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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
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**SUBJECT: MEASURE R MULTIMODAL HIGHWAY SUBREGIONAL PROGRAMS UPDATE**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING \$18,928,000 in additional programming and funding changes within the capacity of the Measure R Multimodal Highway Subregional Programs (see Attachment A for updated project list):

- Las Virgenes Malibu Operational Improvements
- Gateway Cities I-605 Corridor “Hot-Spots” Interchange Improvements
- Gateway Cities I-710 South Early Action
- North Los Angeles County SR-138 Safety Enhancements
- North Los Angeles County I-5/SR-14 Safety Enhancements
- South Bay I-405, I-110, I-105 & SR-91 Improvements

B. APPROVING the deobligation of \$26,892,000 of previously approved Measure R Multimodal Highway Subregional Program funds for re-allocation to other existing Board-approved Measure R projects;

C. DELEGATING the Chief Executive Officer or their designee the authority to:

1. Amend Measure R 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 R funding agreements to meet environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction time frames; and

D. AUTHORIZING the CEO or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for the Board-approved projects.

## **ISSUE**

The Measure R Multimodal Subregional Programs update allows Metro staff and each lead agency to revise project priorities and amend budgets for the implementation of the Measure R Multimodal subregional projects. The attached updated project lists include projects which have received prior Board approval, as well as proposed changes related to schedules, scope, and funding allocations for existing and new projects. The Board's approval is required as the updated project lists serve as the basis for Metro to enter into agreements with the respective implementing agencies.

## **BACKGROUND**

Measure R Expenditure Plan Lines 26, 31, 32, 33, 37, and 38 allocate funds for multimodal highway operational improvement subfund programs. Metro staff leads the implementation and development of multi-jurisdictional and regionally significant highway and arterial projects. Staff also leads projects on behalf of local jurisdictions at their request or assists in the development of projects with these subfunds.

Additionally, the Compete Streets and Highways staff manage grants in the Arroyo Verdugo, Las Virgenes Malibu, Gateway, North Los Angeles County, and South Bay subregions to fund transportation improvements that are developed and prioritized locally. Lead agencies develop the scope and type of improvements and Metro staff reviews the project for eligibility and compliance with the Board-adopted guidelines and objectives for multimodal highway investments. To be eligible for funding, projects must reduce congestion, resolve operational deficiencies and improve safety, pedestrian, bicycle, multimodal access and align with the Board-adopted Objectives for Multimodal Highway Investments (File 2022-0302).

As the project lead for regionally significant multi-jurisdictional projects or grant manager to locally prioritized projects, Metro staff works with cities, subregions, and grant recipients to scope and deliver the projects. Updates on the multimodal highway programs are presented to the Board semi-annually and on an as-needed basis. background information.

## **DISCUSSION**

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The multimodal subregional highway capital projects are not individually defined in the Measure R Expenditure Plan. Eligible projects are identified by project sponsors and validated/approved by Metro staff for funding.

The changes in this update include \$18,928,000 in additional programming for projects in the Las Virgenes Malibu, Gateway and North Los Angeles County and South Bay subregions as detailed in Attachment A. A nexus determination has been completed for each new project.

All projects on the attached project lists are expected to provide operational benefits and meet the Board-adopted Highway Operational and Ramp/Interchange improvement guidelines and Objectives for Multimodal Highway Investments.

### **Las Virgenes Malibu Operational Improvements**

A total of \$168,196,000 has been programmed for projects in the subregion. This update includes funding adjustments for 1 project and 5 new projects.

#### **Calabasas**

Program \$400,000 for MR311.12 - Calabasas Traffic Signal System Upgrade and Synchronization Project. The total project budget is \$400,000. Funds will be used for the final design and construction of traffic signal, controller, video detection and surveillance upgrades.

Program \$2,888,000 for MR311.13 - Mulholland Hwy Improvements Project - Old Topanga Canyon Road to City Limits. The total project budget is \$2,888,000. Funds will be used for the construction of outside shoulder and retaining wall improvements for bike lane improvements.

#### **Hidden Hills**

Program an additional \$252,000 for MR311.34 - Long Valley Road/Valley Circle/US-101 On-Ramp Improvements. The revised project budget is \$5,952,000. Funds are being programmed for additional construction costs.

#### **Malibu**

Program \$325,000 for MR311.16- Pedestrian Signal Improvements on the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). The total project budget is \$325,000. Funds are being programmed for the design and construction of pedestrian traffic signal improvements.

Program \$5,000,000 for MR311.17 - PCH at Las Flores and Rambla Pacifico Intersection Improvements. The total project budget is \$5,000,000. Funds will environmentally clear, design, and construct left-turn, bike, and pedestrian improvements.

#### **Westlake Village**

Program \$1,305,000 for MR311.21 - Lindero Canyon Rd Sidewalk Extensions. The total project budget is \$1,305,000 for the design and construction of sidewalk and transit stop improvements.

