



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE - GATEWAY CITIES SUBREGION

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

- A. PROGRAMMING an additional \$21,011,308 within the capacity of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - I-605 Corridor “Hot Spot” Interchange Improvements Multi-Modal Program; as shown in Attachment A;
- B. REPROGRAMMING of projects previously approved to meet environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction time frames; and
- C. 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 revised project schedule, and
- D. AUTHORIZING the CEO or their 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. The annual update approves additional eligible projects for funding and allows the Gateway Cities Subregion and implementing agencies to revise the scope of work, schedule, and amend project budget.

This update includes changes to projects which have received prior Board approval and funding allocation for new projects. Funds are programmed through Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25. The Board’s

approval is required to update the project lists (Attachments A), which serve as the basis for Metro to enter into agreements and/or amendments with the respective implementing agencies.

BACKGROUND

In November 2019, the Metro Board of Directors approved Gateway Cities Subregion's first MSP Five-Year Plan and programmed funds in the I-605 Corridor "Hot Spot" Interchange Improvements Program (Expenditure Line 61). The I-605 Corridor "Hot Spot" Interchange Improvements Program is one of the MSPs and independent from the I-605 Corridor Improvement Project.

DISCUSSION

Metro staff continued working closely with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) and the implementing agencies on project eligibility reviews of the proposed scope of work change and project schedule changes for this annual 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 2023-24 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 GCCOG and the implementing agencies 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 Measure M Master Guidelines.

The changes in this annual update include the programming of four new projects and funding adjustments for two previously approved projects, as follows:

I-605 Corridor "Hot Spot" Interchange Improvements Program (Expenditure Line 61)

Bellflower

- Program an additional \$57,041 in FY 2022-23 for MM5509.01 - Lakewood Blvd Arterial Improvement Project. The funds will be used to complete Plans Specification and Estimates (PS&E) and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$850,000 in FYs 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 for MM5509.08 - Foster Road Traffic Signal Upgrades Project. The funds will be used for PS&E and construction phases of the project.

Long Beach

- Program \$13,668,000 in FYs 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 for MM5509.09 - Artesia "Great" Street Project. The funds will be used for PS&E and construction phases of the project. This

project also received funds from the Call for Projects and Measure R Highway funds.

Norwalk

- Reprogram \$13,284,900 as follows: \$3,284,900 in FY 2022-23, \$5,000,000 in FY 2023-24 and \$5,000,000 in FY 2024-25 for MM5509.06 - Firestone Blvd Widening Project, Phase I. The funds will be used for environmental, PS&E and construction phases of the project.

Pico Rivera

- Program \$2,697,000 in FYs 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 for MM4302.01 - Pico Rivera Regional Bikeway Project. The funds will be used for PS&E and construction phases of the project.
- Program \$3,739,267 in FYs 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 for MM5509.10 - Washington Blvd. Bridget Reconstruction Project. The funds will be used for PS&E and construction phases of the project.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In FY 2021-22, \$500,000 is budgeted in Cost Center 0442 (Highway Subsidies) for the I-605 Corridor "Hot Spot" Interchange Improvements Program (Project 475509). Upon approval of this action, staff will reallocate necessary funds to appropriate projects within Cost Centers 0441 (Subsidies to Others) and 0442. Since these are multi-year projects, Cost Centers 0441 and 0442 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

The Gateway Cities Subregion consists of 27 cities and unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County. Equity Focus Communities (EFCs) are concentrated in Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, Industry, La Mirada, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, Vernon, and Whittier. The report seeks board approval to fund eligible Measure M MSP projects. The jurisdictional requests are proposed by the cities and approved/forwarded by the subregion. In line with the Metro Board adopted guidelines during the eligibility review process, cities provide documentation that demonstrates community support, project need, and transportation benefits. Cities lead and prioritize all proposed transportation

improvements, including procurement, the environmental process, outreach, final design, and construction. Each city and/or agency 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 cities.

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 Gateway Cities Subregion. This is not recommended as the subregion developed the proposed projects in accordance with the Measure M Ordinance, Guidelines and Administrative Procedures.

NEXT STEPS

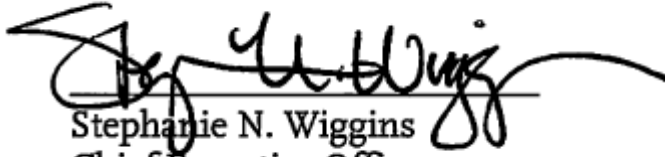
Metro staff will continue to work with the subregion to identify and deliver projects. Program/Project updates will be provided to the Board on an annual basis.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - I-605 Corridor “Hot Spot” Interchange Improvements Program Projects

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