



## Board Report

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### PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

**SUBJECT: COUNTYWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

- A. DEOBLIGATING \$5.94 million of previously approved Call for Projects (Call) funding, as shown in Attachment A, and hold in RESERVE;
- B. APPROVING changes to the scope of work for:
  - 1. City of Los Angeles - Last Mile Folding Bike Incentive Program (Call #F7707);
  - 2. City of Los Angeles - Building Connectivity with Bicycle Friendly Business District (Call #F9803);
- C. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements/or amendments for previously awarded projects; and
- D. RECEIVING AND FILING time extensions for 49 projects shown in Attachment B.

#### **ISSUE**

Each year the Board must recertify funding for Prior Call projects in order to release the funds to project sponsors. The Board must also approve the deobligation of lapsing project funds after providing project sponsors the opportunity to appeal staff's preliminary deobligation recommendations to Metro's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The Board must also approve changes to the project scope of work. Staff has evaluated the proposed changes and found that they are consistent with the intent of the original scope of work. The Board must also receive and file the time extensions granted through previously delegated Board authority. The background and discussion of each of these recommendations can be found in Attachment C.

#### **BACKGROUND**

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The Call, an existing competitive grant program dating back to the early 1990s, programs transportation funds to local jurisdictions for regionally significant projects that are often beyond the financial capabilities of local sponsors. The last Call cycle, including all funding commitments and project scopes of work, was approved by the Metro Board in September 2015.

The Call process implements Metro's multi-modal programming priorities and the adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Since the adoption of the Call funding commitments, the Metro Board has reinforced annual authorization and timely use of funds policies. Specifically, Board policy calls for the consideration of the deobligation of funding from project sponsors who have not met lapsing deadlines or have formally notified Metro that they no longer wish to proceed with the project (cancellation). All projects are subject to a close-out audit after completion. This report summarizes the 2024 annual review and recommendations.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Appeals**

Projects with significant delays are then notified of the potential deobligation and the project sponsor's right to appeal at the Metro TAC. In May 2024, project sponsors who were required to appear at the Metro Call for Projects TAC appeals were notified. On June 5, 2024, TAC heard sponsor appeals on the proposed deobligation of funding from eight projects (Attachment D). TAC recommended a one-year extension for all eight projects and requested one LA County project return to TAC in six months for a status update. Staff concurs with these recommendations.

Close-out audits are performed once a project is complete. Once the project sponsor concurs with the audit findings, remaining funding, if any, is proposed for deobligation. All proposed deobligated funds included in Attachment A are due to project savings or cancellation requested by the project sponsors and would not be involuntarily deobligated by this proposed Board action, as further described in the attachment.

### **Project Scope of Work Changes**

1. The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation - Last Mile Folding Bike Incentive Program (Call #F7707) was programmed through the 2013 Call. As approved, this project provides financial incentives to transit riders towards the purchase of 1,800 collapsible or electric bikes to use in conjunction with bus and rail systems.
2. The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation - Building Connectivity with Bicycle Friendly Business Districts (Call #F9803) was programmed through the 2015 Call. As approved, this project creates Bicycle Friendly Business Districts that coordinate with business districts to offer Transportation Demand Management (TDM) incentives and provide applications and amenities that encourage short trips by bicycle.

The cost of an e-bike has risen significantly since the awards of the Call grants. The City has found that to benefit low-income residents, the subsidy amount must be approximately equal to the cost of

a good quality e-bike. The City is requesting to revise the scope of work by combining the two above projects with a single e-bike voucher program that will provide approximately 900 income-qualifying participants with at least \$1,500 toward the purchase of a pedal-assisted e-bike. The project area will either be South Los Angeles where the city is currently implementing the Universal Basic Mobility (UBM) pilot program or a UBM Priority Area as determined by the City's Mobility Action Plan. Metro staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope and found that it is consistent with the intent of the original scope of work for both projects. Metro will maintain its funding commitment using the combined total of the original two projects of \$1,518,124 (\$694,570 + \$823,554), and the city will maintain its local match commitment of the two combined projects of \$398,267 (\$192,378 + \$205,889). In addition, the City is committed to covering any future project cost overruns, if they should occur.

