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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 14, 2015

SUBJECT: 2015 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP)

ACTION: APPROVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PORTION OF SCAG 2015 ATP REGIONAL PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED (4-0) UNDER RECONSIDERATION:

- A. **ADOPTING Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG's) Draft Regional Program** for Los Angeles County ATP applicants as shown in Attachment A.
- B. **APPROVING** the designation of ten points to reflect the consistency of the projects listed in Attachment A with regional and local plans.

ISSUE

On October 22, 2015, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is scheduled to adopt the Statewide, Small Urban, and Rural Component of the 2015 Active Transportation Program (ATP). On December 10, 2015, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is scheduled to adopt the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) component of the 2015 ATP. The ATP allocates forty percent of its funds toward the MPO component of its program. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) will be selecting and programming the regional program for its six counties, Los Angeles County included. SCAG will make their Regional Program recommendations by November 15, 2015, subsequent to the six counties receiving board approval for their respective project lists for SCAG's final Regional Program. This report requests approval of a program of projects in Los Angeles County for funding under SCAG's Regional Program.

DISCUSSION

Metro's approval is necessary to secure approximately \$40 million for Los Angeles County projects in MPO project funding. LA County 2015 ATP Regional Program awardees will be a part of SCAG's 2015 Regional Program, which funds \$76.3 million for active transportation across its six counties.

Applicants are also vying for up to \$180 million in the Statewide ATP competition.

2015 Regional Project Selection Process

The CTC released its recommendations for the 2015 ATP Statewide Program on September 15, 2015. As a secondary process to the 2015 ATP, Large Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) within California will be administering forty percent of the program funds for their respective regions. SCAG's Regional Share will be awarded based on the State's 2015 ATP guidelines and scoring with additional evaluation of criteria.

The six county transportation commissions in the SCAG area will review the Regional Program's implementation project list and assign up to ten points for projects that are consistent with plans adopted by local and regional governments within the county. At the April 2015 meeting, Metro Board identified the SCAG 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Metro's 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as the two guiding documents to review and assign the ten points for the Los Angeles County ATP projects. Staff has identified the ten points according to the Board policy in a September 2015 report. The point assignments are also listed in Attachment A.

Three percent (3%) of SCAG's Regional Program budget has been dedicated towards planning projects. The remaining 97% has been applied towards implementation projects-planning, design, and construction of both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. SCAG and its member counties have determined the implementation project list according to the ten point assignments and funding marks, which are based on county population. Planning projects are to be identified by SCAG, not by funding marks. Attachment A was prepared prior to SCAG's identification of planning projects for funding. Attachment A lists all Los Angeles County plan applications in order of state recommended score. The final Regional Program ensures geographic equity across the six SCAG counties and that at least 25% of its funding has been awarded to disadvantaged communities.

SCAG 2015 Regional Program

SCAG will make its final project programming recommendations to the CTC by November 15, 2015. Each county transportation commission will be seeking board approval for their respective project lists prior to this date. Should there be changes in the draft program as part of SCAG's or the CTC's adoption processes, staff will return to the Board with an update.

As a valuable funding source for bicycle and pedestrian improvements, the ATP is a good tool to help augment the Call for Projects (CFP) resources. Metro staff is working with stakeholders to assess how best to make the CFP synergistic with the ATP. Staff anticipates coming back to the Board in a subsequent cycle with further recommendations.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Many of the projects described in the report include bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. This report itself will have no direct impact on the safety of our customers and employees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approving the staff recommendations will have no impact on the FY 2016 Budget.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Metro Staff considered seeking Metro Board approval of the Los Angeles County portion of the 2015 SCAG Regional ATP Program in the November-December board cycle. We do not recommend this alternative, as the Metro Board's approval should be incorporated in the program adopted by the SCAG Regional Council on November 5, 2015, and submitted to the CTC by its November 15, 2015 deadline.

NEXT STEPS

- CTC approves Statewide ATP Awards - October 22, 2015
- SCAG Regional Program Recommendations due to CTC - November 15, 2015
- CTC adopts MPO selected projects - December 10, 2015

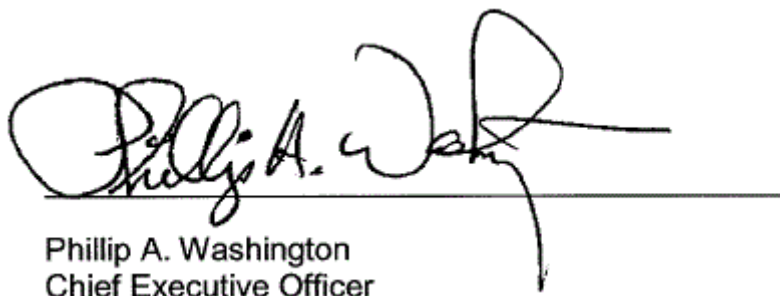
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – SCAG 2015 ATP Regional Program

