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**MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: MEASURE M ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

ACTION: ORAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on Measure M Active Transportation, programmed revenues, and uses to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

ISSUE

To support the discussion for the effective and efficient use of funds, this quarterly presentation provides the committee with the status of Metro activities in active transportation related to Measure M projects including the LA River Waterway & System Bike Path, the Metro Active Transport Program, Multi-Year Subregional Program, and the First/Last Mile Program.

EQUITY PLATFORM

The Measure M related activities for active transportation include the Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) and subsequent Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile (MAT) Program, as well as two projects in the Measure M Expenditure Plan that will connect the pathway along the Los Angeles River. Metro also engages in First/Last Mile planning for the benefit of communities with existing and future major transit stops. Equity is built into Metro's approach to all of these activities.

The 2023 ATSP identified and prioritized a regional active transportation network based on criteria including overlap with Equity Focus Communities (EFC). Projects on the ATSP regional network are eligible for funding from Cycle 2 of the MAT Program. MAT Cycle 2 project applications will also be evaluated based on factors including robust participation of Community-based Organizations (CBO). Projects that were submitted for Cycle 1 of the MAT Program in 2020 were given bonus points for location within EFCs and all selected projects that are being developed using Cooperative Agreements with Metro include CBO participation.

The LA River Project - Central City section directly serves seven EFC Census Tracts in the Central Los Angeles communities of Lincoln Heights, Chinatown, and Boyle Heights and is close to many others. Approximately 23% of the population in this area lives in poverty and more than 22% of the working-age population does not use automobiles as a primary mode of transportation. This path will not only be used for recreational purposes for the betterment of public health but also serve as a low-cost transportation option for those who have limited car ownership. The LA River Project - San Fernando Valley section directly serves two EFCs in the community of Reseda. It is being delivered by the City of Los Angeles.

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