



**Board Report**

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
APRIL 14, 2021**

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

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING:

1. Programming of additional \$2,204,941 within the capacity of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Active Transportation Program, as shown in Attachment A;
2. Programming of additional \$3,425,000 within the capacity of Measure M MSP - Transit Program, as shown in Attachment B;

B. DELEGATING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his designee the authority to:

1. Amend Measure M MSP funding agreements to modify the scope of work of projects and project development phases consistent with eligibility requirements;
2. Administratively extend funding agreement lapse dates for Measure M MSP funding agreements to meet environmental, design, right-of-way and construction time frames; and

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

**ISSUE**

Measure M MSPs are included in the Measure M Expenditure Plan. All MSP funds are limited to capital projects. The annual update approves additional eligible projects for funding and allows the North County Subregion and implementing agencies to revise scope of work and schedule, amend project budgets as well as remove projects.

This update includes changes to projects which have received Board approval and funding allocation

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for new projects. Funds are programmed through Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24. The Board's approval is required to program additional funds and update the project lists (Attachments A, B and C) which serve as the basis for Metro to enter into agreements and/or amendments with the respective implementing agencies.

## **DISCUSSION**

In February 2019, the Metro Board of Directors approved North County Subregion's first MSP Five-Year Plan and programmed funds in: 1) Measure M MSP - Active Transportation Program (expenditure line 52); 2) Measure M MSP - Transit Program (expenditure line 64); and 3) Measure M MSP - Highway Efficiency Program (expenditure line 81).

Metro staff continued working closely with the North County Transportation Coalition Joint Powers Authority (NCTC JPA) and the implementing agencies on project eligibility reviews of the proposed projects for this annual 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, and 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 NCTC JPA 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.

The changes in this annual update include deobligation of three previously approved projects, and \$5,629,941 in additional programming for ten existing and three new projects.

### Active Transportation (expenditure line 52)

This update includes funding adjustments to nine existing projects and three new projects as follows:

#### *Santa Clarita*

- Deobligate \$648,000 from MM4501.08 - Citywide Bicycle Facilities Project. The City requested the funds to be reallocated to other priority project.
- Program an additional \$42,000 and reprogram all funds to FY 24 for MM4501.09 - Santa Clara River Trail Gap Closure Project. The City has delayed implementation of the project. The funds will be used to complete the Plans Specification and Estimates (PS&E) and right-of-way (ROW) phases of the project.
- Reprogram \$624,000 as follows: \$51,000 in FY 19 and \$573,000 in FY 21 for MM4501.10 - Sierra Highway Sidewalk Improvements Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.

- Program an additional \$28,000 and reprogram all funds to FY 22 for MM4501.11 - Valencia Industrial Center Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Phase I Project. The City has delayed implementation of the project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E, ROW and construction phases of the project.
- Program an additional \$47,700 and reprogram all funds to FY 23 for MM4501.14 - Valencia Industrial Center Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Phase II Project. The City has delayed implementation of the project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E, ROW and construction phases of the project.
- Deobligate \$720,000 from MM4501.15 - Railroad Avenue Class I Trail. The City no longer needs the funding for this project.
- Program \$650,000 in FY 21 for MM4501.17 - Newhall Area Bicycle Facility Project. The funds will be used to complete PS&E and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$666,900 in FY22 for MM4501.18 - Saugus Phase I: Bouquet Canyon Trail to Central Park Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E, ROW and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$683,600 in FY 22 for MM4501.19 - Saugus Phase II: Bouquet Canyon Trail Central Park to Haskell Cyn Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E phase of the project.

### *Los Angeles County*

- Deobligate \$1,029,259 from MM4501.12 - Elizabeth Lake Road Bikeways. \$20,741 remains with the project. The County requested the deobligated funds to be reallocated to other priority projects.
- Program an additional \$1,600,000 in FY 24 and the funds are programmed as follows: \$50,000 in FY 20, \$300,000 in FY 21, \$400,000 in FY 22, \$1,250,000 in FY 23 and \$1,600,000 in FY 24 for MM4501.13 - Lake Los Angeles Pedestrian Plan Implementation Phase 1. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E, ROW and construction phases of the project.
- Program an additional \$884,000 in FY 24 and the funds are programmed as follows: \$442,000 in FY 22, \$884,000 in FY 23 and \$884,000 in FY 24 for MM4501.16 - 30<sup>th</sup> Street West Active Transportation Improvements. The project will traverse both the City of Lancaster and Los Angeles County, but the Los Angeles County will be the lead agency for the project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E, ROW and construction phases of the project.

### Transit Program (expenditure line 64)

This update includes funding adjustments to three existing projects as follows:

*Santa Clarita*

- Reprogram \$892,000 as follows: \$80,000 in FY 22 and \$812,000 in FY 23 for MM4502.02 - Valencia Industrial Center Bus Stop Improvement Project. Update the project funding phases to include PS&E, ROW and construction phases.
- Reprogram \$2,180,000 as follows: \$1,090,000 in FY23 and \$1,090,000 in FY 24 for MM4502.03 - Vista Canyon Bus Service Expansion Project. The funds will be used to complete vehicle purchases phase of the project.

*Metro/MetroLink*

- Program an additional \$3,425,000 in FY 24 and the funds are programmed as follows: \$4,170,961 in FY 20, \$2,429,039 in FY 21, \$6,150,000 in FY 23 and \$3,425,000 in FY 24 for MM4502.06 - MetroLink Antelope Valley Line. The funds will be used for the environmental and PS&E phases of the project that Metro and MetroLink have been tasked to lead.

Highway Efficiency Program (expenditure line 81)

This update includes funding adjustments to one existing project as follows:

*North County Transportation Coalition*

- Reprogram \$4,700,000 as follows: \$2,000,000 in FY 22, \$1,350,000 in FY 23 and \$1,350,000 in FY 24 for MM5504.02 - SR-14 Capacity Enhancement/ Operational Improvement. The total programmed budget remains unchanged at \$4,700,000.

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 NCTC JPA along with member agencies 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 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 to Others) for the Active Transportation Program (Project #474401), \$3.09 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (Subsidies

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to Others) for the Transit Program (Project #474102) and \$435,000 is budgeted in Cost Center 0442 (Highway Subsidies) for the Highway Efficiency Program (Project #475504). Upon approval of this action, staff will reallocate necessary funds to appropriate projects within Cost Centers 0441 and 0442. Since these are multi-year projects, Cost Centers 0441 and 0442 will be responsible for budgeting the cost in future years.

### Impact to Budget

The source of funds for these projects are Measure M Highway Construction 17% and Measure M Transit Construction 35%. 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 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**

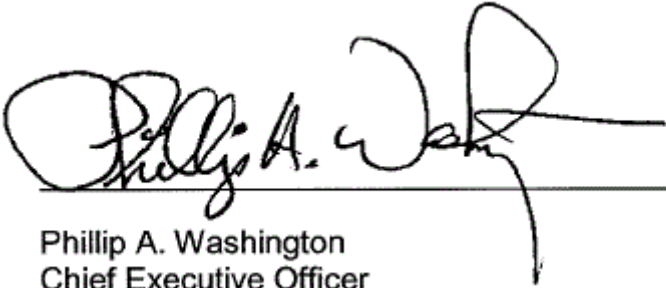
Metro staff will continue to work with the Subregion to identify and deliver projects. Program/Project updates will be provided to the Board on an annual basis.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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

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