#### Active Call for Projects as of June 30, 2024

Staff have been actively working with the local jurisdictions to prioritize and expedite project implementations, especially the earlier cycles of the Call, to meet the Call funding commitments. Annually since August 2020, Metro staff reported the completed assessments of the past and current recipient performance in project delivery (2007 to 2015 Call cycles). We updated the table as of June 30, 2024 (see below), which shows 123 active Call projects totaling \$294.3 million are yet to be fully implemented. Since July 2023, project sponsors have completed 26 projects which include bottleneck intersection, signal, bikeway, and pedestrian improvement projects, with total expenditures of \$52.4 million. Remaining projects across numerous jurisdictions throughout Los Angeles County focus on multimodal improvements and support for the region's mobility needs and support of safe, sustainable, environmentally friendly improvements. The majority of the remaining projects are near the construction phase, and approximately 30 projects are near completion. Staff will continue working with the project sponsors to expedite those projects' delivery.

Cycle	# of Awarded Projects	Original Programming Years	Total Prog Amount (\$000')	# of Active Projects (June 2023)	# of Active Projects (June 2024)	Remaining Balance (\$000')
<b>2007 Call</b>	169	FY08 - FY13	\$ 454,520	22	19	\$ 41,826
<b>2009 Call</b>	133	FY12 - FY15	337,551	24	19	59,317
<b>2011 Call</b>	72	FY15 - FY17	123,516	14	13	17,585
<b>2013 Call</b>	96	FY15 - FY19	199,390	35	28	84,925
<b>2015 Call</b>	88	FY17 - FY21	201,923	54	44	90,647
	<b>558</b>		<b>\$ 1,316,900</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>\$ 294,300</b>

#### STBG/CMAQ Corrective Action Update

A portion of the funding for the Call is from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funds. Federal CMAQ and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds were previously programmed by Metro for the benefit of the Call recipients but in April 2021, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Association (FTA) issued a corrective action to Caltrans on the

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administration of the STBG and CMAQ Improvement Programs. The findings require Caltrans to ensure that sub-recipients of STBG and CMAQ funds throughout the state are administering these programs in compliance with federal program guidance and regulations. Subsequently, in August 2022, FHWA and FTA jointly issued a corrective action to SCAG, requiring a review of Caltrans' CMAQ and STBG administrative policies and the development of a process that ensures compliance with federal program guidelines and regulations for the administration of the STBG and CMAQ programs. The program guidelines adopted by SCAG to comply with the federal Corrective Action require that any new project or new project phase funded with CMAQ and/or STBG funds are subject to a competitive project selection process administered by SCAG.

The Corrective Action took effect in the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (FTIP) on July 1, 2023. Under this new federal action, any STBG/CMAQ funds that were programmed in the 2023 FTIP between FFY23 and FFY26 before July 1, 2023, are considered 'grandfathered.' In the upcoming 2025 FTIP, grandfathered funds are only permitted to be programmed in FFY25 and FFY26 and agencies must obligate the funds by September 30, 2026. Failure to obligate by the deadline will result in the permanent loss of funds.

Should agencies not be able to obligate by September 30, 2026, agencies are encouraged to apply in the next SCAG Nomination process as the STBG/CMAQ funds programmed from the Call will be lost permanently.

### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

The 2024 Call Recertification and Deobligation will not have any adverse safety impacts on Metro's employees or patrons.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The amount of \$40.2 million is included in the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget in Cost Centers 0441 (Subsidies to Others) and 0442 (Highway Subsidies) for the Countywide Call. Since these are multi-year projects, the cost center managers and Chief Planning Officer will be responsible for budgeting in future years.

#### **Impact to Budget**

The sources of funds for these activities are Proposition C 25%, State Repayment of Capital Project Loan Funds, CMAQ and RSTP. Proposition C 25% funds are not eligible for Metro bus and rail operations expenses.

CMAQ funds can be used for both transit operations and capital. Los Angeles County must strive to fully obligate its share of CMAQ funding by May 1 of each year, otherwise, it risks its redirection to other California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies by Caltrans. Staff recommends the use of long lead-time CMAQ funds as planned to ensure the utilization of Metro's federal funds.

RSTP funds in this action could be used for Metro's transit capital needs. Also, while these funds cannot be used directly for Metro's bus or rail operating needs, these funds could free up other such

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eligible funds by exchanging the funds used for Metro's paratransit provider, Access Services Incorporated. Since these RSTP funds originate in the Highway portion (Title 23) of MAP-21, they are among the most flexible funds available to Metro and are very useful in meeting Call projects' requirements.