Attachment A - Active Transportation Program Award of Partial Funding

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**SUBJECT: 2015 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – AWARD OF
PARTIAL FUNDING**

ISSUE

The 2015 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) selection process includes a remnant amount (\$180,000) of ATP funding. The award of this funding revises the SCAG Regional Program of Implementation Projects for Los Angeles County which is being presented to the Metro Board for adoption this month (See Revised Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

The 2015 Active Transportation Program has two components, a statewide and small urban component to be adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on October 22, 2015 and a regional component, which the Metro Board must consider on October 22, 2015 prior to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Executive Administration Committee (EAC) action on January 7, 2016 and CTC action on January 20, 2016.

SCAG ATP Regional Program Selection Process

The 2015 ATP Regional Program provides a total of \$76 million for the six counties in the SCAG Region. A minimum of ninety-seven percent (97%) funds Implementation projects, whereas up to three percent (3%) can be programmed for Planning projects. Each county transportation commission was given a funding mark based on their county's population which then was used to create the final Implementation project list for the SCAG region—97% of SCAG's funding share. The top ranked planning projects across the counties were given up to 3% of SCAG's funding share. The funding

project sponsors to commit to delivering their projects, so an alternative project selection process was used. Los Angeles County stands to receive \$180,000 if we can utilize partial funding for the full scope of work of a highly ranked project.

Project Selection for Partial Funding

The now pooled partial funding amounts resulted in the partial funding offer of \$180,000 to the sponsors of the next highest scored projects regionwide, in order of score. Two Los Angeles County project sponsors, with projects scoring 92 expressed willingness to deliver their projects at the reduced award amount:

City of Downey – Bike Share and Safety Education

City of Santa Monica – Personalized Travel Planning and Safer Streets Campaign

The selected LA County project to receive the partial award was the City of Downey's Bike Share and Safety Education project. While both projects are consistent with local and regional plans, Downey's project is located in a disadvantaged community. A revised staff recommendation is being prepared to reflect an \$180,000 award to the City of Downey's Bike Share and Safety Education project, partially funding the total project cost of \$293,000. City of Downey staff has indicated the City has the funds available to deliver the project including all benefits indicated in the ATP application. The final Regional Program ensures geographic equity across the six SCAG counties and that at least 25% of its funding has been awarded to disadvantaged communities.

NEXT STEPS

October 22, 2015 – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) considers adoption of funding recommendations for the statewide ATP competition.

October 22, 2015 – Metro considers adoption of SCAG's Regional Program, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) share of the ATP.

January 7, 2016 – SCAG Executive Administration Committee (EAC) approves SCAG Regional Program recommendations.

January 8, 2016 – SCAG submits Regional Program to CTC.

January 20, 2016 – CTC adopts SCAG Regional Program.

January 2016 – Metro staff returns to the Board with a report on the results of the statewide and SCAG ATP competitions, proposed policies for future ATP competitions, and the relationship between the ATP and the Metro Call for Projects.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A – Revised SCAG 2015 Regional Program for Los Angeles County

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SCAG 2015 ATP Regional Program for Los Angeles County
(\$ in thousands)

Implementation Projects with Regional Program Funds Anticipated

	Project Sponsor	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Total ATP Request/ Award	Running Total Award	CTC Recommended Score	Metro Plan Consistency Score	Total MPO Score
1	Los Angeles County MTA	Metro Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor Segment A-1	20,278	8,326	8,326	88.00	10.00	98.00
2	La Verne	La Verne Regional Commuter Bicycle Gap Closure Project	18,712	1,552	9,878	87.00	10.00	97.00
3	Port of Long Beach	Coastal Bike Trail Connector-Ocean Blvd, Long Beach	6,660	4,000	13,878	86.00	10.00	96.00
4	Lynwood	Community Linkages to Civic Center and Long Beach blvd Metro Station	2,891	2,319	16,197	86.00	10.00	96.00
5	Torrance	Downtown Torrance Active Transportation Improvement Project	2,533	2,027	18,224	86.00	10.00	96.00
6	Port of Long Beach	South Water Front/Pier j Bike and Pedestrian Path	3,563	2,000	20,224	86.00	10.00	96.00
7	Los Angeles	Broadway Historic Theater District Pedestrian Improvements 4th-6th Streets	7,690	6,862	27,086	85.00	10.00	95.00
8	Cudahy	Wilcox Avenue Complete Streets and SRTS Project	1,371	1,344	28,430	85.00	10.00	95.00
9	Los Angeles	Colorado Bl Pedestrian and Bicycle Active Transportation Improvements	9,843	9,743	38,173	84.00	10.00	94.00
10	Huntington Park	Uncontrolled Crosswalk Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project	1,793	1,757	39,930	83.75	10.00	93.75
		Partial Funding to Be Awarded to High Scoring Project(s) with Flexible Funding Request		45	39,975			
11	Downey	Downey Bike Share and Safety Education*	516	180	40,110	82.00	10.00	92.00
Subtotal SCAG Regional Program - Los Angeles County Implementation Projects			75,334	39,975	39,975			
			75,850	40,110	40,110			

