

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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November 9, 2020

To: SBCCOG Transportation Committee (from October 12, 2020 meeting)

From: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director
Steve Lantz, Transportation Director

Subject: City of Torrance Request for Additional Funds

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal A: Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development. Facilitate, implement, and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation, and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay. Strategy 5 – Actively pursue opportunities for infrastructure funding for member agencies.

BACKGROUND

Due to a lack of a quorum at the October 12, 2020 Transportation Committee meeting, this item was discussed at the October 14, 2020 Infrastructure Working Group meeting and was carried over to the November 9, 2020 Transportation Committee meeting.

The City of Torrance is requesting SBCCOG approval of additional funding for two active Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) projects. The two projects are MR312.23, the Torrance Transit Park & Ride Regional Terminal, and MR312.60, Crenshaw Blvd. Improvements from Del Amo to Dominguez Street. These two projects have been bid and awarded as a construction package to increase efficiency but are funded through two separate funding agreements.

The City has requested an additional \$1,631,000 for MR.312.23, and \$609,000 for MR312.60, for a total request of \$2,240,000. The project cost increases are due to increases in material costs and delays caused by contractor issues. The project has been awarded to a new construction firm and is ready to move forward. Upon approval by the SBCCOG Board, the City and Metro will need to execute a Letter of No Prejudice to allow the City to continue working on the project pending formal Metro Board action on the source and timing availability for the additional funds. After consultation with Metro staff, SBCCOG staff is recommending the use of Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program funding.

The Torrance Transit Park & Ride Terminal Project is a regionally significant project and will serve as a transit hub for Metro, GTrans, Beach Cities Transit, and Municipal Express Service and is the future terminal of the Green Line South Extension rail project. The accompanying Crenshaw Blvd improvements will ensure more efficient movement of vehicles in and around the Transit Center site.

RECOMMENDATION

The SBCCOG Transportation Committee recommends that the SBCCOG Board approve the City of Torrance's request for an additional \$2,240,000 and subsequently work with Metro and the City to identify the timing of the requested funds.