



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
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**SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE - ARROYO
VERDUGO SUBREGION**

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

- A. REPROGRAMMING of projects in the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Program, as shown in Attachment A; and
- 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 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 allows the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion and implementing agencies to revise the schedule. The Subregion will consider adding eligible projects in future updates.

This update includes changes to projects which have received Board approval in 2020. Funds are programmed through Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24. The Board’s approval is required to update the project list (Attachments A), which serves as the basis for Metro to enter into agreements and/or amendments with the respective implementing agencies.

BACKGROUND

In May 2019, the Metro Board of Directors approved Arroyo Verdugo Subregion's first MSP Five-Year Plan and programmed funds in: 1) Modal Connectivity/Complete Streets (expenditure line 62); and 2) Transit (expenditure line 65). The Subregion also identified several priority projects that were eligible for the Active Transportation and Highway Efficiency/Noise Mitigation/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 those projects.

In November 2020, as part of the annual update, additional funds were programmed in the Modal Connectivity/Complete Streets, Transit, and Active Transportation Programs. All funds previously programmed under the Highway Efficiency/Noise Mitigation/Arterial Program were deobligated at the request of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA) and the implementing agency.

DISCUSSION

For this update, Metro staff continued working closely with the AVCJPA and the implementing agencies on project schedule changes. The changes in this update include reprogramming of two previously approved projects in the Modal Connectivity/Complete Streets Program. There are no changes in the Transit (Attachment B) and Active Transportation (Attachment C) Programs.

Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets (expenditure line 62)

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

La Canada Flintridge

- Reprogram \$953,919 from FY 2018-19 to FY 2021-22 for MM4101.02 - Foothill Blvd. Link Bikeway and Pedestrian Greenbelt Project. The funds will be used to complete the construction phase of the project.

Pasadena

- Reprogram \$1,800,000 as follows: \$300,000 in FY 2020-21 and \$1,500,000 in FY 2021-22 for MM4101.03 - Avenue 64 Complete Street Project. The funds will be used for Plans Specification and Estimates (PS&E) and construction phases of the project.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Programming Measure M MSP funds to the Arroyo Verdugo 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 \$3.46 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0441

(subsidies budget - Planning) for the Transit Program (Project #474102). Upon approval of this action, staff will reallocate necessary funds to appropriate projects within Cost Centers 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% and Measure M Transit Construction 35%. These fund sources are not eligible for Metro bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

EQUITY PLATFORM

This report seeks board approval of the reprogramming of funds previously approved for Measure M MSP funds, as proposed by the cities and/or implementing agencies and approved by the 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 AVCJPA and cities to encourage them to reach out to broader stakeholders to fund projects that improve transportation deficiencies.

The Arroyo Verdugo Subregion consists of member agencies from the cities of Burbank, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena and the adjacent unincorporated area of Crescenta Valley/Montrose within Los Angeles County. Cities within the defined Arroyo Verdugo subregional boundary of the Measure M programs that are equity-focused cities/communities, including Burbank and Glendale, have and will continue to develop projects that provide benefits and opportunities to their residents, including the underserved groups. Based on the scopes submitted to Metro by the implementing agencies, local improvements are generally within the public right-of-way and are infrastructure upgrades and/or enhancements such as, curb, sidewalk, bike lane 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 lead the development and implementation of their projects.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could elect not to approve the reprogramming of funds for the Measure M MSP projects for the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion. This is not recommended as the Subregion developed the proposed changes in accordance with the Measure M Ordinance, Guidelines, and 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

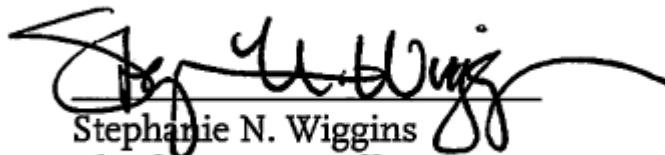
Attachment A - Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Program Project List

Attachment B - Transit Program Project List

Attachment C - Active Transportation Program Project List

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