### **EQUITY PLATFORM**

Metro's Call program was a competitive process that distributed discretionary capital transportation funds to regionally significant projects that improve traffic flow, reduce congestions, provide access and mobility, connect bikeway networks, and promote walking, etc. The projects (and scopes) included in this action predate the Equity Platform (adopted in 2018). As such, Equity Platform criteria were not included in the evaluation of these projects. However, the third pillar of the Equity Platform, "Focus and Deliver" applies to these community-driven projects. Given that no equity analysis occurred during the initial grant process, staff are now working to evaluate the equity impacts from the existing grants. The Equity Focus Communities ("EFCs", adopted as part of the 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan, updated in 2022) are being applied to all current Call grants to support the first pillar of the Equity Platform "Define and Measure." Specifically, the EFCs are a mapping tool that has been added to the Call administration database since July 2021. The analysis of the EFC layer to the Call grants (within a 1-mile radius) provides information about the makeup of the communities being served by these projects. See Attachment E for a map of the remaining 123 projects and EFCs.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The recommendation supports the following goals of the Metro Vision 2028 Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling by alleviating the current operational deficiencies and improving mobility along the projects.

Goal 4: Transform LA County through regional collaboration with the subregions and local jurisdictions in the implementation of the projects.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board could cancel all or some of the FY 2024-25 funding commitments rather than authorize their continued expenditures. This would be a change to the previous Board-approved Countywide Calls programming commitments and would disrupt ongoing projects, right-of-way acquisition particularly, that received multi-year funding.

With respect to deobligation, the Board could choose to deobligate funds from one or more project sponsors whose projects are beyond the lapse dates and are not moving forward consistent with the adopted Revised Lapsing Policy rather than extending the deadlines. A much stricter interpretation of the Revised Lapsing Policy might encourage project sponsors in general to deliver them in a timelier fashion. However, this would be disruptive to the process of delivering the specific projects currently underway, approximately 30 projects, are now very close to being delivered. On balance, the appeals process between the project sponsors and the Metro TAC is a significant reminder to project

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sponsors that these funded projects should not be further delayed thus ensuring policy objectives are achieved in expending the funds as intended by the Call program.

### **NEXT STEPS**


With Board approval of the 2024 Countywide Call Deobligation and Extension process, project sponsors will be notified. Amendments to existing Funding Agreements will be completed for those sponsors receiving time extensions. Metro staff will identify recommended uses for the reserve, including countywide needs and to address subregional cost increases, which are consistent with the prior recommended uses of the Call reserve. Project sponsors whose funds are being deobligated and those receiving date-certain time extension deadlines for executing their agreements will be formally notified of the Board's action.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - FY 2023-24 Countywide Call Deobligation  
Attachment B - FY 2023-24 Countywide Call Extensions  
Attachment C - Background/Discussion of Each Recommendation  
Attachment D - Result of TAC Appeals Process  
Attachment E - Call and Equity-Focused Communities Map

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
FY 2023-24 CALL FOR PROJECTS DEOBLIGATION RECOMMENDATIONS  
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	PROJ #	AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING SOURCE	MODE	DOLLARS PROGRAMMED AND FISCAL YEARS					\$ EXPD/ OBLG	TOTAL DEOB	REASON
						Prior	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22			
1	F1166	CULVER CITY	SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT	PC25	RSTI	3,982					3,725	257	AUDIT SAVINGS
2	F7300	DIAMOND BAR	DIAMOND BAR ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM PROJECT	PC25	SS	1,407					1,132	275	AUDIT SAVINGS
3	F7118	DOWNEY	FLORENCE AVE. BRIDGE OVER SAN GABRIEL RIVER	CMAQ	RSTI	1,917					-	1,917	CANCELLED
4	F1308	LA CITY	ATCS - WEST ADAMS	PC25	SIG	496					438	58	AUDIT SAVINGS
5	F5412	LA COUNTY	ARROW HIGHWAY BUS STOP IMPROVEMENT PLAN	LTF	TC	302					111	191	AUDIT SAVINGS
6	F3518	LONG BEACH	DAISY CORRIDOR AND 6TH STREET BIKE BOULEVARD	LTF	BIKE	1,115					974	141	AUDIT SAVINGS
7	F9502	MONTEREY PARK	MONTEREY PASS ROAD COMPLETE STREETS BIKE PROJECT	PC25	BIKE	132	1,395	467			-	1,994	CANCELLED
8	F3849	NORWALK	PIONEER ARTERIAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS	LTF	TEA	806					765	41	AUDIT SAVINGS
9	F9802	PASADENA	SHARED EV EMPLOYER DEMONSTRATION (SEED) PROGRAM	LTF	TDM	335					313	22	AUDIT SAVINGS



