

Background/Discussion of Each Recommendation

A. Recertify

The \$78.96 million in existing FY 2023-24 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 2023-24 for those ongoing projects for which Metro previously committed funding.

B. Deobligate

Attachment B shows the \$2.36 million of previously approved Countywide Calls funding that is being recommended for deobligation. This represents canceled projects requested by the project sponsors.

C. Reallocate

1. The City of Los Angeles requested to cancel the Call grant originally programmed for Century City Urban Design and Pedestrian Connection Plan (Call #F1612) and reallocate \$1,308,200 (with the City's local match commitment of \$327,050) to the City of Los Angeles Exposition West Bikeway – Northvale Project (Call #F3514) to fulfill the funding gap.

The City of Los Angeles is concurrently working on deobligating the unspent balance of \$286,122 in Call - CMAQ funds, previously obligated with Caltrans. If that is successful, the City requested to reallocate this amount (with the City's local match commitment of \$71,530) to the same Project (Call #F3514).

2. The City of Los Angeles requested to cancel the following two Call grants originally programmed to:
 - 1) Alameda Street Downtown LA: Goods Movement, Phase I (Call #FF5207); and
 - 2) Alameda Street Widening: North Olympic Boulevard to I-10 Freeway (Call #F9207)

And reallocate a total of \$13,391,668 canceled funds to fund the City of Los Angeles:

- 1) Boyle Heights Chavez Avenue Streetscape Pedestrian Improvements (Call #F3643), in the amount of \$8,000,000 (with the City's local match commitment of \$2,000,000) to fulfill the funding gap; and
- 2) Soto Street Complete Streets (Call #F7109), in the amount of \$5,391,668 (with City's local match commitment of \$3,765,186) to fulfill the funding gap.

C. Authorize

Projects receiving their first year of funding are required to execute Funding Agreements or Letter of Agreements with Metro. 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 Lancaster – Medical Main Street (Call #F9131) was programmed through the 2015 Call. As approved, the project includes new roadways, intersection improvements, roundabouts, bicycle lanes and other amenities, pedestrian amenities, a jogging path, 3R improvements, complete street features, and transit access amenities to enhance access to existing and planned medical facilities bounded by 12th Street West on the east, Avenue J on the north, 20th Street West on the west, and SR-14 and Avenue J-8 on the south. The City is requesting to revise the scope of work by relocating and renaming multiple street segments, making minor adjustments to other proposed street segments, and changing the number of proposed roundabouts to four locations. After the execution of the project Funding Agreement, changes were proposed to the design concept of the planned medical facilities, including the proposed hospital location. The revised development concept requires a re-alignment of proposed roads and associated Call scope elements. The 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 \$5,262,742, and the City will maintain its local match commitment of \$7,667,828 (59%). In addition, the City is committed to covering any future project cost overruns, if occur.

2. The County of Los Angeles – South Whittier Community Bikeway Access Improvements (Call #9511) was programmed through the 2015 Call. As approved, the project calls for 3.1 miles of Class II bike lanes and 1.8 miles of Class III bike boulevards to build out Los Angeles County's Master Bicycle Plan bicycle network with connections to Norwalk/Santa Fe Metrolink Station. After securing funding from other sources, the County is requesting to revise the scope of work by increasing the mileage to 5.7 miles of Class II bike lanes and 3.8 miles of Class III bike boulevards, a net increase of 4.6 miles. The increase in mileage is the result of adding bike lanes along both sides of Leffingwell Road. The 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 \$3,191,000, and the County will maintain its local match commitment of \$800,000 (20%). In addition, the County is committed to covering any future project cost overruns, if occur.

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 the 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 upon; and

- 3) The 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 87 projects shown in Attachment C 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, the Board delegated authority to reprogram currently programmed Call funds to a later year. Reprograms for the nine projects shown in Attachment D are being granted.