

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

January 22, 2015

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Request for Additional SBHP Project Development Funding By Hermosa Beach; Refined Commitments of Measure R SBHP Funds for Metro 2015 Call for Projects Applications

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

The SBCCOG Board of Directors approved an initial list of 2015 Metro Call for Project Applications and committed to provide the required minimum local match from the South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) at its November 20, 2014 meeting. Subsequent information has been compiled for some of the applications consistent with information being developed in project study reports regarding project scopes and costs that are required by Metro to be included with all Call for Projects applications. This memo addresses two issues: 1) a request for increased SBHP reimbursement for a project development study in the City of Hermosa Beach and 2) an updated estimate of the SBHP funds that will be requested to provide the local match for several 2015 Call for Projects applications by South Bay lead agencies.

Hermosa Beach Funding Request for the PCH/Aviation Boulevard SBHP Project

The PCH / Aviation Boulevard project study costs have increased from \$20,000 to \$190,000 due to a significant change in the project scope that required a full PSR-PID to be prepared on an expedited basis by Caltrans District 7 staff in order to meet the January 30, 2015 Metro Call for Projects application deadline.

The project was originally considered a minor change in the geometry of the street. The new project reflects the results of a two-year study by the City of Hermosa Beach to create viable elements of a model complete street on Pacific Coast Highway (State Highway #1) and Aviation Boulevard within the city limits. The new scope also incorporates elements that respond to Metro's desire to support development of pedestrian and bikeway elements to make mobility projects more sustainable. Bikeways were added as SBHP eligible expenditures earlier in 2014.

The new project has an expanded goal of reducing vehicle miles travelled, improving the quality of life in the community served by the improvement, and addressing mobility deficiencies in the corridor.

Caltrans District 7 decided in November 2014 to participate in the application development and to prepare the extensive technical documentation which is required by Caltrans for projects on State highways regardless of the funding source. This new city/state partnership is being watched by Caltrans headquarters in Sacramento as a model for future state / local assistance partnerships. The expedited schedule is requiring Caltrans staff to work significant overtime hours to expedite the preparation of a full PSR-PID under a cooperative agreement with the city in time to submit a 2015 Call for Projects application by the January 30, 2015 deadline. In order to avoid delays in the preparation of the application, Hermosa Beach has committed to reimburse Caltrans for the additional \$170,000 cost of the expedited application preparation.

The city has requested reimbursement from the SBCCOG for their increased costs. The required letter requesting increased funding is attached in Exhibit 1. The city made a presentation in support of their increased SBHP study funding request at the Steering Committee meeting on January 12, 2015. The Steering Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the \$190,000 request.

Updated Call for Projects SBHP Matching Estimates

An updated list of SBHP commitments to South Bay lead agency applications in the Metro 2015 Call For Projects SBHP Match was reviewed by the Steering Committee at the January 12, 2015. With Board approval, it will be forwarded to Metro staff for incorporation in Metro's FY 2015-16 budget. It was acknowledged at the Steering Committee that the final commitments might change as the lead agencies determine which applications to submit during the period between the Steering Committee and Board meeting. The recommended update list of South Bay Metro 2015 Call for Projects Application scopes, costs and SBHP match commitments as of January 14, 2015 is attached as Exhibit 2. SBCCOG staff will update Exhibit 2 prior to SBCCOG Board consideration if additional changes in the applications warrant revision.

RECOMMENDATION

The Steering Committee recommends SBCCOG Board approval of the Hermosa Beach request for an increase of SBHP reimbursement from \$20,000 to \$190,000 for the PCH / Aviation SBHP Project Study.

The Steering Committee also recommends SBCCOG Board approval of SBHP funds to provide the minimum local match required in South Bay lead agency applications for the 2015 Call for Projects listed in Exhibit 2 and authorizes the approved list to be transmitted to Metro staff.

Attachment 1: City of Hermosa Beach Letter Requesting additional SBHP funds

Attachment 2: Revised Request for Maximum SBHP Match for Metro 2015 Call for Projects Applications



City of Hermosa Beach

Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California 90254-3885

January 7, 2015

Mr. Stephen Lantz
Transportation Director
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

RE: Pacific Coast Highway/Aviation Blvd. Mobility Improvements Project
State Route 1

Dear Mr. Lantz:

The City of Hermosa Beach has been in the process of improving PCH/Aviation Blvd. to improve mobility and enhance aesthetics of this significant corridor through the city in accordance with the "Complete Street" concept.

As the State of California owns and maintains the right of way of PCH, we have recently been exploring ways to partner with them in improving the corridor. Caltrans has agreed to participate in this project by initially preparing a Project Study Report (PSR) and Project Initiation Document (PID). This will allow us to apply for Metro's Call for Projects (CFP) due by January 30, 2015. They have also tentatively agreed to prepare Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) for the future construction of the project.

Caltrans has asked the City of Hermosa Beach to pay for their cost of preparing the PSR – PID documents in the amount of \$190,000. They have already prepared several alternatives for the improvements, which are currently under review by the City. In addition, the City of Hermosa Beach has retained the services of a consultant to prepare the CFP application to include the PSR-PID documents by Caltrans.

This letter serves to respectfully request that the South Bay Council of Governments (SBCOG) Measure R Oversight Committee appropriate funds from the Measure R Highway Program funds for the services rendered by Caltrans in the amount of \$190,000 in support of the City of Hermosa Beach application for Metro's Call for Projects funds to implement the Pacific Coast Highway/Aviation Blvd. Mobility Improvements Project (State Route 1). Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Bakaly', written over a horizontal line.

