



Agenda Report

October 2, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON THE HIGHWAY SOUNDWALL PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) implements the Countywide Retrofit Soundwall Program within Los Angeles County. In accordance with Senate Bill 45, Metro is the agency responsible for the delivery of soundwall projects which includes programming of funding, design, and construction. The design plans and specifications for the projects are prepared by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under Metro's leadership.

On May 8, 2023, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute two maintenance agreements with Caltrans for 11 soundwall segments to be constructed along Interstate 210 (I-210) between Raymond Avenue and Wilson Avenue. Totalling approximately one mile, these segments are part of Metro's Countywide Retrofit Soundwall Program, Package 10 (Phase I) project, which includes construction of prioritized soundwalls within the cities of Los Angeles, Arcadia and Pasadena. The soundwalls are located on the north and south sides of the I-210 and will run along Maple Street and Corson Street, respectively (see Attachment A). Metro's contractor, C.A. Rasmussen started construction of the project and is expected to complete the soundwalls by 2026.

During the May 8, 2023 City Council meeting, City Council requested that Metro and Caltrans attend a future City Council meeting to discuss the soundwall program. City Council also mentioned that soundwalls are needed as an additive measure to improve quality of life for nearby residents and requested that any updates from Caltrans and Metro include information on the timeline of planned projects, and priorities for areas within the City. City Council also inquired about the process of adding new soundwall

segments onto Metro's existing soundwall list. Phase II of Metro's Retrofit Soundwall List includes approximately 4.2 miles of soundwalls located on both sides of I-210 between Orange Grove Boulevard and Arroyo Boulevard (see Attachment B).

Staff from Metro and Caltrans will present an overview of the Highway Soundwall Program and its prioritization of soundwall segments, as well as its current funding status.

FISCAL IMPACT:

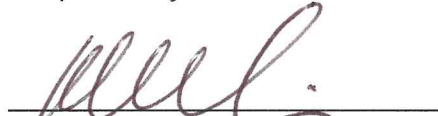
There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A - Phase I Soundwalls
Attachment B - Phase II Soundwalls