



## Board Report

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### PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MAY 17, 2023

**SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM ANNUAL UPDATE - NORTH COUNTY SUBREGION**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

A. APPROVING:

1. programming of \$9,720,367 within the capacity of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) - Active Transportation Program, as shown in Attachment A;
2. programming of \$14,474,000 within the capacity of Measure M MSP - Transit Program, as shown in Attachment B;
3. programming of \$3,846,152 within the capacity of Measure M MSP - Subregional Equity Program, as shown in Attachment C;

B. REPROGRAMMING of projects previously approved to meet environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction time frames, as shown in Attachments A and D; and

C. AUTHORIZING the CEO or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements and/or amendments 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 North County subregion and implementing agencies to revise the project scope of work, project budgets, and schedule for previously funded projects.

This update includes changes to projects which have received Board approval. Funds are

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programmed through Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27. The Board's approval is required to update the project lists (Attachments A, B, C, and D), which serve as the basis for Metro to enter into agreements and/or amendments with the respective implementing agencies.

## **BACKGROUND**

In February 2019, the Metro Board of Directors approved North County subregion's first MSP Five-Year Plan and programmed funds in: 1) Measure M MSP - Active Transportation Program (expenditure line 52); 2) Measure M MSP - Transit Program (expenditure line 64); and 3) Measure M MSP - Highway Efficiency Program (expenditure line 81). Since the first Plan, staff has provided updates to the Metro Board in April 2020, April 2021, and May 2022.

Based on the amount provided in the Measure M Expenditure Plan, a total of \$99.04 million was forecasted for programming for FY 2017-18 to FY 2026-27. Metro Board prior actions approved programming of \$62.67 million. Therefore, \$36.37 million is available to the Subregion for programming as part of this update.

## **DISCUSSION**

Metro staff worked closely with the North County Transportation Coalition Joint Powers Authority (NCTC JPA) and the implementing agencies on project eligibility reviews of the proposed 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, and 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 2024-25 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 NCTC JPA 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 funding adjustments for 12 previously approved projects.

### **Active Transportation Program (expenditure line 52)**

This update includes funding adjustments to eight existing projects as follows:

#### ***Palmdale***

- Reprogram previously approved \$550,000 to FY 25 for MM4501.20 - SR-138 (Palmdale Blvd.) Sidewalk Gap Closure Phase II Project. The funds will be used to complete the Project's Project Initiation Documents (PID), Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) and Plans Specification and Estimates (PS&E) phases.

*Santa Clarita*

- Reprogram previously approved \$738,000 to FY 25 for MM4501.09 - Santa Clara River Trail Gap Closure Design: Five Knolls to Discovery Park. The funds will be used to complete the Project's PS&E and right-of-way (ROW) phases.
- Deobligate \$969,700 from MM4501.11/MM4501.14 - Valencia Industrial Center Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements. The City requested the deobligated funds to be reallocated to other priority MSP projects. The remaining \$450,000 project funds in FY 23 will be used to complete the Project's PS&E phase.
- Program an additional \$507,470 and reprogram previously approved funds for MM4501.17 - Newhall Area Bicycle Facility. Funds are programmed as follows: \$80,100 in FY 22, and \$1,077,360 in FY 23. The funds will be used to complete the Project's PS&E and construction phases.
- Program an additional \$462,230 in FY 23 for MM4501.18 - Saugus Phase I: Bouquet Canyon Trail to Central Park. The funds will be used to complete the Project's PS&E, ROW and construction phases.
- Reprogram previously approved \$683,600 to FY 27 for MM4501.19 - Saugus Phase II: Bouquet Canyon Trail Central Park to Haskell Canyon Project. The funds will be used to complete the Project's PS&E phase.

*Los Angeles County*

- Program an additional \$1,400,000 in FY 26 for MM4501.13 - Lake Los Angeles Pedestrian Plan Implementation Phase 1 Project. Funds are programmed as follows: \$50,000 in FY 20, \$300,000 in FY 21, \$300,000 in FY 22, \$300,000 in FY 23, \$400,000 in FY 24, \$2,250,000 in FY 25, and \$1,400,000 in FY 26. The funds will be used to complete the Project's PS&E, ROW, and construction phases.
- Program an additional \$8,320,367 in FY 26 for MM4501.16 - 30th Street West Active Transportation Improvements Project. Funds are programmed as follows: \$125,000 in FY 23, \$585,000 in FY 24, \$1,500,000 in FY25, and \$8,320,367 in FY 26. The funds will be used to complete the Project's PS&E, ROW, and construction phases.

