

Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM - SOUTH BAY SUBREGION

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

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RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING:

- 1. Programming of \$65,897,857 \$79,017,857 in Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (Expenditure Line 50);
- 2. Programming of \$2,950,000 in Measure M MSP South Bay Highway Operational Improvements Program (Expenditure Line 63)
- 3. Programming of \$33,694,502 in Measure M MSP Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (Expenditure Line 66); and
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his 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. Each subregion is required to develop a MSP five-year plan (Plan) and project list. Based on the amount provided in the Measure M Expenditure Plan, a total amount of \$217,975,355 was forecasted to be available for programming in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 to FY 2022-23, to the South Bay Subregion (Subregion) in three Programs: 1) Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (expenditure line 50); 2) South Bay Highway Operational Improvements (expenditure line 63); and 3) Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (expenditure line 66). Board approval is necessary to program the funds to these projects and allow Metro to enter into Funding Agreements with the respective implementing agencies.

DISCUSSION

In June 2017, the Metro Board of Directors approved the adoption of the Measure M Master Guidelines (Guidelines) with two amendments and five approved motions. Subsequently, the Administrative Procedures for Measure M MSP was signed by the CEO on February 2, 2018.

The Subregion consists of 15 cities and adjacent unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. On May 24, 2018, a Funding Agreement was executed between Metro and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) for the Planning Activities (Plan development and updates) for the MSP. The SBCCOG led the Plan development process, which included working with the member agencies along with the public participation process. The SBCCOG Governing Board also adopted Subregional Qualitative Performance Measures including Mobility, Economic Vitality, Accessibility, Safety and Sustainability & Quality of Life, per the Administrative Procedures.

In the last several months, Metro staff worked closely with the SBCCOG and the implementing agencies on project eligibility reviews of the proposed projects. For those proposed projects that are to be programmed in FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 (near term - first two programming years), Metro required, during staff review, a detailed project scope of work for eligibility and program nexus during the Plan development process, i.e. project location and limits, length, elements, phase(s), total expenses and funding requested, and schedule, etc. This level of detail will ensure timeliness of the execution of the Project Funding Agreements once the Metro Board approves the Plan. For those proposed projects that will have programming funds in FY 2021-22 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 Subregion and the implementing agencies on the details 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 Guidelines.

Equity Platform

Consistent with Metro's Equity Platform, the MSP outreach effort recognizes and acknowledges the need to establish comprehensive, multiple forums to meaningfully engage the community to comment on the proposed projects under all Programs. The SBCCOG along with member agencies and adjacent unincorporated area of Los Angeles County undertook an extensive outreach effort and invited the general public to a series of public workshops and meetings. Metro will continue to work with the Subregion to seek opportunities to reach out to a broader constituency of stakeholders.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In FY 2019-20, \$7.79 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (subsidies budget - Planning) for the Active Transportation Program (Project #474401) and \$1.5 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0442 (Highway Subsidies) for the Transportation System Mobility Improvement Program (Project

#475502). Upon approval of this action, staff will use the approved FY 2019-20 budget to reallocate necessary funds to appropriate projects within Cost Centers 0441 and 0442. Since these are multiyear projects, Cost Centers 0441 and 0442 will be responsible for budgeting the cost in future years.

Impact to Budget

The sources of funds for these projects are Measure M Highway Construction 17%. These fund sources are not eligible for Metro bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

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 programming of funds for the Measure M MSP projects for the South Bay Subregion. This is not recommended as the proposed projects are in compliance with the Measure M Ordinance, Guidelines and the Administrative Procedures.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, respective implementing agencies will be notified, and Funding Agreements will be executed with those who have funds programmed in FY 2019-20. Staff will continue to work with the SBCCOG and the implementing agencies to identify and implement projects. Annual updates will be provided to the Board.

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

Attachment A - Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (expenditure line 50) Attachment B - South Bay Highway Operational Improvements Program (expenditure line 63)

Attachment C - Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program (expenditure line 66)

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