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10	F3300	SANTA CLARITA	ITS PHASE IV INTERCONNECT GAP CLOSURE AND SIGNAL SYNCH	PC25	SS	\$ 3,032					\$ 2,903	\$ 129	AUDIT SAVINGS
11	F9533	SANTA MONICA	BEACH BIKE PATH RAMP CONNECTION TO SANTA MONICA PIER	CMAQ	BIKE	138			912		138	912	CANCELLED
					TOTAL	\$ 13,662	\$ 1,395	\$ 467	\$ 912	\$ -	\$ 10,499	\$ 5,937	

<b>TOTAL DEOBLIGATION RECOMMENDATION BY MODE</b>	
REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS (RSTI)	\$ 2,174
TRANSIT CAPITAL (TC)	191
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES (TEA)	41
SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION (SS)	462
BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS (BIKE)	3,047
TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,937</b>



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1	F9600	AVALON	CITY OF AVALON FIVE-CORNER COMPREHENSIVE PEDESTRIAN PROJECT	LTF	2019 2020	1,736	390	1,346	12	3	2/28/2025
2	F7120	BELL GARDENS	EASTERN AVENUE AND FLORENCE AVENUE RSTI PROJECT (SEE MR306.30 FOR FUND MATCH)	PC25	2017 2018	\$2,200	\$591	1,609	12	1	2/28/2025
3	F1502	BURBANK	SAN FERNANDO BIKEWAY	CMAQ	2019	\$6,173	\$532	5,641	12	1	6/30/2025
4	F7506	BURBANK	CHANDLER BIKEWAY EXTENSION	CMAQ	2017 2018	\$2,639	\$456	2,183	12	1	6/30/2025
5	F9530	COMPTON	CENTRAL AVENUE REGIONAL COMMUTER BIKEWAY PROJECT	LTF PC25	2018 2019	1,438	-	1,438	12	3	2/28/2025
6	F9605	CUDAHY	CUDAHY CITY WIDE COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	PC25	2017 2020	2,135	73	2,062	12	3	2/28/2025
7	F3317	CULVER CITY	BUS SIGNAL PRIORITY IN CULVER CITY	PC25	2018	2,200	1,929	271	12	3	2/28/2025
8	F7311	DOWNEY	DOWNEY CITYWIDE TRANSIT PRIORITY SYSTEM PROGRAM	PC25	2018 2019	1,292	223	1,069	12	3	2/28/2025
9	F7709	GLENDALE	REGIONAL BIKE STATIONS (MATCH: MR310.34)	LTF	2018	747	-	747	12	2	6/30/2025
10	F5100	INDUSTRY	SR57/60 CONFLUENCE, GRAND AVENUE AT GOLDEN SPRINGS DRIVE	PC25	2017	6,728	6,164	564	12	3	2/28/2025
11	F3514	LA CITY	EXPOSITION-WEST BIKEWAY-NORTHVALE PROJECT (LRTP PROGRAM)	CMAQ	2014 2015	\$4,416	\$1,732	2,684	12	1	6/30/2025
12	F3516	LA CITY	LOS ANGELES RIVER BIKE PATH PHASE IV - CONSTRUCTION	CMAQ	2019	\$1,827	\$0	1,827	12	1	6/30/2025
13	F3646	LA CITY	ARTS DISTRICT/LITTLE TOKYO GOLD LINE STATION LINKAGES	MR	2016	869	734	135	12	3	2/28/2025
14	F3647	LA CITY	MENLO AVE/MLK VERMONT EXPO STATION PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	CMAQ	2021	\$1,687	\$337	1,350	12	1	6/30/2025
15	F3656	LA CITY	CENTRAL AVENUE HISTORIC CORRIDOR STREETScape	CMAQ	2021	\$1,697	\$424	1,273	12	1	6/30/2025
16	F3726	LA CITY	FIRST AND LAST MILE TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY OPTIONS	CMAQ	2013 2014	\$1,313	\$105	1,208	12	1	6/30/2025
17	F5519	LA CITY	BICYCLE FRIENDLY STREETS (BFS)	CMAQ	2015 2016	\$586	\$110	476	12	1	6/30/2025
18	F5525	LA CITY	BICYCLE CORRAL PROGRAM LAUNCH (PLUS F5709 TDM)	CMAQ	2016 2017	\$972	\$0	972	12	1	6/30/2025

