

Agenda Report

December 8, 2025

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH:

Finance Committee

FROM:

Department of Transportation

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS

WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) TO ACCEPT \$7,412,039
OF MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM (MSP)

FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 27-28

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Find that the action proposed herein not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to accept Measure M Multi-year Subregional Program (MSP) funds for transportation projects; and
- 3. Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget to recognize and appropriate \$7,412,039 in Measure M MSP funds as detailed in this report.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, the Metro Board of Directors approved the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan Ordinance, known as Measure M. That same year, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure M, which partially funds many Metro projects, and provides funding to local jurisdictions via the Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP), the Metro Active Transport (MAT), and Local Return. Measure M Guidelines direct each

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subregion/Council of Governments (COG) to draft five-year expenditure plans for their respective Measure M MSP funds. MSP funds provide subregions with flexibility in using the funds within the framework of Measure M Guidelines. Before MSP funds are allocated to local jurisdictions, the MSP projects and allocation must be approved by the Metro Board of Directors. The City of Pasadena's initial five-year MSP and subsequent MSP project lists are coordinated as a member agency of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA).

The City Council approved a list of seven projects for inclusion in the FY27-28 MSP on June 17, 2024. Below are the seven projects with the appropriation amounts to amend the FY 2026-2030 CIP Budget:

Project	MSP Funding
Subregional Equity Program	
Bus Stop Improvement Program (75900)	597,016
Citywide Neighborhood Traffic Management Program for Mountain Street from Los Robles Avenue and Fair Oaks Avenue (75923)	500,000
Transit Project	
Bus Replacement and Expansion Buses of Pasadena Transit (75085)	2,778,557
Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets Projects	
Installation of Traffic Signal and Curb Extensions at Sierra Bonita Avenue and Orange Grove Boulevard (75134)	132,077
Citywide Continental Crosswalk Implementation (75917)	1,204,389
Installation of Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (HAWKs) at Various Locations	1,200,000
Citywide Leading Pedestrian Interval/Accessible Pedestrian Signal (LPI/APS) Implementation Program	1,000,000
Total	7,412,039

The Installation of Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (HAWKs) at Various Locations has subsequently been clarified to include two existing uncontrolled crosswalks across Lincoln Avenue at Toolen Place and across Lake Avenue at Elizabeth Street. As these locations were not specifically identified in the June 2024 City Council approval of the Measure M MSP project list, Council action is requested to approve the project with identified locations for MSP funds.

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 use, and to create a supportive climate for economic viability. 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. Specifically, these projects support the following City General Plan Mobility Element Policies:

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- 1.1 Encourage connectivity and accessibility to a mix of land uses that meet residents' daily needs within walking distance.
- 1.7 Design streets to achieve safe interaction for all modes of travel particularly for pedestrians and bicycle users.
- 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.
- 1.17 Design streets to improve access to destinations by transit, bicycle and walking.
- 2.3 Provide convenient, safe and accessible transit stops.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378. The authorization of the City Manager or their designee to enter into an agreement with Metro to receive Measure M MSP funding is a government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required. Upon entering into Measure M MSP funding agreements the City will move forward with designing the proposed improvements and will conduct the corresponding CEQA review prior to approval of each project for construction.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This action will amend the FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program Budget by appropriating \$7,412,039 of Measure M MSP funding. There is no local matching requirement for this grant.

Respectfully submitted,

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