

Agenda Report

March 9, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF MEASURE M MULTIYEAR SUBREGIONAL PLAN FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) (General Rule); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements associated with the receipt of Measure M Multiyear Subregional Plan (MSP) Funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). These funds will total \$6,670,632 for the first 5-year Measure M MSP program covering four projects within the City of Pasadena.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan, known as Measure M, was placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot by the Metro Board of Directors. With the approval of Measure M, the projects and programs in the Expenditure Plan of the Measure M Ordinance were also approved. This laid the foundation for the Measure M Guidelines which were adopted in June of 2017. Subsequently, the Measure M Procedures were adopted in February of 2018, defining the project types as well as specifying administrative procedures and guidelines. The guidelines directed each subregion/COG to draft a 5 year Multi-year Subregional Plan (MSP) for the expenditure of their Measure M funds.

City of Pasadena partnered with the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA) that consists of member agencies from the City of Burbank, County of Los Angeles (5th District – La Crescenta/Montrose), City of Glendale, City of La Cañada Flintridge, City of Pasadena, and City of South Pasadena, to complete the MSP.

In October of 2017, Metro released the Multiyear Subregional Funding amounts for the Measure M projects. The Governing Board of the AVCJPA decided to use the Metro Planning Funds (.5% of the Measure M funds) to hire a consultant to examine the projects and provide project recommendations for the communities and the Board to consider.

On April 27, 2018, a Funding Agreement was executed between AVCJPA and Metro for the Planning Activities for the MSP. The AVCJPA along with its consultant led the Plan development process, which included working with the member agencies and a public participation process. The AVCJPA Governing Board also adopted Subregional Qualitative Performance Measures including Mobility, Economic Vitality, Accessibility, Safety, and Sustainability & Quality of Life, per the Administrative Procedures.

Measure M funds were available in two project categories for the first five year period. The two categories are Transit and Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Program. City of Pasadena Department of Transportation (DOT) staff along with the AVCJPA Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) drafted a list of projects with each community's respective priorities.

The list of projects, ranked by priority, were presented to the City of Pasadena TAC on September 27, 2018. The list of projects were subsequently presented to City Council on October 29, 2018 where City Council approved the list of projects. The AVCJPA TAC reviewed the list of projects before presenting the list to the AVCJPA Governing Board for final adoption and submittal to Metro.

The MSP funds were distributed amongst Arroyo Verdugo Communities per capita, allowing the four highest ranked projects in the City of Pasadena to be considered for funding. The MSP was approved at the AVCJPA Board meeting on December 6, 2018 and at the Metro Planning and Programming Committee meeting on May 15, 2019.

The four City of Pasadena projects listed below were approved for funding by the Metro Board on May 23, 2019:

Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Program

1. Avenue 64 Complete Street Project – \$1,800,000 ¹
2. North Hill Avenue Complete Street Project – \$1,135,020

Transit Program

3. Purchase Replacement Buses – \$700,000
4. Pasadena Transit Maintenance Facility – \$3,035,612

¹ See Table 1 for detailed fund schedule

A funding agreement for each project will be prepared by Metro and submitted to the City for approval. For the Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Program projects, the project planning effort will begin in FY2020, with the outreach and design of the two projects completed in FY2021. Construction will begin following the completion of final design. In the Transit Program Category, the replacement buses will be procured in FY2021 and the Pasadena Transit Maintenance Facility is an ongoing planning and design effort. All four projects have been included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with anticipated cashflows to be updated once the funding agreements have been executed.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the goals of the General Plan Mobility Element and also the goals of the Strategic Plan including “Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Improve Mobility and Accessibility throughout the City, and Support and Promote the Quality of Life and Local Economy.” Measure M MSP funding will directly assist the Department of Transportation in implementing the following objectives of the Mobility Element:

- Enhance Livability
- Encourage walking, biking, and other alternatives to motor vehicles.

Specifically, this project addresses three policies of the Mobility Element:

Policy 1.23 Apply traffic management measures to manage vehicular speeds as a function of designated street type to ensure safe and orderly movement of all modes of travel.

Policy 1.13 Implement traffic measures developed through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) to control the speed and volume of traffic to reduce traffic impacts in neighborhoods.

Policy 2.2 Seek funding to enhance accessibility by increasing routes, frequency and hours of operation for Pasadena’s transit system throughout the community

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

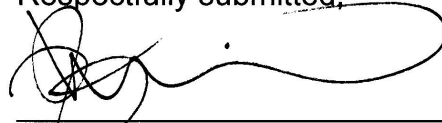
The City’s Environmental Administrator has determined that this action is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines in Section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule. The receipt of Measure M MSP funding does not result in a significant effect on the environment. As the planning process for each project starts, an environmental analysis will be conducted for each project individually.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the Funding Agreement will enable the City to obtain \$6,670,632 in Measure M MSP funds through Metro. Table 1 presents the timing of funds for each project.

Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Plan - Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Program						
Ave 64 Complete Street Project	PS & E Construction	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000
North Hill Complete Street Project	PS & E Construction	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 235,020	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,135,020
Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Plan - Transit Program						
Purchase Replacement Buses	Vehicle Purchase	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,000
Pasadena Transit Maintenance Facility	Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,635,612	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 3,035,612
TOTAL PROGRAMMING AMOUNT		\$ 300,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,870,632	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 6,670,632

Respectfully submitted,



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