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SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE - SAN GABRIEL

VALLEY SUBREGION

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING:

- 1. programming of an additional \$150,000 within the capacity of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Bus System Improvement Program, (Attachment A);
- 2. programming of an additional \$6,452,974 within the capacity of Measure M MSP Active Transportation Program (Attachment B);
- 3. inter-program borrowing and programming of an additional \$8,395,000 from Measure M MSP Active Transportation and Highway Demand Based Programs to the First/Last Mile and Complete Streets Program (Attachment C); and
- 4. programming of \$1,000,000 within the capacity of Measure M MSP Highway Demand Based Program (Attachment E); and
- B. REPROGRAMMING of projects previously approved in order to meet environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction time frames; and
- C. AUTHORIZING the CEO or their 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. The annual update approves additional eligible projects for funding and allows the San Gabriel Valley subregion and implementing agencies to revise the scope of work and schedule.

This update includes changes to projects which have received prior Board approval and funding

allocation for new projects. Funds are programmed through Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26. The Board's approval is required to update the project lists (Attachments A, B, C, D and E), which serve as the basis for Metro to enter into agreements and/or amendments with the respective implementing agencies.

BACKGROUND

In May 2019, the Metro Board of Directors approved San Gabriel Valley Subregion's first MSP Five-Year Plan and programmed funds in: 1) Active Transportation Program (expenditure line 54); and 2) Bus System Improvement Program (expenditure line 58); 3) First/Last Mile and Complete Streets (expenditure line 59); and 4) Highway Efficiency Program (expenditure line 82).

DISCUSSION

Metro staff continued working closely with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) and the implementing agencies on project eligibility reviews of the proposed scope of work change and schedule changes in projects for this annual update. Metro required, during staff review, a detailed project scope of work to confirm eligibility and establish the program nexus, i.e., project location and limits, length, elements, phase(s), total expenses and funding request, schedule, etc. This level of detail will ensure the timeliness of the execution of the project Funding Agreements once the Metro Board approves the projects. For those proposed projects that will have programming of funds in FY 2023-24 and beyond, Metro accepted a high level (but focused and relevant) project scope of work during the review process. Metro staff will work on the details with the SGVCOG and the implementing agencies 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 Measure M Master Guidelines.

The changes in this annual update include the programming of four new projects and funding adjustments for two previously approved projects.

Bus System Improvement Program (expenditure line 58)

This update includes the programming of one new project as follows:

SGVCOG

 Program \$150,000 as follows: \$50,000 in FY 23 and \$100,000 in FY 24 for MM4702.03 - East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvements Project - Phase I. The funds will be used to complete the Plans Specification and Estimates (PS&E) and construction phases of the project.

Active Transportation Program (expenditure line 54)

This update includes funding adjustments to two existing projects and programming of one new project as follows:

LA County

 Reprogram \$4,278,500 as follows: \$2,139,250 in FY 22, and \$2,139,250 in FY 23 for MM4701.05 - Huntington Drive Bike Lanes Project. The funds will be used to complete the construction phase of the project.

Monrovia

Reprogram \$3,880,000 as follows: \$388,000 in FY24 and \$3,492,000 in FY25 for MM4701.06
 Monrovia Active Community Travel Vinculum. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.

SGVCOG

Program \$6,452,974 as follows: \$550,000 in FY 23, \$820,000 in FY24, \$4,000,000 in FY25 and \$1,082,974 in FY26 for MM4701.10 - East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvements Project - Phase I. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.

First/Last Mile and Complete Streets (expenditure line 59)

This update includes programming of one new project as follows:

SGVCOG

Program \$8,395,000 as follows: \$400,000 in FY 23, \$4,804,714 in FY24, and \$3,190,286 in FY25 for MM4701.10 - East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvements Project - Phase I. The funds will be used to complete the PS&E and construction phases of the project.

Highway Demand Based Program (expenditure line 60)

This update includes programming of one new project as follows:

SGVCOG

 Program \$1,000,000 in FY24 for MM5501.01 - Diamond Bar Boulevard SR-60 Eastbound Onramp Improvement Project. The funds will be used to complete the construction phase of the project.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Programming of Measure M MSP funds to the San Gabriel Valley subregion projects will not have any adverse safety impacts on Metro's employees or patrons.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

In FY 2021-22, \$7.11 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (Subsidies to Others) for the Active Transportation Program (Project #474401), and \$3.46 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (Subsidies to Others) for the Transit Program (Project #474102). Upon approval of this action, staff will reallocate necessary funds to appropriate projects within Cost Centers 0441 and 0442. Since these are multi-year projects, Cost Centers 0441 and 0442 will be responsible for budgeting the cost in future years.

Impact to Budget

The source of funds for these projects are Measure M Highway Construction 17% and Measure M Transit Construction 35%. These fund sources are not eligible for Metro bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

EQUITY PLATFORM

The San Gabriel Valley subregion consists of 31 cities and unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County. Equity Focus Communities (EFCs) are concentrated in Pasadena, Azusa (both along I-210), Alhambra, San Gabriel, Rosemead, El Monte, South El Monte, Baldwin Park, Covina, Pomona (along I-10), Monterey Park, Montebello and Industry (along SR-60). The report seeks board approval to fund eligible Measure M MSP projects. The jurisdictional requests are proposed by the cities and approved/forwarded by the subregion. In line with the Metro Board adopted guidelines during the eligibility review process, cities provide documentation that demonstrates community support, project need, and transportation benefits. Cities lead and prioritize all proposed transportation improvements, including procurement, the environmental process, outreach, final design, and construction. Each city and/or agency independently and in coordination with the subregion undertake their jurisdictionally determined community engagement process specific to the type of transportation improvement they seek to develop. These locally determined and prioritized projects represent the needs of cities.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The 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 additional programming of funds for the Measure M MSP projects for the San Gabriel Valley subregion. This is not recommended as the proposed projects were developed by the subregion in accordance with the Measure M Ordinance, Guidelines and the Administrative Procedures.

NEXT STEPS

Metro staff will continue to work with the subregion to identify and deliver projects. Program/Project updates will be provided to the Board on an annual basis.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Bus System Improvement Program Project List

Attachment B - Active Transportation Program Project List

Attachment C - First/Last Mile and Complete Streets Program Project List

Attachment D - Highway Efficiency Program Project List

Attachment E - Highway Demand Based Program Project List

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