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Motion by:

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Related to Item 17: Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program - Gateway Cities Subregion

In June 2017 the Metro Board of Directors approved the Measure M Guidelines. Included in its approval of the guidelines, the Board authorized Motion 38.3, which stated that “In accordance with Metro’s Complete Streets policy, Multi-Year Highway Subfunds shall prioritize the movement of people traveling on foot, by bike, or by transit, in addition to automobile travel, in order to optimize the safe movement of people by all modes.” The motion further removed any reference in the guidelines to “Level of Service,” which is a measure that prioritizes private vehicle movement over other modes of travel.

The Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) guidelines for “Arterial Street Improvements” under Highway Subfunds make eligible those projects that provide network connectivity for multiple modes. The requested action before the Board for the SR-91/I-405/I-605 “Hot Spots” provides funding for arterial street improvements.

In its evaluation of I-605 Corridor Cities’ applications for use of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Highway Subfund resources, Metro staff determined as “ineligible” those elements that were deemed by Metro staff to be “Active Transportation Projects.” These elements are expressly permitted in accordance with the Metro Board direction provided under Motion 38.3 as eligible uses of these Multi-Year Highway Subfunds. These elements were also approved for inclusion in the designated projects by the SR-91/I-405/I-605 Corridor Cities Committee as part of the Measure M MSP process.

This is the first round of Measure M MSP funding being distributed to the SR-91/I-405/I-605 “Hot Spots” program, for which up to \$65.3 million was available and from which Metro staff have recommended \$27.7 million for allocation, leaving a balance of \$37.6 million in uncommitted funds for this first funding cycle. The additional ATP elements deemed “ineligible” by Metro staff, but which are permissible in accordance with the Board-approved Measure M guidelines, total \$4 million, including \$1.5 million for the City of Bellflower and \$2.5 million for the City of Long Beach.

SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM - GATEWAY CITIES SUBREGION

APPROVE motion by Directors Garcia, Hahn and Solis that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. In accordance with Metro Board policy, re-evaluate for funding the “active transportation” project elements deemed ineligible in the first round of SR-91/I-405/I-605 “Hot Spots” MSP funding, contrary to Board policy, in order for such elements to be eligible for and awarded funding in this first round.
- B. Collaborate with the Gateway Cities COG to develop a long-term approach to ensure that the transportation needs of all constituents within the “Hot Spots” project area can be met, with an emphasis on moving people, and not just vehicles, in evaluating projects for funding, and
- C. Identify new sources of funding to allocate toward the Gateway Cities Subregion's ATP and Subregional Equity Program MSPs.

As part of Metro staff's January 2020 response to Motion 51 (October 2019), include recommendations that take into account Board-adopted policies, including Motion 38.3 (June 2017) and the 2028 Strategic Plan.