***The City of Downey has agreed to provide additional funds to deliver the project.**

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Planning Projects Under Consideration for Regional Program Funds

	Project Sponsor	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Total ATP Request/ Award	Running Total Award	CTC Recommended Score	Metro Plan Consistency Score	Total MPO Score
1	Santa Clarita	Junior High and High School SRTS Plan	200	160	TBD 160	82.00	n/a	82.00
2	Downey	Pedestrian Plan	300	300	TBD 460	80.00	n/a	80.00
3	Bellflower	Bellflower and Paramount Joint Active Transportation Plan	125	100	TBD 560	68.00	n/a	68.00
4	Irwindale	Citywide Non Motorized Design Guidelines and Active Transportation Action Plan	154	154	TBD 714	67.00	n/a	67.00
5	Bell Gardens	Southeast Cities Active Transportation Master Plan	767	767	TBD	64.00	n/a	64.00
Subtotal SCAG Regional Program - Los Angeles County Planning Projects			1,546 779	Not Available 714	Not Available 714			

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SCAG 2015 ATP Contingency Projects with No ATP Funding Identified for Los Angeles County

(\$ in thousands)

Should additional funding become available during the Cycle 2 program period due to state eligibility reviews resulting in reduced awards or project delivery problems, the projects listed below would be considered in order of score, and based on the ability of the project sponsor to deliver the project given possible partial funding or last minute delivery timelines.

	Project Sponsor	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Total ATP Request	Running Total Award	CTC Recommended Score	Metro Plan Consistency Score	Total MPO Score
1	Los Angeles	LANI - West Boulevard Community Linkages Project	1,968	1,623		83.00	10.00	93.00
2	Baldwin Park	Maine Ave/Pacific Ave Corridor Complete Streets Improvements	2,105	1,754		83.00	10.00	93.00
3	Downey	South Downey SRTS	469	469		83.00	10.00	93.00
4	Downey	Downey Bike Share and Safety Education*	516 256	256 76		82.00	10.00	92.00
5	Santa Monica	Personalized Travel Planning and Safer Streets Campaign	600	480		82.00	10.00	92.00
6	Los Angeles	Regional Bike Share Program Expansion	2,805	2,805		82.00	10.00	92.00
7	Santa Monica	SRTS	1,458	1,221		82.00	10.00	92.00
8	Watershed Conservation	San Gabriel River Bike Trail Gap Closure, Roundabout and Park Entry Improvements	2,340	1,760		81.25	10.00	91.25
9	Los Angeles County	San Jose Creek Trail-Phase II	13,430	9,950		80.50	10.00	90.50
10	Baldwin Park	Ramona Boulevard Express Bikeway	1,978	1,978		79.00	10.00	89.00
11	South Gate	South Gate Regional Bikeway Connectivity Project	5,197	4,597		78.00	10.00	88.00
12	Alhambra	Uncontrolled Crosswalk Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project	1,642	1,379		77.50	10.00	87.50
13	San Fernando	Pacoima Wash Bikeway and Pedestrian Path	5,897	5,293		77.00	10.00	87.00
14	Carson	Dominguez Channel Bike Path Improvements	1,419	1,419		76.50	10.00	86.50
15	Los Angeles County	Temple Avenue Complete Street improvements	2,076	2,076		76.00	10.00	86.00

