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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE PLANNING MAJOR PROJECT STATUS REPORT

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE status report on Countywide Planning Major Project Status Report.

ISSUE

Countywide Planning and Development's (CPD) major projects status report is prepared by CPD, with support from Program Management, Operations, and Shared Mobility, to provide highlights of capital projects in the planning phases of development. These include transit corridor projects such as rail and bus rapid transit, regional rail, Measure M active transportation corridor projects, ExpressLanes projects, and complete streets and highway improvements.

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. CPD oversees the planning of major capital projects to support this mission. 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 methods. 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.

DISCUSSION

The attached Project Status Report (Attachment A) provides an update on transit, active transportation corridors, ExpressLanes, and complete streets and highway projects in various stages of development.

EQUITY PLATFORM

This report includes updates for multiple projects as well as assessments of equity. The April and July

2025 quarterly updates included refreshed equity assessment baseline summaries for each project that had descriptions of potential project benefits to EFCs (and no unmitigated project equity impacts). There are no updates or changes to those project equity assessments this quarter.

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

The projects in this report have mixed outcomes but taken together they will likely decrease VMT in LA County. Although some individual projects may not directly contribute to the achievement of the Board-adopted VMT Reduction Targets, the VMT Targets were developed to account for the cumulative effect of a suite of programs and projects within the Metro region.

Within this suite of projects, Metro seeks to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips, provide a safe transportation system, multimodal options, improve safety and mobility; and increase accessibility to destinations via transit, cycling, walking, and carpooling. Some of the projects within this status report include items that will ease congestion for cars and trucks, or expand vehicle capacity, resulting in the possibility of increased VMT. Additionally, some projects reported here do not have a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) yet and therefore the VMT outcome is not yet able to be determined, although Metro staff will ensure that the Board and public will have access to analysis related to VMT during the process of selecting an LPA or when any action on the project is being requested of the Board. Metro has a voter-approved mandate to deliver multimodal projects that enhance mobility while ensuring the efficient movement of people and goods, as required by state law.

The VMT outcomes for each project in this report were provided in detail in the April and July 2025 quarterly updates. There are no changes or updates to the VMT outcomes this quarter.

*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019

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 April 2026.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A - Project Status Report

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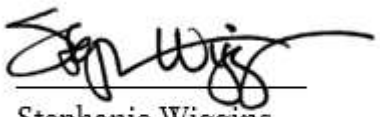

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