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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE JUNE 15, 2022

SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM - CENTRAL CITY SUBREGION

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

- A. PROGRAMMING of \$18,623,792 within the capacity of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Active Transportation, First/Last Mile and Mobility Hubs Program; as shown in Attachment A;
- B. DELEGATING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their 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 their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for approved projects.

<u>ISSUE</u>

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 \$18,873,374 was forecasted to be available for programming, from Fiscal Years (FY) 2017-18 to FY 2024-25, to the Central City Subregion in the Active Transportation, First/Last Mile and Mobility Hubs Program (expenditure line 55).

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.

BACKGROUND

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.

The Central City Subregion includes only two jurisdictions, City of Los Angeles and unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. The majority of the Central City Subregion is in the City of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has been delegated authority to identify projects and develop the Plan, which included working with both jurisdictions along with the public participation process. The Subregion also adopted Subregional Qualitative Performance Measures including Mobility, Economic Vitality, Accessibility, Safety and Sustainability & Quality of Life, per the Administrative Procedures.

DISCUSSION

In the last few months, Metro staff worked closely with LADOT and LA County 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 the 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 2024-25 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 LADOT and LA County 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 project as required in the Measure M Master Guidelines.

Active Transportation First/Last Mile and Mobility Hubs Program (Expenditure Line 55)

LA City

- Program \$2,790,491 in FY 2022-23 for MM4201.01 Integrated Mobility Hub Program (at or near the following Metro Rail stations: Pershing Square; Pico Station; Grand/ LA Trade Tech; 7th and Metro; Civic Center/ Grand Park; Vermont and Sunset; Vermont and Santa Monica; Hollywood and Vine; Hollywood and Highland; Hollywood and Western). The funds will be used to complete the Plans Specification and Estimates (PS&E), equipment/vehicle and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$400,000 in FYs 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 for MM4201.02 New Pedestrian Crossing at Spring Street and Ann Street Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$447,650 in FYs 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 for MM4201.03 Active Streets LA South

Los Angeles Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.

- Program \$1,303,500 in FYs 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 for MM4201.04 Manchester Elementary Safe Route to School (SRTS) Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$4,400,000 in FYs 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 for MM4201.05 Lockwood Ave Elementary SRTS Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$3,830,000 in FY 2024-25 for MM4201.06 Rail-to-River (Slauson Active Transportation Corridor) Project. The funds will be used to complete the construction phase of the project.
- Program \$2,098,103 in FYs 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 for MM4201.07 Los Angeles Elementary SRTS Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$500,000 in FY 2022-23 for MM4201.08 New Pedestrian Crossing at Crenshaw Boulevard and Brynhurst Avenue. The funds will be used to complete the construction phase of the project.
- Program \$805,815 in FYs 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 for MM4201.09 Esperanza Elementary SRTS Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$733,397 in FY 2022-23 for MM4201.10 Valencia Triangle Plaza Project (in the Westlake MacArthur Park neighborhood). The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.

LA County

 Program \$1,314,836 in FYs 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 for MM4201.11 - East LA Civic Center Station First-Last Mile Improvements Phase 2 Project. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Programming of Measure M MSP funds to the Central City 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 to Others) for the Active

Transportation Program (Project #474401). Upon approval of this action, staff will reallocate necessary funds to appropriate projects within Cost Center 0441. Since these are multi-year projects, Cost Center 0441 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%. This fund source is not eligible for Metro bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

EQUITY PLATFORM

Equity Focus Communities (EFCs) are concentrated in both jurisdictions in this subregion. The report seeks board approval to fund eligible Measure M MSP projects. All 11 projects seeking for Measure MSP funds are almost entirely within EFCs. The jurisdictional requests are proposed and approved/forwarded by the subregion. In line with the Metro Board adopted guidelines during the eligibility review process, both jurisdictions provide documentation that demonstrates community support, project need, and transportation benefits. Jurisdictions lead and prioritize all proposed transportation improvements, including procurement, the environmental process, outreach, final design, and construction. Each jurisdiction independently and in coordination with the subregion undertake their jurisdictionally determined community engagement process specific to the type of transportation improvement they seek to develop. These locally determined and prioritized projects represent the needs of jurisdictions.

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 projects for the Central City 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, First/Last Mile and Mobility Hubs Program Project List

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