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16	Los Angeles	Walk Pico! A Catalyst for Community Vitality and Connectivity	2,410	1,950		76.00	10.00	86.00
17	Los Angeles County	West Athens 110th Street Bicycle Boulevard Gap Closure	631	505		76.00	10.00	86.00
18	Los Angeles	LANI-Gaffey Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project	1,440	1,440		75.00	10.00	85.00
19	Los Angeles County	Overhill Drive Complete Street Improvements	5,923	2,118		75.00	10.00	85.00
20	Redondo Beach	Regional Commuter Bicycle Gap Closure Project	1,871	1,817		75.00	10.00	85.00
21	Pico Rivera	Rivera Elementary and Middle School SRTS Pedestrian and Bike Access Improvements	1,801	1,751		75.00	10.00	85.00
22	Pasadena	SRTS Education and Encouragement	867	867		75.00	10.00	85.00
23	Los Angeles	Broadway Historic Theater District Pedestrian Improvements 8th-9th Streets	3,930	3,368		74.00	10.00	84.00
24	Burbank	Chandler Bikeway Extension and San Fernando Bikeway GaP Closure	7,931	7,332		74.00	10.00	84.00
25	Palmdale	Civic Center Complete Streets	2,744	2,195		74.00	10.00	84.00
26	Los Angeles County	Marvin Braude Beach Trail Gap Closure	5,584	4,108		74.00	10.00	84.00
27	Los Angeles County MTA	Union Station Master Plan-Los Angeles Crossing	8,686	7,786		73.00	10.00	83.00
28	Los Angeles County MTA	Metro Bike Share Priority Pilot Implementation in Pasadena	5,271	5,171		72.00	10.00	82.00
29	Lancaster	35th Street West SRTS Class I Facilities	960	768		71.00	10.00	81.00
30	Pasadena	Bikeway Active Transportation Project	6,512	6,512		71.00	10.00	81.00
31	Los Angeles DPW	Central-Jefferson High Green Alley Network	3,490	1,500		71.00	10.00	81.00
32	Alhambra	Mission Rd and Front Street Ped and Sidewalk Enhancement Project	2,187	1,837		71.00	10.00	81.00
33	South El Monte	Santa Anita Avenue Revitalization Project	1,860	1,860		71.00	10.00	81.00

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34	Bellflower	Bellflower Bike and Pedestrian Path Interconnect and SRTS	394	338		70.00	10.00	80.00
35	Monterey Park	Monterey Park Bike Project	338	304		69.00	10.00	79.00
36	La Mirada	Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project	853	835		68.00	10.00	78.00
37	Pomona	Phase 3 Implementation for Pomona Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	4,438	3,238		68.00	10.00	78.00
38	Temple	Las Tunas Corridor Complete Streets Improvements Project	2,635	1,077		67.00	10.00	77.00
39	Los Angeles	Santa Monica Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project	1,073	1,073		66.00	10.00	76.00
40	Santa Clarita	Railroad Avenue Class I Bike and Pedestrian Trail	7,643	5,794		65.00	10.00	75.00
41	Long Beach	PE Right of Way Connections	9,225	8,977		64.00	10.00	74.00
42	UCLA	Using CicLAvia to Engage Communities for Broader and more Inclusive Active Transportation in Los Angeles	1,740	1,740		64.00	10.00	74.00
43	Santa Clarita	ATP Downtown Newhall Metrolink Station	250	200		63.00	10.00	73.00
44	Torrance	Del Amo Transportation Enhancements from Crenshaw Blvd to Western Ave	4,113	3,064		63.00	10.00	73.00
45	South El Monte	Monte Vista ES SRTS project	1,577	1,577		63.00	10.00	73.00
46	Montebello	Montebello Boulevard ATP Improvement Project	5,808	4,240		61.50	10.00	71.50
47	Compton	Central Avenue Active Transportation Safety Improvements	2,963	2,483		61.00	10.00	71.00
48	Bell	Florence Avenue Pedestrian Improvements	2,405	1,862		55.00	10.00	65.00
49	<u>Bell Gardens</u>	<u>Southeast Cities Active Transportation Master Plan**</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>767</u>		<u>64.00</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>64.00</u>
49		Ramona Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Gap Closure						
50	Irwindale	Safety Improvements	600	600		53.00	10.00	63.00
50		Improvements to Various Arterial Ped Crossings near						
51	Cerritos	Cerritos Schools	116	99		41.00	10.00	51.00

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51		Active and Accessible Duarte Multipurpose Trail						
52	Duarte	Improvements	1,297	1,297		39.50	10.00	49.50
53	Lynwood	Pedestrian Transit Corridor Project	2,668	2,668		23.00	10.00	33.00
Total Unfunded SCAG Regional Program - Los Angeles County Implementation Projects			158,134 158,641	131,411 131,998				

***The City of Downey's Bike Share and Safety Education project was previously identified as having a total project cost of \$516,000. The correct total project cost is \$256,000. This project is receiving partial funding in the amount of \$180,000 from the SCAG Regional Implementation Projects Category. The remaining project request of \$76,000 is included in the 2015 ATP Contingency Projects.**

****The City of Bell Gardens' Southeast Cities Active Transportation Master Plan project is a request for planning funds. Any additional funding that becomes available to this project will be subject to the 3% limitation on planning funds in the CTC guidelines.**