



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
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**SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM - SAN GABRIEL  
SUBREGION**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING:

1. Programming of \$497,474 in Measure M MSP - Bus System Improvement Program (Attachment A);
2. Inter-program borrowing and programming of \$14,676,801 from subregion’s Measure M Multi-year Subregional Program (MSP) - Bus System Improvement and Highway Demand Based Programs to Active Transportation Program (Attachment B);
3. Inter-program borrowing and programming of \$16,890,775 from subregion’s Measure M MSP - Highway Demand Based Program to to First/Last Mile and Complete Streets Program (Attachment C);
4. Inter-program borrowing and programming of \$5,273,500 from subregion’s Measure M MSP - Highway Demand Based Program to Highway Efficiency 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 \$37,627,287 was forecasted to be available for programming in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 to FY 2021-22, to the San Gabriel Subregion (Subregion) in four Programs: 1) Active Transportation (expenditure line 54); and 2) Bus System Improvement (expenditure line 58); 3) First/Last Mile and Complete Streets

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Program (expenditure line 59); and 4) Highway Demand Based (expenditure line 60). The Subregion elected to borrow from the Bus System Improvement and Highway Demand Based Programs to fund additional projects eligible for the Active Transportation, First/Last Mile and Complete Streets Programs. The Subregion also identified one priority projects that is eligible for the Highway Efficiency Program (expenditure line 82 - funds scheduled to be available in 2048) and elected to borrow from the Highway Demand Based Program to advance the project. 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 San Gabriel Subregion consists of 30 cities and unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5. On July 6, 2018, a Funding Agreement was executed between Metro and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) for the Planning Activities (Plan development and updates) for the MSP. The SGVCOG led the Plan development process, which included working with the member agencies along with the public participation process. The SGVCOG 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 SGVCOG 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, and project schedule, etc. This level of detail will ensure timeliness of the Project Funding Agreements 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 SGVCOG along with member agencies and unincorporated area within Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5 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 San Gabriel 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 San Gabriel 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 SGVCOG and the implementing agencies to identify and implement projects. Annual updates will be provided to the Board.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Bus System Improvement Program Project List

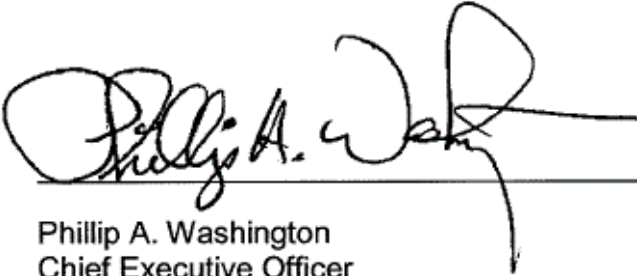
Attachment B - Active Transportation Program Project List

Attachment C - First/Last Mile and Complete Streets Program Project List

Attachment D - Highway Efficiency Program Project List

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