### **Gateway Cities I-605 Corridor “Hot-Spots” Interchange Improvements**

A total of \$421,458,900 has been programmed for projects in the subregion. This update includes funding adjustments for 8 projects.

#### **Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG)**

Deobligate \$100,000 from Gateway Cities Third Party Support Services. This is a programmed placeholder that will not be utilized. Funds are being reprogrammed to other projects.

#### **Metro**

Program an additional \$889,000 for MR315.73 - I-605 Valley Blvd Interchange. The revised project budget is \$5,289,700. Funds are being programmed to match environmental and design contract costs.

#### **Artesia**

Program an additional \$100,000 for MR315.25 - Pioneer Blvd at Arkansas St Intersection Improvements. The revised project budget is \$725,000. Funds are being programmed to match the construction bids.

#### **Cerritos**

Program an additional \$220,000 for MR315.38 - Carmenita - South Intersection Improvements. The revised project budget is \$634,263. Funds are being programmed to match construction bids.

#### **Downey**

Program an additional \$2,693,000 for MR315.66 - Lakewood - Firestone Blvd Intersection Improvements. The revised project budget is \$3,993,000. Funds are being programmed to match the construction bids.

#### **LA County**

Program an additional \$424,859 for MR315.23 - Carmenita Telegraph Intersection Improvements. The revised project budget is \$3,624,859. Funds are being programmed to match the construction bids.

#### **Long Beach**

Program \$301,611 for MR315.59 - EB SR-91 Atlantic to Cherry Auxiliary Lane Improvements - Tree Replacement and Air Filtration Enhancement Project. Funds are being programmed for project development in response to Board Motion File# 2022-0024.

#### **Santa Fe Springs**

Program an additional \$920,000 for MR315.41 - Valley View - Alondra Intersection Improvements. The revised project budget is \$3,587,000. Funds are being programmed to complete right-of-way and construction.

### **Gateway Cities I-710 South Early Action**

A total of \$298,148,200 has been programmed for projects in the subregion. This update includes funding adjustments for 4 projects.

#### **Metro**

Program an additional \$2,223,700 for MR306.61 - Rosecrans Avenue/Atlantic Avenue & Artesia Boulevard/Santa Fe Avenue Intersection Improvements. The revised project budget is \$2,553,200. The funds will be used for the design and right-of-way phase. Metro Complete Streets & Highways is leading the project at the request of the City of Compton.

Program \$6,282,000 for PS4340-1939 - I-710 Corridor Project Task Force/ Mobility Investment Plan Development. This item was approved at the June 23, 2022 meeting, File 2022-0336.

Program \$850,000 for the Long Beach to East Los Angeles Mobility Corridor Investment Plan Outreach and community-based organization (CBO) effort. The funds will support the I-710 Task Force implementation of the Metro Board directive to include CBOs in the outreach of Metro projects.

#### **Bell**

Program an additional \$980,000 for MR306.44 - Gage Ave Bridge Replacement. The revised project budget is \$1,046,847. Funds are being programmed to complete the design.

#### **Long Beach**

Program an additional \$2,656,000 for MR315.70 - Artesia Great Blvd Improvements. The revised project budget is \$12,533,000. Funds are being programmed to match construction bids.

### **North Los Angeles County SR-138 Safety Enhancements**

A total of \$200,000,000 has been programmed for projects in the subregion. This update includes funding adjustments for 4 projects and 1 new project.

#### **Metro**

Deobligate \$5,600,000 from MR330.12 - SR-138 Segment 6 Construction. Funds are being deobligated and reprogrammed to fund the SR-14 Safety Improvements environmental phase as a response to Motion 10 (File 2022-0520).

Program \$5,600,000 for MR330.13 - SR-14 Traffic Safety Improvements. Funds will be used to complete the environmental phase as directed in Motion 10 (File 2022-0520).

### Lancaster

Deobligate \$11,415,814 from MR330.02 - SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue K Interchange. The revised Project budget is \$8,924,186. Funds are being deobligated and reprogrammed to MR330.04 to match the construction bids received.

Deobligate \$6,376,596 from MR330.06 - SR-138 (SR-14) Ave M Interchange. The revised project budget is \$13,623,404. Funds are being deobligated and reprogrammed to MR330.04 to match the construction bids received.

Program an additional \$17,792,410 for MR330.04 - SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue J Interchange. The revised project budget is \$39,067,310. Funds are being programmed to match the construction bids received.

### **North Los Angeles County I-5/SR-14 Safety Enhancements**

A total of \$85,094,900 has been programmed for projects in the subregion. This update includes funding adjustments for 1 project.

### Palmdale

Reprogram \$1,186,200 for MR330.08 - SR-138 Palmdale Blvd SB SR-14 Ramps. The funds are being reprogrammed as follows: \$500,000 in FY23-24 and \$686,200 in FY24-25. Funds are being reprogrammed to match environmental, design and construction timeframes.