Transit Program (expenditure line 64)

This update includes a funding adjustment to one existing project as follows:

*SCRRA (NCTC)*

- Program an additional \$14,474,000 in FY 26 & FY 27 for MM4502.06 - Metrolink Antelope Valley Line Capital and Service Improvements Program. Funds are programmed as follows:

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\$1,110,542 in FY 20, \$2,429,039 in FY 21, \$6,150,000 in FY 23, \$3,425,000 in FY 24, \$3,449,000 in FY 25, \$7,074,000 in FY 26 and \$7,400,000 in FY 27. The funds will be used to complete the Project's PS&E phase that Metrolink has been tasked to lead.

Highway Efficiency Program (expenditure line 81)

This update includes funding adjustment to two existing projects and correction to one existing project title as follows:

*Palmdale*

- Reprogram previously approved \$3,351,220 to FY 24 for MM5504.01 - SR-14/Avenue S Interchange Improvements. The funds will be used to complete the Project's construction phase.
- Reprogram previously approved \$2,400,000 to FY 26 for MM5504.04 - SR-138 Palmdale Blvd. SR-14 Ramps. The funds will be used to complete the Project's PID and PA/ED phases.

*LACMTA (NCTC)*

- Update project title for MM5504.02 to SR-14 Safety Improvements. The previously approved \$4,700,000 will be used to complete the Projects' PA/ED phase that Metro has been tasked to lead.

Subregional Equity Program (expenditure line 68)

This update includes funding adjustments to two existing projects as follows:

*SCRRA (NCTC)*

- Program an additional \$2,884,614 in FY 25, FY 26 & FY 27 for MM4502.06 - Metrolink Antelope Valley Line Capital and Service Improvements Program. Funds are programmed as follows: \$961,538 in FY 25, \$961,538 in FY 26 and \$961,538 in FY 27. The funds will be used to complete the Project's PS&E phase that Metrolink has been tasked to lead.

*LACMTA (NCTC)*

- Program an additional \$961,538 in FY 24 for MM5504.02 - SR-14 Safety Improvements. The funds will be used to complete the Projects' PA/ED phase that Metro has been tasked to lead.

**DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

In FY 2022-23, \$9.59 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (Subsidies to Others) for the Active Transportation Program (Project #474401), \$6.49 million is budgeted in Cost Center 0441 (Subsidies to Others) for the Transit Program (Project #474102), and \$1,000,000 is budgeted in Cost Center 0442 (Highway Subsidies) for the Highway Efficiency Program (Project #475504). 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 is 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 North County subregion consists of Equity Focus Communities (EFCs), including those located in the cities of Lancaster (39%) and Palmdale (35%), as well as the City of Santa Clarita (7%) and the adjacent unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. The jurisdictional requests are proposed by the cities and approved/forwarded by the subregion. In line with the Metro Board adopted guidelines and June 2022 Objectives for Multimodal Highways Investments, cities provide documentation demonstrating community support, project need, and multimodal transportation benefits that enhance safety, support traffic mobility, economic vitality, and enable a safer and well-maintained transportation system. 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 the 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 North County subregion. This is not recommended as the North County subregion developed the proposed projects in accordance with the Measure M Ordinance, Guidelines, and the

Administrative Procedures.

### **NEXT STEPS**

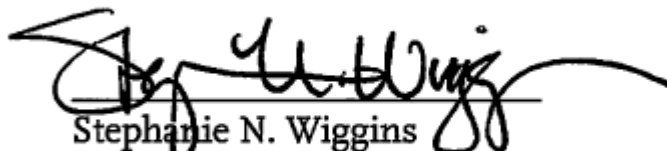
Metro staff will continue to work with the subregion to identify and deliver projects. Funding Agreements will be executed with those who have funds programmed in FY 2022-23. Program/Project updates will be provided to the Board annually.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Active Transportation Project List  
Attachment B - Transit Program Project List  
Attachment C - Subregional Equity Program Project List  
Attachment D - Highway Efficiency Program Project List

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