

Agenda Report

April 3, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) FOR RECEIPT OF MEASURE R MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MIP) FUNDING

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. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any and all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the funding of the nine Measure R Mobility Improvement Projects (MIPs) as defined in the body of this report.

BACKGROUND:

On September 19, 2022, City Council authorized the Mayor to submit a list of Measure R Mobility Improvement Projects (MIP) to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for reallocation of \$230.5 million in Measure R MIP funds previously awarded to the California Boulevard Grade Separation Project. The list of nineteen projects included twelve priority projects.

The following list summarizes the twelve priority projects proposed in-lieu of the Metro L Line California Boulevard Grade Separation Project, to improve mobility in the region and enhance various modes of transportation. The projects were chosen with the goal of improving safety for all road uses, including motorists, transit customers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Consistent with the purpose of the SR 710 MIP program, the proposed projects effectively and efficiently accommodate regional and local north south travel demands in the study area while providing bus infrastructure improvements, bikeway

improvements and pedestrian improvements. The descriptions of each individual project, and the preliminary level cost estimate for each project, are provided with the Mayor's letter to Metro (Attachment A).

- Pasadena Ave and St John Ave Roadway Network (Walnut St to Columbia St)
- Avenue 64 Complete Street Program
- Transportation Operations and Maintenance Facility
- Columbia St (from Orange Grove Blvd to Fair Oaks Ave)
- Orange Grove Blvd at Colorado Blvd and Orange Grove Blvd at Holly St
- San Rafael Ave (between Linda Vista Ave and Colorado Blvd)
- Metro L Line At-Grade Crossing Enhancements
- Continental Crosswalks
- Orange Grove Mobility Improvement Program
- Greenways (Bike Boulevards)
- SR 710/SR 134/I-210 Ramp Modifications
- Arroyo Link

On February 23, 2023, the Metro Board of Directors approved the reallocation of \$181.4 million in Measure R MIP funds for nine projects from the City of Pasadena priority project list. The balance of \$49.1 million in Measure R MIP funds remains available to the City to return to the Metro Board with additional project information or new projects for consideration until all funds have been allocated. The funding reallocation was approved for the following projects:

PROJECT	FUNDED AMOUNT
Pasadena Ave & St. John Ave Roadway Network (Walnut St to Columbia St)	\$75,100,000
Avenue 64 Complete Streets Program	\$1,800,000
Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility	\$65,400,000
Columbia St Improvement (Orange Grove Blvd to Fair Oaks Ave)	\$9,900,000
Orange Grove Blvd Traffic Signal & Intersection Improvements (At Colorado Blvd and Holly St Intersections)	\$4,500,000
San Rafael Ave Project (Between Linda Vista Ave and Colorado Blvd)	\$4,800,000
Metro Line L At-Grade Crossing Enhancements	\$2,500,000
Orange Grove Mobility Improvement Program	\$5,400,000
Greenways (4 Bike Boulevards- Wilson, El Molino, Sierra Bonita & Craig Avenues)	\$12,000,000
Pasadena Allocated Funding	\$181,400,000
Pasadena Funding Reserved for Future Requests	\$49,100,000
TOTAL	\$230,500,000

City staff will work with Metro to finalize the project scope, cost estimate and schedule for all nine projects to execute Funding Agreements for each individual project. The funding provides for preliminary engineering and outreach, final design and construction, as well as City staff time associated with project management, construction management, and administration. Based on the scope and scale of the nine projects funded, City staff anticipates the implementation of the projects to span up to 10 years, with the first project beginning construction as early as January 2024.

An authorization for City Manager execution of Measure R MIP agreements with Metro allows for a streamlined funding agreement process, reducing the time required to execute individual funding agreements with Metro. This process has been utilized in the past for funding allocated for SR710 projects through the Rogan Bill and Program Supplement Agreements for State and Federal funding. The authorization allows the City Manager, or their designee, to execute funding agreements and associated documents with Metro. Staff would return to City Council for any contract awards requiring City Council approval, associated with the nine identified projects.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This proposed action is consistent with General Plan Mobility Element policies to enhance livability, and encourage walking, biking, transit, and other alternatives to motor vehicles. This program is also consistent with the City's goals to improve, maintain, and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and to improve mobility and accessibility in the City.

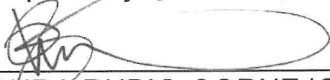
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The project has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt per Section 15061 (b) (3). The project is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It is anticipated that projects selected for funding through the Measure R MIP list will undergo environmental review at part of the preliminary engineering or final design process.

FISCAL IMPACT:


This action authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute any and all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the funding of the nine Measure R Mobility Improvement Projects (MIPs) identified in the body of this report. The current funding allocation totals \$181,400,000, with an additional \$49,100,000 reserved for future funding requests. Funding will be allocated as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Program adoption process.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:

Attachment A – Mayor’s letter to Metro with the List of Projects Proposed for Measure R – Mobility Improvement Project (MIP) Funding in lieu of the Metro L Line California Boulevard Grade Separation Project