



**Board Report**

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

**SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM & MEASURE R TRANSIT INVESTMENTS PROGRAM UPDATE - SOUTH BAY SUBREGION**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING:

1. Programming of an additional \$2,157,200 within the capacity of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (Expenditure Line 50), as shown in Attachment A;
2. Programming of an additional \$28,498,120 within the capacity of Measure M MSP - Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (Expenditure Line 66), as shown in Attachment C;
3. Programming of an additional \$113,230,555 within the capacity of Measure R South Bay Transit Investments Program, shown in Attachment D; and

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

1. Amend Measure M MSP and Measure R Transit Investments Program 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 and Measure R Transit Investments Program funding agreements to meet environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction time frames; and

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

**ISSUE**

Measure M MSPs and Measure R South Bay Transit Investments Programs, whose funds are limited to capital uses, are included in the Measure M and/or Measure R Expenditure Plans. The update approves additional eligible projects for funding and allows the South Bay Subregion and implementing agencies to revise scopes of work, schedules, and project budgets. This update includes changes to projects that previously received prior Board approvals and funding allocations.

The Board's approval is required to program additional funds and acknowledge the updated project lists, which will serve as the basis for Metro to enter into funding agreements and/or amendments with the respective implementing agencies.

## **BACKGROUND**

On May 24, 2018, a Funding Agreement was executed between Metro and the South Bay cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) for the Planning Activities (Plan development and updates) for the MSPs. This fiscal year, staff will work with the SBCCOG to amend the Funding Agreement to incorporate the planning activities for the Local Travel Network (LTN) and LTN Wayfinding and Sharrow Design initiatives included in the SBCCOG annual work plan.

In September 2019, the Metro Board of Directors approved South Bay Subregion's first MSP Five-Year Plan and programmed funds in: 1) Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (expenditure line 50); 2) South Bay Highway Operational Improvements (expenditure line 63); and 3) Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (expenditure line 66). In August 2020, as part of the annual update, additional funds were programmed in the South Bay Highway Operational Improvements and Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Programs (expenditure line 66).

In July 2021, the Metro Board of Directors approved the Measure R Ordinance Amendment that authorized the transfer of up to \$400 million from the Measure R Highway Capital Subfund to eligible Transit Capital projects. The South Bay Transit Investments Program was added to the Measure R Expenditure Plan, and the Measure R Transit Investments Program Guidelines were also approved.

## **DISCUSSION**

Metro staff worked closely with the SBCCOG and the implementing agencies on project eligibility reviews for this annual update. To confirm project eligibility and establish the program nexus during project reviews, Metro reviewed detailed scopes of work, project location information, schedules, total estimated expenses, and links between provided information and funding requests. For those proposed projects with funds programming in FY 2023-24 and beyond, Metro accepted higher level, relevant project details for the review process. Through an annual process, Metro staff will work with the SBCCOG and the implementing agencies to update and refine project details. Those projects are proposed for conditional approval as part of this action. 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 and/or the Measure R Transit Investments Program Guidelines.

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The changes in this annual update include additional programming in the Transportation System & Mobility Improvement Programs (Attachments A & C) and the Transit Investments Program (Attachment D). There are no changes in the South Bay Highway Operational Improvements Program (Attachment B).

Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (Expenditure Line 50)

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

*Torrance*

- Program an additional \$2,157,200 in FY 24 for MM4601.05 - Torrance Schools Safety and Accessibility Program. The funds will be used to complete the Plan Specification and Estimates (PS&E) and construction phases of the project.

Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (Expenditure Line 66)

This update includes funding adjustments to one existing project and five new projects as follows:

*LA City*

- Program \$17,518,670 in FYs 23, 24, and 25 for MM5508.14 - Alameda St (South) Widening from Anaheim St to Harry Bridges Blvd Project. The funds will be used to complete the construction phase of the project.

*Manhattan Beach*

- Program an additional \$7,310,000 in FYs 23 and 24 for MM5508.04 - Advanced Traffic Signal System Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.

*Manhattan Beach*

- Program \$1,200,000 in FYs 22 and 23 for MM5508.15 - Aviation Blvd Eastbound Left-Turn Improvements Project. The funds will be used to complete the Project Development, Project Approval/Environmental Document (PAED), PS&E, and construction phases of the project.

*Rolling Hills Estates*

- Program \$229,450 in FYs 22, 23, and 24 for MM4602.10 - Rolling Hills Road Bike Lanes Project. The funds will be used to complete the PAED and PS&E phases of the project.

*Torrance*

- Program \$1,631,000 in FY 22 for MM5508.16 - Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal Project, an existing project funded by Measure R (MR312.23) Highway Operational

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funds. The funds will be used to complete the construction phase of the project.

