



## Board Report

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### PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 20, 2019

**SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM - NORTH COUNTY  
SUBREGION**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING:

1. programming of \$16,570,590 in Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Active Transportation Program (Attachment A);
2. programming of \$13,143,260 in Measure M MSP - Transit Program (Attachment B);
3. inter-program borrowing from subregion's Measure M MSP - Transit Program and programming of \$8,051,220 in Measure M MSP - Highway Efficiency Program (Attachment C); and

B. AUTHORIZING the CEO or his designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for approved projects.

#### **ISSUE**

Measure M MSPs are included in the Measure M Expenditure Plan. All MSP funds are limited to capital projects. Each Subregion is required to develop the MSP five-year plan (Plan) and project list. Based on the amount provided in the Measure M Expenditure Plan, a total amount of \$44,836,991 was forecasted to be available for programming in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 to FY 2021-22, to the North County Subregion in two Programs: 1) Active Transportation (expenditure line 52); and 2) Transit (expenditure line 64). The Subregion identified two priority projects that are eligible for the Highway Efficiency Program (expenditure line 81 - funds scheduled to be available in 2048) and elected to borrow from the Transit Program to accelerate the two highway projects. Board approval is necessary to program the funds to these projects and serve as the basis for Metro to enter into Funding Agreements with the respective implementing agencies.

## **DISCUSSION**

In June 2017, the Metro Board of Directors approved the adoption of the Measure M Master Guidelines (Guidelines), with two amendments and five approved motions. Subsequently, the Administrative Procedures for Measure M MSP were signed by the CEO on February 2, 2018.

The North County Subregion consists of member agencies from the cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita and adjacent unincorporated area of Los Angeles County (5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District). The North County Transportation Coalition Joint Powers Authority (NCTC JPA) was formed in May 2018 and led the Plan development process, which included working with the member agencies along with the public participation process in the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys. The NCTC JPA Governing Board also adopted Subregional Qualitative Performance Measures including Mobility, Economic Vitality, Accessibility, Safety and Sustainability & Quality of Life, per the Administrative Procedures.

In the last several months, Metro staff worked closely with the NCTC JPA and the implementing agencies on project eligibility reviews of the proposed projects. For those proposed projects that are to be programmed in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 (near term - first two programming years), Metro required a detailed project scope of work during staff review for eligibility and program nexus during the Plan development process, i.e. project location and limits, length, project elements, project phase (s), total project expenses and funding requested, and project schedule, etc. This level of details will ensure timeliness of the Project Funding Agreements execution once the Metro Board approves the Plan. For those proposed projects that will have programming funds in FY 2020-21 and beyond, Metro accepted high level (but focused and relevant) project scope of work during the review process. Metro staff will work with the Subregion and the implementing agencies on the details through a future annual update process. Those projects will receive conditional approval as part of this approval process. However, final approval of funds for those projects shall be contingent upon the implementing agency demonstrating the eligibility of each project as required in the Guidelines.

### **Equity Platform**

Consistent with Metro's Equity Platform, the MSP outreach effort recognizes and acknowledges the need to establish comprehensive, multiple forums to meaningfully engage the community to comment on the proposed projects under all Programs. NCTC JPA along with the cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita and adjacent unincorporated area of Los Angeles County undertook an extensive outreach effort and invited the general public to a series of public workshops and meetings. Metro will continue to work with the Subregion to seek opportunities to reach out to a broader constituency of stakeholders.

## **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

Programming of Measure M MSP funds to the North County Subregional projects will not have any adverse safety impacts on Metro's employees or patrons.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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In Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19, \$500,000 is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (subsidies budget - Planning) for the Active Transportation Program (Project # 474501) and \$160,000 is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (subsidies budget - Planning) for the Transit Program (Project #474502). Since these are multi-year projects, Cost Centers 0441 (Planning - Subsidies to Others) and 0442 (Highway Subsidies) will be responsible for budgeting in future years.

### Impact to Budget

The sources of funds for these projects are Measure M Transit, First/Last Mile (Capital) and Highway, Active Transportation, Complete Streets (Capital). These fund sources are not eligible for Metro bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

Recommendation supports the following goals of the Metro Vision 2028 Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling by alleviating the current operational deficiencies and improving mobility along the projects.

Goal 4: Transform LA County through regional collaboration by partnering with the Council of Governments and the local jurisdictions to identify the needed improvements and take the lead in development and implementation of their projects.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board could elect not to approve the programming of funds for the Measure M MSP projects for the North County Subregion. This is not recommended as the proposed projects were developed by the Subregion in accordance with the Measure M Ordinance, Guidelines and the Administrative Procedures.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Upon Board approval, respective implementing agencies will be notified, and Funding Agreements will be executed with those who have funds programmed in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. Staff will continue to work with the NCTC JPA and the implementing agencies to identify and implement projects. Annual updates will be provided to the Board.

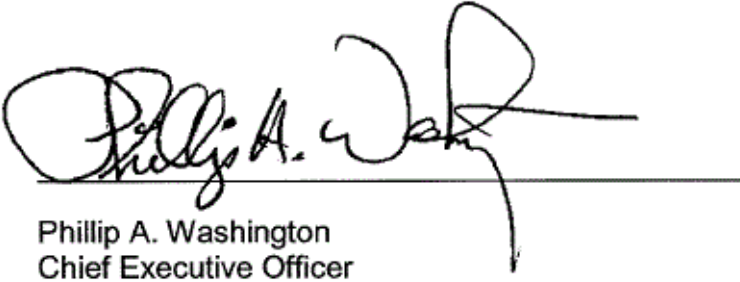
### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Active Transportation Program Project List  
Attachment B - Transit Program Project List  
Attachment C - Highway Efficiency Program Project List

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