Tom Bakaly
City Manager, Hermosa Beach

SBHP Project Development & 2015 CFP Matching Commitments as of 1/14/15

2015 CFP APPLICATION PROJECTS

SBHP Task Order #	Project Sponsor	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CFP Project Application Cost	Estimated Total Project Cost	Minimum Local Match % Requested	Local Match Total (SBHP Funds)	FY in which Local Match would be Allocated if Application was Successful in 2015 CFP	
2014-3	Gardena	Redondo Beach Blvd Arterial Improvements from Crenshaw Blvd to Vermont Ave	\$42,632 total for all 6 applications	\$3,600,000	20% RSTI	\$720,000	2020	
2014-3	Gardena	Crenshaw Blvd Arterial Improvements from Redondo Beach Blvd to El Segundo Blvd		\$1,900,000	20% RSTI	\$380,000	2020	
2014-3	Gardena	Artesia Blvd Arterial Improvements from Western Ave to Vermont Ave		\$3,100,000	20% RSTI	\$620,000	2020	
2014-3	Gardena	Normandie Ave Arterial Improvements from El Segundo Blvd to 177th Street		\$6,000,000	20% RSTI	\$1,200,000	2020	
2014-3	Gardena	Traffic Signal Reconstruction on Vermont at Redondo Beach Blvd and at Rosecrans Ave		\$1,800,000	20% RSTI	\$360,000	2020	
2014-3	Gardena	Park and Ride Lots (SWcorners of El Segundo Blvd at Vermont Ave and at Western Ave)		\$5,700,000	20% Transit Capital Improvements	\$1,140,000	2020	
2014-5	Hermosa Beach	PID for PCH/Aviation Mobility Improvements Project (Complete Streets)	\$190,000	\$43,000,000	20% RSTI	\$1,200,000	2017	
2014-4	Inglewood	Channelize and raise median Manchester Bl from Ash Ave to La Cienega Bl; Improve turn radii La Cienega Bl at Manchester Bl; Improve turn radii and through-right lane La Cienega Bl at Florence Ave	\$50,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2014-6	Lawndale	Redondo Beach Blvd. Mobility Improvements from Prairie to Artesia	\$47,360	\$8,000,000	20% RSTI	\$1,200,000	\$600,000 in FY 2017 \$600,000 in FY 2019	
2014-2	Torrance	Western Ave at Sepulveda Blvd Intersection Improvements	\$80,000	\$17,500,000	20% RSTI	N/A	2020	
2014-2	Torrance	Hawthorne Blvd Corridor Improvements (intersections of Lomita Blvd, Emerald, Spencer, and 182nd Streets)	\$70,000	\$3,700,000	20% RSTI	\$740,000	2020	
			\$479,992					\$7,560,000

OTHER SBHP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (NON-2015 CFP)

ID#	Project Sponsor	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SBHP Project Study Cost				FY in which Funds are to Become Available (pre-approved)
MR312.45	Caltrans	Implement an Integrated Corridor Management System along the SR -110 Corridor between Artesia Boulevard and the I-405. The project will integrate freeway, arterial and transit operations, implement a Decision Support System for coordinated agency operations and traveler information systems.	\$1,000,000				2018
SBHP TO 2014-1	El Segundo	Feasibility study to establish three bicycle corridors within the city limits which are near large employers and adjacent to green line stations. Aviation Blvd, Douglas St. and El Segundo Blvd	\$150,000				2014
TBD	Lawndale	Develop Complete Street Element of Citywide Mobility plan and create a Complete Streets guidance document	\$350,000				2015
MR312.56	Los Angeles City	Feas. Study of gap closure on Del Amo Bl from Western Avenue to Vermont Avenue	\$100,000				2013
TBD	Los Angeles City	Vincent Thomas Bridge 110 Connector	\$1,000,000				2013
MR312.16	Los Angeles County	Feas. Study of gap closure on Del Amo Bl from Western Avenue to Vermont Avenue. Reconstruct and widen from one lane in each direction to two lanes in each direction	\$1,900,000				\$1,000,000 (2012) \$900,000 (2013)
	Metro	South Bay Baseline Arterial Performance Monitoring implementation Study. South Bay Subregional ITS Plan DEOBLIGATED IN JULY 2014. New project approved in Aug 2014	\$250,000				2013
SBHP TO 2014-7	Manhattan Beach	A single application and PSR for 7 intersections along Sepulveda Blvd corridor that were identified in the 2009 PCH Study conducted by SCAG and the SBCCOG (in order of priority): Sepulv at Rosecrans., Marine Ave. / Cedar Ave., Valley Dr., 33rd St., 30th St., 14th St., and 2nd St. (PSR)	\$50,000				2014
TBD	Torrance	Feas. Study of PCH/Hawthorne Park and Ride	\$150,000				2015
MR312.09	Torrance	Prelim design EIR and PSE&E Operational improvements on PCH at Crenshaw Avenue	\$1,300,000				2016
TBD	Torrance	Feas study of 182nd St corridor improvements (intersection improvements, ITS, bicycle facilities, determine Measure R eligibility) at Kingsdale Ave in Redondo Beach to Harbor Gateway Transit Center in LA City (just east of Vermont)	\$300,000				2016
			\$6,550,000				

SBHP TOTAL: \$7,029,992