*Torrance*

- Program \$609,000 in FY 22 for MM5508.17 - Crenshaw Blvd Improvements from Del Amo to Dominguez Street Project, an existing project funded by Measure R (MR312.60) Highway Operational funds. The funds will be used to complete the construction phase of the project.

Measure R Transit Investments Program

This update includes programming to nine new projects as follows:

*Carson*

- Program \$3,525,000 in FYs 22 and 23 for Carson Circuit: Fashion Outlet Regional Transit Center Project. The funds will be used to complete the PAED, PS&E, Right-of-Way (ROW), and construction phases of the project.

*Gardena*

- Program \$12,375,000 in FYs 23 and 24 for GTRANS: Purchase of up to 15 Expansion Buses Project. The funds will be used to complete the construction Capital phase of the project.

*Gardena*

- Program \$2,000,000 in FYs 22 and 23 for GTRANS: Solar Energy Generation/Bus Fueling Infrastructure Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.

*Redondo Beach*

- Program \$32,090,555 in FYs 26, 27, 28, and 29 for Beach Cities Transit: Transit Operations & Maintenance Facility Project. The funds will be used to complete the Environmental, PS&E, and construction phases of the project.

*Torrance*

- Program \$4,500,000 in FYs 22 and 23 for Torrance Transit: Return of the Red Car Urban Circulator Trolley Project. The funds will be used to complete the construction capital phase of the project.

*Torrance*

- Program \$20,000,000 in FYs 22 and 23 for Torrance Transit Expansion Buses Project. The

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funds will be used to complete the construction capital phase of the project.

*Torrance*

- Program \$35,000,000 in FY 22 for Torrance Transit Regional Transit Center Parking Structure Project. The funds will be used to complete the construction capital phase of the project.

*Torrance*

- Program \$240,000 in FYs 22 and 23 for Micro transit Expansion of the Torrance Community Transit Program. The funds will be used to complete the construction capital phase of the project.

*Torrance*

- Program \$3,500,000 in FYs 22 and 23 for Construction of Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project. The funds will be used to complete the construction capital phase of the project.

**DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

In FY 2021-22, \$7.11 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (subsidies budget - Planning) for the Active Transportation Program (Project #474401), and \$11 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0442 (Highway Subsidies) for the Transportation System Mobility Improvement Program (Project #475502). 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.

Funding for Measure R Transit Investments Program projects is not included in the FY 2021-22 budget. The source of funding would be a transfer of available cash from the Measure R highway subfund.

Impact to Budget

The sources of funds for these projects are Measure M Highway Construction 17% and Measure R Transit Capital. These fund sources are not eligible for Metro bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

**EQUITY PLATFORM**

This report seeks board approval of programming of funds, as proposed by the cities and/or

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implementing agencies and approved by the South Bay Subregion. Cities and/or implementing agencies lead and prioritize all proposed transportation improvements, including procurement, the environmental process, outreach, final design, and construction. Metro will continue to work with the SBCCOG and cities to encourage engagement of stakeholders, including those with the greatest mobility needs, that can enhance continued efforts to fund projects that improve transportation deficiencies.

The Subregion consists of 15 cities and the adjacent unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Cities within the defined South Bay subregional boundary of the Measure M and Measure R programs are equity-focused cities/communities including Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, City of Los Angeles, unincorporated County of Los Angeles. Based on the scopes submitted to Metro by the implementing agencies, local improvements have historically been within the public right-of-way and focused on infrastructure upgrades and/or enhancements such as, traffic signal upgrades, signal synchronization, turn pockets, intersection, curb, sidewalk, bike lanes, and center median improvements.

Future annual subregional reports presented to the Board for approval will identify any project level issues of concerns raised through cities' process.

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

The 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 and Measure R Transit Investments Program projects for the South Bay Subregion. This is not recommended as the Subregion developed the proposed projects in accordance with the Measure M Ordinance, Guidelines and the Administrative Procedures, as well as the Measure R Transit Investments Program Guidelines.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Metro staff will continue to work with the Subregion to identify and deliver projects. Funding Agreements will be executed with those who have funds programmed in FY 2021-22. Program/Project updates will be provided to the Board on an annual basis.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment A - Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (expenditure line 50)  
Project List

Attachment B - South Bay Highway Operational Improvements Program (expenditure line 63) Project  
List

Attachment C - Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (expenditure line 66)  
Project List

Attachment D - Measure R Transit Investments Program Project List

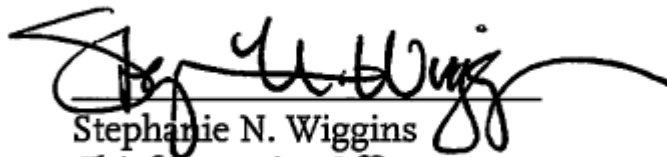
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