

LA METRO BOARD APPROVES MEASURE M AND R TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS THAT WILL BENEFIT SOUTH BAY SUBREGION

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Projects will improve mobility, safety and access to public transit across the South Bay's 15 cities and the adjacent unincorporated area of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (Oct. 2, 2024) – The Board of The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has approved the expenditure of an additional \$39.6 million to support transportation system and mobility improvements, highway operational improvements, and transit investments in the South Bay subregion of Los Angeles. The funding will be used for projects such as bike lanes, pedestrian bridges, and traffic signal upgrades, and is expected to improve mobility, safety and access to public transit.

Funding for these projects will come from Measure M, a sales tax supported by over 70 percent of LA County voters in 2016 to invest in Los Angeles and a better transportation system, and Measure R, a half-cent sales tax approved by a two-thirds majority of LA County voters in 2008 to finance new transportation projects and programs, and accelerate those already in the pipeline.

Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs (MSP) and Measure R South Bay Transit Investment Programs are included in the Measure M and/or Measure R Expenditure Plans. The annual update allows the South Bay subregion and implementing agencies to approve new eligible projects for funding and revise scopes of works, schedules and project budgets for previously funded projects. At the September Board of Director's meeting, the Board made changes to projects that previously received Board approvals and approved funding allocations for new projects. Funds are programmed through Fiscal Year 2027-28.

Four recommendations were approved by the Board and will move forward with execution:

Transportation System and Mobility Improvements

- This provides funding of an additional \$11.1 million to support projects such as the South Bay Local Travel Network (LTN) and related safety enhancements in Lomita, the LTN in Carson, and the Avalon Promenade and Gateway in the City of LA. The Avalon project includes construction of a dedicated pedestrian/cycling bridge over active freight railroad tracks and approximately 12 acres of public open space adjacent to the pedestrian bridge.

South Bay Highway Operational Improvements Program

- This provides an additional \$11.6 million to support projects including the North East Hawthorne Mobility Improvement Project and traffic signal communications and network systems. The project includes the installation of flashing beacons for pedestrian safety, new traffic signal installation, and construction of new ADA ramps.
- Additional projects included in this program include the Inglewood Downtown Intelligent Transportation System project (ITS), which allows the City to monitor real-time traffic conditions and take proper action when congestion or problems occur and upgrading the Crenshaw Blvd. traffic signal systems to be fully integrated and compatible with the City's ITS network.

Transportation System and Mobility Improvements Program

- This provides additional funding of \$600,000 to extend the existing North Redondo Beach Bikeway from Felton Lane to Inglewood Avenue.

Measure R Transit Investments Program

- This provides an additional \$16.3 million within Measure R South Bay transit investments program to support the Inglewood Transit Connector Project.

With Board approval, Metro will now execute funding agreements with the implementing agencies to initiate projects, and continue working with the South Bay subregion to identify and deliver these projects. Metro appreciates our partnership with the South Bay Council of Governments (COG) and its member cities to deliver the promises of Measures R and M.

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