

South Bay Cities Council of Government

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TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Measure M Policy Recommendations and Actions

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.

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

BACKGROUND

SBCCOG and Metro staff presented a Measure M workshop earlier today that included background on implementation of the new sales tax, several policy recommendations and implementation tasks and action steps that staff believes are necessary to allow the SBCCOG to appropriately participate in the implementation of Measure M regional and sub-regional projects and programs. We believe the SBCCOG Board of Directors should approve the policy recommendations, concur with the implementation tasks and initial work scope described during the workshop. The recommendations, tasks and initial scope detailed below were taken from the PowerPoint presentation used at the workshop.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. SBCCOG Staff recommends the Board approve the following Measure M Policies for SBCCOG advocacy during Measure M Guidelines development:
 - * 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.
2. SBCCOG Staff recommends the Board approve the following Measure M Tasks needed to initiate Measure M Sub-regional administration:
- * Nominate to the Metro Board Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director, as the SBCCOG representative on the Metro Measure M Advisory Council with Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director as the alternate. (The appointee CANNOT be an elected official.)
 - * Appoint SBCCOG Measure M Task Force Members and Task Force Chair – soliciting interest from Board members and alternates for the February Steering Committee to formally initiate the Task Force.
 - * Delegate to Measure M Task Force authority to provide direction on scope, schedule and budget for Metro / SBCCOG Measure M Cooperative Agreement, ongoing action steps and regular reports to the Board of Directors.
3. SBCCOG Board concurs that the initial scope of the Measure M Task Force should include, but not be limited to, development of:
- * South Bay Bus Rapid Transit Program strategies
 - * Green Line South DEIR alternatives
 - * Possible acceleration of the I-405 improvements and coordination with interchange projects
 - * Coordinating SBHP Measure R with Measure M Highway Operational Improvements
 - * Developing a comprehensive South Bay mobility strategy to include Active Transportation, Complete Streets, Goods Movement, a Slow Speed Network, ITS, and Broadband programs