements, safety lighting, street trees and bell towers on Florence Avenue. The City is requesting to revise the scope of work by adding monument signage, bike racks, wayfinding signage, bus shelters and other streetscape elements while removing proposed bell towers. After execution of project Funding Agreement, City staff found the proposed bell towers were infeasible within project limits. Per community input, City staff is pursuing monument signs at either end of project limits for a placemaking effect, coupled with new bike racks and bus shelters to enhance the experience of pedestrians connecting to other modes of transportation. Staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope and found that it is consistent with the intent of the original scope of work. Metro will maintain its funding commitment of \$2,220,304, and the City will maintain its local match commitment of \$555,076 (20%). In addition, the City is committed to cover any future project 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 69 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 five projects shown in Attachment E are being granted.