

South Bay Cities Council of Government

January 31, 2017

Honorable John Fasana, Chair
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: South Bay Cities Council of Governments Measure M Policy Recommendations

Dear Chairman Fasana:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Board of Directors reviewed and approved policy recommendations for inclusion in the Measure M Guidelines. This followed a workshop in which SBCCOG and Metro staff presented an overview of Measure M Implementation steps.

As the implementation guidelines are being drafted by Metro, we ask that the following recommendations be incorporated:

- * Delegate administration of Measure M sub-regional programs to the respective COGs that express a willingness to manage the programs and give them the ability to establish their own guidelines as long as they are in compliance with the Measure M ordinance requirements.
- * Eliminate or restructure the Metro Call for Projects to better align the process with the sub-regional nature of the Measure M program by sub-venting the funding proportionately to COGs and requiring allocation via competitive processes where required.
- * Allow as an alternative to individual city contributions, local investments that meet the Local Contribution Eligibility Criteria to be aggregated over an entire Rail Construction segment to meet the 3% Rail Local Contribution requirement regardless of where in the construction segment the investments are made.
- * Grandfather in previous local expenditures – amount escalated to the original project date - that meet the Local Contribution Eligibility Criteria (e.g. Torrance and Redondo Beach transit center investments at future Green Line South Station sites).
- * Allow each Sub-Region, at its sole discretion, to use Measure M sub-regional funding as the minimum required local match for all competitive Metro grant programs and required local contributions.
- * Work with Sub-Regions to enable acceleration of construction of one or more transit or highway regional projects located within their sub-region (e.g. the Sub Region could lend near-term sub-regional program funding to Metro to accelerate the project(s) with repayment including escalation due when the accelerated regional project was initially scheduled in the Measure M Expenditure Plan Attachment A).
- * Explore sub-regional allocation policy for local return funds that would use the resident population allocation from Metro and allow the sub-region to aggregate it using some agreed upon formula.

The SBCCOG Board also nominated Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director, and Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director, as the SBCCOG representative and alternate on the Metro Measure M Advisory Council.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

James Osborne, Chairman
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

cc: Members of the Metro Board of Directors

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