



Agenda Report

April 11, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM FY25 AND
FY26: PASADENA'S POTENTIAL LIST OF PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the following proposed action is exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and
2. Approve the list of projects referenced in Attachment A to be reviewed by the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA) Technical Advisory Committee before submittal to the AVCJPA Governing Board for final adoption and submittal to Metro as part of the FY25 – 26 Measure M Multi-year Subregional Plan (MSP) and request for funding.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

On March 24, 2022 the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) recommended that the City Council proceed with approving the Measure M MSP FY25 and FY26 list of projects.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Measure M Ordinance was approved on November 8, 2016. As a requirement of the Expenditure Plan of the Measure M Ordinance, to receive Measure M funds, each subregion/COG is required to update their 5-year Multi-year Subregional Plan (MSP) annually as funds become available. The MSP is required to be approved by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors prior to funds being allocated. The City of Pasadena has submitted its initial 5-year plan and subsequently the updated plans to Metro as a member agency of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA).

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan, known as Measure M, was approved by Los Angeles County voters on November 8, 2016. With the approval of Measure M, the projects and programs in the Expenditure Plan of the Measure M Ordinance were also approved. This established the foundation for the Measure M Guidelines, which were adopted by Metro Board of Directors in June of 2017. Subsequently, the Measure M Procedures were adopted by the Metro Board in February of 2018, defining the project types as well as specifying administrative procedures and guidelines. The Measure M Guidelines direct each subregion/Council of Government (COG) to draft a 5-year Multi MSP for the expenditure of their respective Measure M funds. The guidelines required updating the 5-year MSP annually starting at year 6 as the funds for each year became available. MSP funds are intended to provide Subregions flexibility in using the funds within the framework of Measure M guidelines. Before MSP funds are allocated to the communities, the MSP plan must be approved by Metro. City of Pasadena's initial 5-year MSP and subsequently the updated MSPs have been developed as a member agency of the AVCJPA.

Method

Similar to the previous MSPs, for FY25 and FY26 funds, Metro has indicated that the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion has access to two Measure M MSP funding programs. The funding programs include:

- Transit Projects
- Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Projects

Pasadena has been allocated a total of \$1,509,018 funds for FY25 and \$1,547,347 for FY26 totaling \$3,056,365 in Measure M funds.

Similar to previous years, funds are allocated per jurisdiction based on population. In order to identify projects, each project is evaluated based on their ability to address the performance measures listed in the Measure M Administrative Procedures. These performance measures are listed in Table 1. In addition to the qualitative performance measures, subregional benefits of projects are also considered.

Table 1: Subregional Qualitative Performance Measures

Theme	Performance Measure
Mobility	Relieve Congestion
	Increase travel by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian modes
	Improve travel times
	Improve effectiveness and reliability for core riders
Economy	Increase economic output
	Support job creation & retention
	Support goods movement
	Reduce household transportation costs
	Extend useful life of facilities

Accessibility	Improve transportation options
	Improve service to transit dependent, low- income, and disadvantaged populations
	Improve first-last mile connections to transit
Safety	Reduce incidents
	Improve Personal Safety
Sustainability and Quality of Life	Improve environmental quality
	Improve public health

The tables below include the funding breakdown, by program, for this round of the funds.

Tables 2 and 3: Arroyo Verdugo Communities MSP Funding for FY25 and FY26

AVCJPA MEASURE M FUNDING PER CAPITA FY-25					
Total available \$5,385,504					
Agency	Current Population	Per Capita Amount	Transit Allocation	Modal Connectivity Allocation	Total
Burbank	103,969	20.05%	\$ 604,694	\$ 475,100	\$ 1,079,794.00
County of LA - 5th District	19,658	3.79%	\$ 114,304	\$ 89,807	\$ 204,111.00
Glendale	203,834	39.30%	\$ 1,185,260	\$ 931,243	\$ 2,116,503.00
La Canada Flintridge	20,194	3.89%	\$ 117,320	\$ 92,176	\$ 209,496.00
Pasadena	145,306	28.02%	\$ 845,063	\$ 663,955	\$ 1,509,018.00
South Pasadena	25,668	4.95%	\$ 149,288	\$ 117,294	\$ 266,582.00
Total	518,629	100.00%	\$ 3,015,929	\$ 2,369,575	\$ 5,385,504.00

AVCJPA MEASURE M FUNDING PER CAPITA FY-26					
Total available \$5,522,296					
Agency	Current Population	Per Capita Amount	Transit Allocation	Modal Connectivity Allocation	Total
Burbank	103,969	20.05%	\$ 620,053	\$ 487,167	\$ 1,107,220.00
County of LA - 5th District	19,658	3.79%	\$ 117,207	\$ 92,088	\$ 209,295.00
Glendale	203,834	39.30%	\$ 1,215,366	\$ 954,896	\$ 2,170,262.00
La Canada Flintridge	20,194	3.89%	\$ 120,300	\$ 94,518	\$ 214,818.00
Pasadena	145,306	28.02%	\$ 866,528	\$ 680,819	\$ 1,547,347.00
South Pasadena	25,668	4.95%	\$ 153,080	\$ 120,273	\$ 273,353.00
Total	518,629	100.00%	\$ 3,092,534	\$ 2,429,761	\$ 5,522,296.00

The list of projects presented for this round of MSP funds have been reviewed and updated to reflect project readiness and priority. Building upon the previous MSP project list, which was last approved by City Council on May 4, 2020, the current list has been

updated to add new projects for this round of the MSP funds. The list of projects was presented at the March 24th TAC meeting as an informational item, allowing for public comments and support. The list of projects for each of the two categories, sorted by priority, can be found in Attachment A. Department of Transportation (DOT) staff recommend funding be allocated as follows:

Under the Transit Project category, DOT staff recommend the following.

- Purchase Replacement and Expansion Buses for Pasadena Transit for FY25 in the amount of \$845,063 and FY26 in the amount of \$866,528 totaling \$1,711,591.

Under the Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Project category, DOT staff recommend two projects to receive funds in FY25 and FY26.

- Installation of Crosswalk at Washington Boulevard and Hudson Avenue to receive \$500,000 of the \$663,955 FY25 funds.
- Installation of Traffic Signal and Curb Extensions at Sierra Bonita Avenue and Orange Grove Boulevard to receive the remaining FY25 funds in the amount of \$163,955 and to also receive FY26 funds in the amount of \$680,819, totaling \$844,774.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with Mobility Element objectives to enhance livability, encourage walking, biking, transit use and other alternatives to motor vehicle, and to create a supportive climate for economic viability.

Staff recommends the City Council advance the list of projects referenced in Attachment A to the AVCJPA TAC for submittal to the AVCJPA Governing Board for final adoption and submittal to Metro for Metro Board approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed action is exempt from CEQA per section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule. The General Rule can be applied when it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. It is anticipated that any project funded as part of the MSP program will undergo environmental review at the time they are funded for design.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with this action are minor and include ongoing staff work to prepare the project list using existing resources and budget. Similar to previous MSPs, it is anticipated that Metro will fund projects through funding agreements with individual cities. Once the project list is approved, the City's Capital Improvement Program will be amended to recognize the FY25 and FY26 project funding using Measure M MSP funds.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: (1)

Attachment A – Description of City of Pasadena's Proposed Measure M MSP Projects for FY25 and FY26