



Board Report

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**FINANCE, BUDGET, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

SUBJECT: LOCAL RETURN PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C CAPITAL RESERVE AND LAPSING EXTENSION

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the Cities for their Capital Reserve Accounts as approved; and:

- A. ESTABLISH Proposition A Local Return funded Capital Reserve Account for the Cities of Industry and Lynwood
- B. ESTABLISH Proposition C Local Return funded Capital Reserve Account for the Cities of Beverly Hills, Manhattan Beach, Pomona, Redondo Beach, San Marino, and Whittier
- C. AUTHORIZE a one-time, one year extension of Local Return funds allocated in FY20 or previously, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ISSUE

A local jurisdiction may need additional time to accumulate sufficient funding to implement a project, or to avoid lapsing of funds. This year in particular, many cities may require a lapsing extension due to the limited spending caused by project shut down during the Safer at Home Order. Metro staff is requesting that the lapsing policy be extended by one year to assist all cities with their spending.

BACKGROUND

According to the Local Return Guidelines, Board approval is required if there is a need to extend beyond the normal lapsing deadline for Local Return funds. Typically, the local jurisdiction requests that funding be dedicated in a Capital Reserve Account. Once approved, a local jurisdiction may be allowed additional years to accumulate and expend its Local Return funds from the date that the funds are made available.

DISCUSSION

Staff uses a First-In-First-Out (FIFO) calculation to determine if a city may be in jeopardy of losing their Local Return Funds. Proposition A and Proposition C utilizes a “three year plus current year” period for a total of four years for the timely use of funds.

Local Return Guidelines have a timely-use-of funds requirement with a lapsing deadline. However, Capital Reserve Accounts are permitted with approval from the Board of Directors. These accounts may be established so that Local Angeles County local jurisdictions may extend the life of their Local Return revenue to accommodate longer term financial and planning commitments for specific capital projects.

Should Local Return funds lapse due to time constraints, per Local Return Guidelines, those lapsed funds would then be returned to LACMTA so that the Board may redistribute the funds to jurisdictions for discretionary programs of county-wide significance or redistribute to each Los Angeles County local jurisdiction by formula on a per capita basis.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Approval of the new Capital Reserve Accounts will allow for projects such as a Park and Ride Lot, Transit Center, and Street and Bicycle Path improvements, which would provide for additional safety features with local communities. (See Attachment A for detailed list of projects.)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adoption of staff recommendations would have no impact on the LACMTA Budget, or on LACMTA’s Financial Statements. The Capital Reserve Account funds originate from Propositions A & C and Measure R funds, as specified that are allocated to each Los Angeles County local jurisdiction by formula and are held by each City. Some of the city’s funds could lapse due to time constraints and other cities with small apportionments may need additional time to accumulate the needed funds for capital projects.

Impact to Budget

Adoption of staff recommendations would have no impact on the LACMTA Budget as these funds have been previously disbursed to the cities.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Recommendation supports Metro’s Strategic Plan Goals #1 and #2 by improving mobility, ease of travel, and safety. Attachment A shows the the Local Jurisdictions’ apportionment of the funds and the improvement projects that assist in achieving those goals.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Should the Board choose not to approve the recommendations above, which staff does not recommend, the Cities may not be able to accumulate sufficient funds necessary to implement the capital projects as described in Attachment A and the projects may not be constructed in a timely manner.

NEXT STEPS

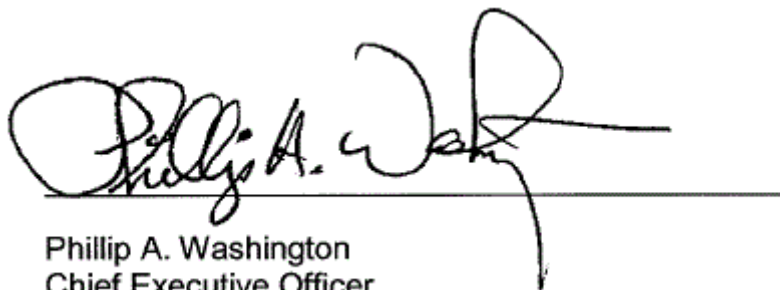
With Board approval of our recommendation, staff will negotiate and execute all necessary agreements between LACMTA and the listed cities for their Capital Reserve Accounts as approved. Staff will continue to monitor the accounts, including the annual Local Return audit, to ensure that the cities comply with the Local Return Guidelines and the terms of the agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Project Summary for Proposed Capital Reserve Accounts

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