



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MAY 16, 2018

**SUBJECT: 2019 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**ACTION: ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2019 LOS ANGELES COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT the Resolution for the 2019 Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as shown in Attachment A.

ISSUE

As the designated County Transportation Commission for Los Angeles County, Metro is required to submit a resolution to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) certifying that Los Angeles County has the resources to fund and is committed to implement the projects to be included in the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) covering federal fiscal years 2018/19 - 2023/24. Inclusion of projects in the FTIP is required for allocation of federal funds, state and local funds (as applicable), as well as for specific federal actions (including federal environmental clearance). Metro's 2019 TIP submittal includes 1,109 projects across 98 agencies valued at approximately \$19.6 billion.

DISCUSSION

The FTIP is the process by which SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) is implemented through a systematic allocation of federal, state, and local funds for use in planning and constructing specific projects. It allows programming funds for the projects included in the RTP/SCS in accordance with federal and state requirements, including scheduling, financing, and the timely implementation of transportation control measures to help reduce air pollution.

SCAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region that includes Los Angeles County, is required under federal and state law to develop the FTIP - a six-year document that lists projects to be funded with federal, state, and local funds. Projects from each of SCAG's six counties are included in their respective TIP and then submitted to SCAG for inclusion in the FTIP. The FTIP is updated every two years, with SCAG's 2017 FTIP approved by the Federal Highway

Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in December 2016. SCAG is scheduled to adopt the 2019 FTIP in September 2018. A FHWA/FTA joint air quality conformity determination, anticipated to be issued in December 2018, is required for the approval of SCAG's 2019 FTIP.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Adoption of the resolution will have no direct impact on the safety of Metro customers or employees. However, as the Los Angeles County TIP includes safety enhancement projects, eliminating delay or overall project delivery due to inability to program and receive funding would ensure the timely realization of the projects' anticipated safety benefits.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adoption of the resolution will allow Metro to program and secure federal, state, and local funds for projects in Los Angeles County.

Impact to Budget

Adoption of the resolution for the 2019 Los Angeles County TIP has no impact to the FY 2018 Budget.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could elect to not adopt the resolution shown in Attachment A. Staff does not recommend this alternative. By not adopting the resolution, the Los Angeles County TIP will not be included in SCAG's 2019 FTIP. Therefore, Metro and other agencies in Los Angeles County will not be able to program and receive federal, state, and local funding allocations for their projects. This will jeopardize the implementation of existing and future projects in Los Angeles County that have funds programmed through federal fiscal year 2023/24. It will also result in the loss of/eligibility for funding allocations due to federal and state lapsing and/or project inactivity policies.

NEXT STEPS

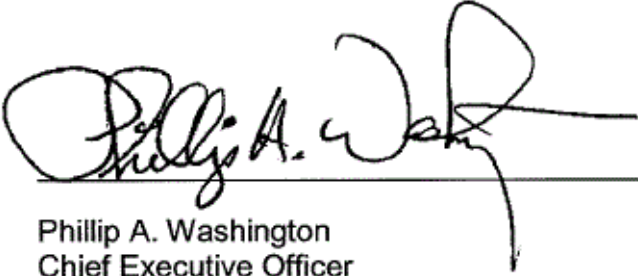
With Board approval of the recommendation, staff will submit the resolution to SCAG.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Resolution for the 2019 Los Angeles County TIP

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