



## Board Report

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### PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE JULY 17, 2024

**SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE PLANNING MAJOR PROJECTS STATUS REPORT**

**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

RECEIVE AND FILE Countywide Planning & Development Major Projects Status Report.

#### **ISSUE**

Countywide Planning and Development's major projects status report provides highlights of capital projects in planning phases of development. These include transit corridor projects such as rail and bus rapid transit, Measure M active transportation corridor projects, and highway projects.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Metro's mission is to provide a world-class transportation system that enhances the quality of life for all who live, work, and play within Los Angeles County. Countywide Planning and Development (CPD) oversees the planning of major capital projects to support this mission. The attached Project Status Report (Attachment A) provides an update on the planning progress of Metro's four Pillar Projects - Southeast Gateway Line, Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2, C (Green) Line Extension to Torrance, and Sepulveda Transit Corridor, as well as other transit and active transportation corridor projects.

In addition, the quarterly report includes complete streets and highway projects in various stages of development. At the request of Director Horvath, this report also includes an update from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on safety improvement projects planned on the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in Malibu.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The status report provides a quarterly update on major projects as they advance through alternatives and feasibility analyses, technical analyses for environmental certification, selection of preferred projects, cost estimation and funding development, and evaluation of project delivery method. Following environmental planning milestones, projects typically transition from CPD to Program Management and are included in the Program Management Major Project Status report, which is

provided on a quarterly basis to the Metro Board's Construction Committee.

## **EQUITY PLATFORM**

This report is provided on a regular basis and includes updates for multiple projects, including equity assessments. Equity assessments for all reports in this quarterly update were previously provided as baseline summaries which included descriptions of potential project benefits to Equity Focus Communities, and which found no unmitigated project equity impacts.

With the addition of this report's updates on safety improvement projects on the PCH, an equity assessment is provided as follows:

- The various PCH projects do not consist of any Metro Equity Need Index (MENI) or Equity Focus Community (EFC) locations. However, the projects are intended to improve the safety of all modes to better serve pedestrians, cyclists, and transit bus riders by upgrading the raised medians, turning lanes, signal timing, geometric alignments, and sidewalks. These improvements are also intended to reduce the number of vehicle collisions on PCH.

There are no updates or changes to other project equity assessments this quarter.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The development of projects included in this report supports Strategic Plan Goal #1 by delivering high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will continue to advance these projects through the planning phases. The next quarterly update will be provided in October 2024.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Project Status Report

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