



Board Report

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 20, 2021**

**SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM - WESTSIDE CITIES
SUBREGION**

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

- A. APPROVING programming of \$26,151,339 in Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Active Transportation 1st/Last Mile Connections Program; 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 an MSP five-year plan (Plan) and project list. Based on the amount provided in the Measure M Expenditure Plan, a total of \$27,303,860 was forecasted to be available for programming, from Fiscal Years (FY) 2017-18 to FY 2023-24, to the Westside Cities Subregion (Subregion) in the Active Transportation 1st/Last Mile Connection Program (expenditure line 51).

The Board’s approval is required to program funds to these projects which 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 was signed by the CEO on February 2, 2018.

The Subregion includes the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, the City of Los Angeles (Districts 5 and 11) and the County of Los Angeles (Districts 2, 3, and 4). On July 16, 2018, a Funding Agreement was executed between Metro and the Westside Cities Council of

Governments (WCCOG) for the Planning Activities (Plan development and updates) for the MSP. The WCCOG and its consultants led the Plan development process, which included working with the member agencies along with the public participation process. The WCCOG 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 few months, Metro staff worked closely with WCCOG, its consultant and the implementing agencies on project eligibility reviews of the proposed projects for this update. Metro required, during staff review, a detailed project scope of work to confirm eligibility - and establish the program nexus, i.e., project location and limits, length, elements, phase(s), total expenses and funding request, schedule, etc. This level of detail will ensure timeliness of the execution of the project Funding Agreements once the Metro Board approves the projects. For those proposed projects that will have programming of funds in FY 2022-23 and beyond, Metro accepted high level (but focused and relevant) project scope of work during the review process. Metro staff will work on the details with the WCCOG and the implementing agencies 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 Measure M Master 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. The WCCOG along with member agencies 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 Subregion projects will not have any adverse safety impacts on Metro's employees or patrons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In FY 2020-21, \$4.07 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (subsidies budget - Planning) for the Active Transportation Program (Project #474401). Upon approval of this action, staff will reallocate necessary funds to appropriate projects within Cost Centers 0441. Since these are multi-year projects, Cost Center 0441 will be responsible for budgeting the cost in future years.

Impact to Budget

The sources of funds for these projects are Measure M Highway Construction 17%. 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 additional programming of funds for the Measure M MSP projects for the 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

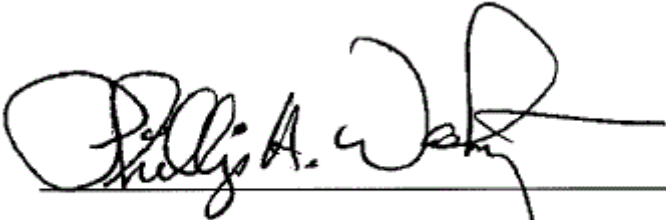
Upon Board approval, respective implementing agencies will be notified, and Funding Agreements will be executed with those who have funds programmed in FY 2020-21. Staff will continue to work with the WCCOG and the implementing agencies to identify and implement projects. Program/Project updates will be provided to the Board on an annual basis.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Active Transportation 1st/Last Mile Connection Program Project List

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