



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
MAY 15, 2019

SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM - ARROYO VERDUGO  
SUBREGION

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING:

1. Programming of \$3,958,591 in Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Program (Attachment A);
2. Programming of \$10,793,663 in Measure M MSP - Transit Program (Attachment B);
3. Inter-program borrowing and programming of \$7,131,180 from Subregion’s Measure M MSP - Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets and Transit Programs to Active Transportation Program (Attachment C);
4. Inter-program borrowing and programming of \$1,140,000 from Subregion’s Measure M MSP - Transit Program to Highway Efficiency, Noise Mitigation and Arterial Program (Attachment D); 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 the MSP five-year plan (Plan) and project list. Based on the amount provided in the Measure M Expenditure Plan, a total amount of \$24,160,402 was forecasted to be available for programming in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 to FY 2021-22, to the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion (Subregion) in two Programs: 1) Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets (expenditure line 62); and 2) Transit (expenditure line 65). The Subregion identified several priority projects that are eligible for the Active Transportation and Highway Efficiency, Noise Mitigation

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and Arterial Programs (expenditure lines 71 and 83 - funds scheduled to be available in 2033 and 2048, respectively) and elected to borrow from the Modal Connectivity/Complete Streets and Transit Programs to advance the projects. Board approval is necessary to program the funds to these projects and 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 Arroyo Verdugo Subregion consists of member agencies from the cities of Burbank, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena and adjacent unincorporated area of Crescenta Valley/Montrose within Los Angeles County. On April 27, 2018, a Funding Agreement was executed between Metro and the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA) for the Planning Activities (Plan development and updates) for the MSP. The AVCJPA along with its consultant led the Plan development process, which included working with the member agencies along with the public participation process. The AVCJPA 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 several months, Metro staff worked closely with the AVCJPA and the implementing agencies on project eligibility reviews of the proposed projects. For those proposed projects that are to be programmed in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 (near term - first two programming years), Metro required a detailed project scope of work during staff review for eligibility and program nexus during the Plan development process, i.e. project location and limits, length, project elements, project phase(s), total project expenses and funding requested, project schedule, etc. This level of detail will ensure timeliness of the Project Funding Agreement execution once the Metro Board approves the Plan. For those proposed projects that will have programming funds in FY 2020-21 and beyond, Metro accepted high level (but focused and relevant) project scope of work during the review process. Metro staff will work with the Subregion and the implementing agencies on the details 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 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 AVCJPA along with the cities of Burbank, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena and adjacent unincorporated area of Crescenta Valley/Montrose within 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.

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## **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

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

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Project expenditures are not expected to occur in FY19. Since these are multi-year projects, Cost Centers 0441 (Planning - Subsidies to Others), 0442 (Highway Subsidies) and the Chief Planning Officer will be responsible for budgeting the cost in future years.

### **Impact to Budget**

The sources of funds for these projects are Measure M Transit, First/Last Mile (Capital) and Highway, Active Transportation, Complete Streets (Capital). 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 programming of funds for the Measure M MSP projects for the Arroyo Verdugo 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 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. Staff will continue to work with the AVCJPA and the implementing agencies to identify and implement projects. Annual updates will be provided to the Board.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Program Project List  
Attachment B - Transit Program Project List

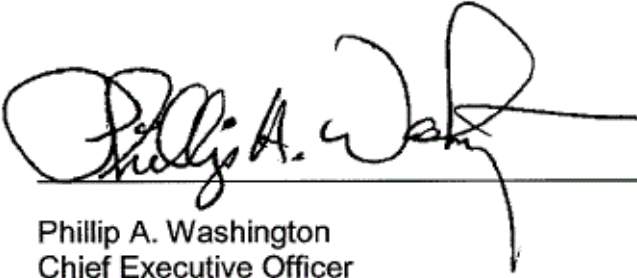
Attachment C - Active Transportation Program Project List

Attachment D - Highway Efficiency, Noise Mitigation and Arterial Program Project List

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