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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE JANUARY 15, 2020

SUBJECT: MEASURE R ORDINANCE 10-YEAR REVIEW AMENDMENT PROCESS AND

PROGRESS REPORT

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE the Measure R Ordinance Ten-Year Review Amendment Process and Progress Report.

<u>ISSUE</u>

This Board item responds to Motion #7 from December 2019 to provide monthly progress reports on the development of a process to implement a transfer amendment to the Measure R Ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The Measure R Ordinance ("Ordinance") permits the Board to amend the Ordinance not more than once every ten years, beginning in 2020, to transfer sales tax revenue between the transit and highway capital subfunds. This Board item identifies a proposed process and schedule (Attachment A) that would disseminate information to key decision-makers, including the public at-large, receive input, and provide the Metro Board with components of a transfer amendment for consideration during the summer of 2020.

DISCUSSION

Staff proposes that the transfer amendment process include the following steps:

- Outreach with stakeholders including Metro staff, Board staff, subregional councils, Policy Advisory Council, and public at-large.
- Staff will provide useful information to stakeholders during February 2020 regarding existing Metro projects and programs, related funding, potential transfer amounts, Ordinance requirements, related Board policy including those for sustainability and complete streets, and expected timing of the amendment.

- Staff will develop and conduct a public outreach effort intended to inform the public at-large of the potential transfer amendment, implications, and mechanisms to provide input.
- Staff will coordinate with the subregional councils and other regional transportation entities to facilitate formal internal discussions with their members during February, March, and April 2020 regarding potential components of the transfer amendment.
- Staff will conduct face-to-face meetings with stakeholders during April through May 2020 to
 identify the components of the transfer amendment, including potential projects that will be
 defunded or newly created, and the use of any project surplus.
- Staff will draft a Board report that identifies the proposed transfer amendment language, financial impact, Metro programs and priorities impacts, project delivery impact, and relevant background, for review and comment by stakeholders.
- Staff will submit the transfer amendment in concept to the Board in May 2020 for consideration at the June 2020 Board meeting.

Should the Board approve the transfer amendment in concept at the June 2020 meeting, staff will administer the amendment process, including the initiation of public notice, public meeting in September 2020, review by the Proposition R Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee of Metro in September 2020, notification of the state legislature, and schedule a Board vote to amend the Ordinance in 2021.

A proposed schedule of activities is included as Attachment A. The schedule will be updated as activities and dates become more definitive. Based on the early list of potential new projects that would be funded from a transfer, staff does not believe the schedule and timing of legislative notice requirements would inhibit or preclude the funding of a project.

Equity Platform

No equity platform impact yet. This is an information item.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

No safety impact yet. This is an information item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This is an information item and has no direct impact to the agency. Should the process ultimately result in a transfer amendment, the financial impact will be discussed at that time and could require funding in the FY21 and/or future Metro annual budgets.

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Impact to Budget

There is no impact to the FY20 budget.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This item helps ensure fiscal responsibility in how funding determinations are made and transparency in the agency's investment decisions (Goal #5).

NEXT STEPS

Metro staff will continue to provide monthly progress reports to the Board on the development and implementation of a process to prepare a transfer amendment to the Measure R Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Proposed Schedule

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