

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

DATE: September 26, 2013

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Measure R Oversight Committee

SUBJECT: Reallocate Metro Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) Funding for Del Amo Blvd. Project (MR 312.16)

BACKGROUND

A study is being undertaken by the Los Angeles County Public Works Department and the City of Los Angeles to determine the feasibility of constructing a new roadway segment that closes the gap on Del Amo Boulevard from Western Avenue to Vermont Avenue.

Los Angeles County was previously awarded South Bay Highway Program funding for the L. A. County portion of the project between Normandie Avenue and Vermont Avenue. However, SBCCOG staff, the County staff and the City staff agree that the feasibility of gap-closure project should be evaluated for the entire length of the gap from Western Avenue to Vermont Avenue. The gap is approximately half in unincorporated L. A. County and half in the City of Los Angeles.

Although L. A. County Department of Public Works has agreed to be the lead agency for the feasibility study and to engage the technical consultants needed to complete the analysis, the City of Los Angeles has requested funding to review and comment on the consultant deliverables and to provide technical and policy input as the study progresses. This reimbursement of staff expenses is an eligible and customary use of SBHP project development funding.

In order to be reimbursed under the SBHP program, it has been determined that the most expeditious method is for the City of Los Angeles to execute a separate Funding Agreement with Metro. The County of Los Angeles has agreed to have the SBCCOG and Metro reallocate \$100,000 to the City of Los Angeles to provide funding for the City's scope of work. Although the reallocation will be approved administratively at Metro, Metro has requested that the SBCCOG Board formally approve the change in the SBHP program. The issue was discussed at the Measure R Oversight Committee without any objections being raised. However, no recommendation could be made due to the lack of a quorum.

RECOMMENDATION

SBCCOG Staff recommends that the SBCCOG Board of Directors approve a reallocation not to exceed \$100,000 from L. A. County's SBHP MR 312.16 Del Amo Boulevard project to fund a new L. A. City funding agreement with Metro. The new L. A. City funding agreement scope of work will allow the City of Los Angeles to actively participate in the feasibility study and to review and comment on feasibility study deliverables provided by the L. A. County consultants.