### **South Bay I-405, I-110, I-105 & SR-91 Improvements**

A total of \$437,940,300 has been programmed for projects in the subregion. This update includes funding adjustments to 1 project.

Deobligate \$3,400,000 from MR312.82 - PCH (I-105 to I-110) Turn Lanes and Pockets. Funds are being deobligated to match the construction costs. The revised project budget is \$5,000,000.

### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

The multimodal subregional programs support the development of a safer transportation system that will provide high-quality multimodal mobility options to enable people to spend less time traveling.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of Recommendation A will not require an FY23 Budget amendment at this time. Metro staff will monitor the respective projects and adjust funding as required to meet project needs within the adopted FY23 budget subject to the availability of funds.

Funding for the highway projects is from the Measure R 20% Highway Capital subfund earmarked for the subregions. FY23 funds are allocated for Arroyo Verdugo Project No.460310 and Las Virgenes-

Malibu Project No. 460311 under Cost Center 0442 in Account 54001 (Subsidies to Others).

For the South Bay subregion, FY23 funds are allocated in Cost Centers 0442, 4730, 4740, Accounts 54001 (Subsidies to Others) and 50316 (Professional Services) in Projects 460312, 461312, 462312 and 463312.

For the Gateway Cities Subregion, FY23 funding for the I-605 Corridor “Hot Spots” Projects, is allocated to Project No. 460314, Cost Centers 4720, 4730 & 0442, Account 54001 (Subsidies to Others) and account 50316 (Professional Services) in Projects 461314, 462314, 463314, 460345, 460346, 460348, 460350, 460351. I-710 Early Action Project funds have been budgeted in Project No. 460316 in Cost Center 0442, Account 54001 (Subsidies to Others) and also under 462316; 463416; and 463516, 463616 in Account 50316 (Professional Services) in Cost Centers 4720, 4730 and 4740 are all included in the FY23 budget.

The remaining funds are distributed from the Measure R 20% Highway Capital Subfund via funding agreements to Caltrans, and the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster in the FY23 budgets under Cost Center 0442 in Project No. 460330, Account 54001 (Subsidies to Others). For the North County Operational Improvements Projects (I-5/SR-14 Direct Connector Line #26), budgets are included in Project No. 465501, Cost Center 0442, Account 54001 (Subsidies to Others).

Moreover, programmed funds are based on estimated revenues. Since the Measure R Multimodal Highway Subregional Programs are multi-year programs with various projects, the Project Managers, the Cost Center Manager, the Sr. Executive Officer Countywide Planning and Development - Complete Streets and Highways and the Chief Planning Officer will be responsible for budgeting the costs in current and future years.

#### Impact to Budget

This action will not impact the approved FY23 budget. Staff will rebalance the approved FY23 budget as necessary to fund the identified priorities and will revisit the budgetary needs using the quarterly- and mid-year adjustment processes subject to the availability of funds.

The source of funds for these projects is Measure R 20% Highway Funds. This fund source is not eligible for transit operations or capital expenses.

#### **EQUITY PLATFORM**

This semi-annual update is funding subsequent phases of Board-approved Highway Subsidy grants that are aligned with the Measure R Board-approved guidelines and the Objectives for Multimodal Highway Investments. Additionally, Complete Streets and Highways staff have provided technical assistance to Equity Focus Communities (EFCs) in various subregions. The Highway Subsidy Grants do not have a direct equity impact, rather it will allow for the development of equity opportunities via the development of transportation project improvements through city contracts that can reduce transportation disparities.

Each city and/or agency independently and in coordination with their subregion undertake their

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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. This update includes additional funding for the following EFC communities, Bell, Compton, Downey, LA County, Long Beach.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The recommendation supports strategic plan goals:

“Goal 1: Provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling”

Goal 1.1. Approval of the multimodal highway subregional programs will expand the transportation system as responsibly and quickly as possible as approved in Measure R and M to strengthen and expand LA County’s transportation system.

“Goal 4: Transform LA County through regional collaboration”

Goal 4.1. Metro will work closely with municipalities, council of governments, Caltrans to implement holistic strategies for advancing mobility goals”

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board may choose to not approve the revised project list and funding allocations. However, the option is not recommended as it will delay the development of locally prioritized improvements.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Metro’s complete streets and highway staff will continue to work with the subregions to identify and deliver projects and execute grant agreements. Updates will be provided to the Board on a semi-annual and as-needed basis.

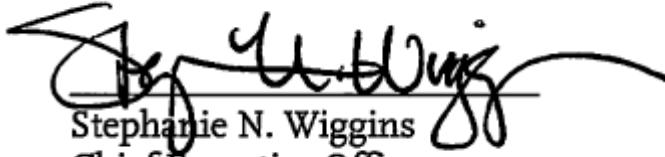
### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Projects Receiving Measure R funds

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