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19	F5821	LA CITY	VALENCIA TRIANGLE LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION PLAZA	RSTP	2020	\$553	\$111	442	12	1	6/30/2025
20	F7123	LA CITY	MAGNOLIA BL WIDENING (NORTH SIDE) -CAHUENGA BL TO VINELAND	RSTP	2017 2018	\$5,461	\$975	4,486	12	1	6/30/2025
21	F7205	LA CITY	ALAMEDA ST. WIDENING FROM ANAHEIM ST. TO 300 FT SOUTH OF PCH	RSTP	2017 2018	\$5,874	\$1,014	4,860	12	1	6/30/2025
22	F7207	LA CITY	IMPROVE ANAHEIM ST. FROM FARRAGUT AVE. TO DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL (SEE MR312.51 IS MATCH)	RSTP	2017 2018	\$3,565	\$0	3,565	12	1	6/30/2025
23	F7622	LA CITY	LANI - WEST BOULEVARD COMMUNITY LINKAGES PROJECT	CMAQ	2021	\$1,060	\$212	848	12	1	6/30/2025
24	F7636	LA CITY	BROADWAY STREETSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION (8TH-9TH)	CMAQ	2019	\$2,384	\$426	1,958	12	1	6/30/2025
25	F7707	LA CITY	LAST MILE FOLDING BIKE INCENTIVE PROGRAM	LTF	2016 2017 2018 2019	695	-	695	12	1	2/28/2025
26	F9123	LA CITY	COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT FOR COLORADO BLVD. IN EAGLE ROCK	PC25	2019	1,754	1,114	640	12	3	2/28/2025
27	F9308	LA CITY	ATSAC ATCS/TPS/LRT/HRI/CMS SYSTEM RELIABILITY AND EFF.	PC25	2020	2,160	1,457	703	12	3	2/28/2025
28	F9803	LA CITY	BUILDING CONNECTIVITY WITH BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESS DISTRICTS	LTF	2017 2018 2019	823	-	823	12	1	2/28/2025
29	F7412	LA COUNTY	LOS ANGELES COUNTY/USC MEDICAL CENTER TRANSIT VEHICLE	CMAQ	2016	\$282	\$0	282	12	1	6/30/2025
30	F7806	LA COUNTY	VERMONT AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	LTF	2017 2018 2019	765	-	765	12	3	2/28/2025
31	F9412	LA COUNTY	ATHENS SHUTTLE AND LENNOX SHUTTLE TRANSIT VEHICLES	CMAQ	2019	750	-	750	12	1	2/28/2025
32	F9504	LA COUNTY	E. PASADENA & E. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BIKEWAY ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS	CMAQ	2018	1,802	408	1,394	12	1	2/28/2025
33	F9511	LA COUNTY	SOUTH WHITTIER COMMUNITY BIKEWAY ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS (MR315.64 MATCH)	CMAQ	2020	3,191	617	2,574	12	3	2/28/2025
34	F9101	LAWNDALE	REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS	PC25	2022	\$3,363	\$1,508	1,855	20	3	2/28/2026
35	F9314	LONG BEACH	MID-CITY SIGNAL COORDINATION IN LONG BEACH	PC25	2019 2020	2,606	58	2,548	12	1	2/28/2025

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36	F9628	LONG BEACH	1ST STREET PEDESTRIAN GALLERY	PC25	2019 2020	2,717	-	2,717	12	1	2/28/2025
37	F9402	LONG BEACH TRANSIT	LBT PURCHASE OF ZERO EMISSION BUSES	CMAQ	2020	2,111	-	2,111	12	1	2/28/2025
38	8211	MONROVIA	HUNTINGTON DRIVE PHASE II PROJECT (OLD TOWN PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS)	RSTP	2017	\$1,242	\$0	1,242	12	1	6/30/2025
39	F1300	PALMDALE	NORTH COUNTY TRAFFIC FORUM ITS EXPANSION	PC25	2016 2018 2019 2020	12,424	8,613	3,811	12	3	2/28/2025
40	F7304	PALMDALE	NORTH COUNTY ITS - PALMDALE EXTENSION	CMAQ	2017 2018 2019	\$3,000	\$0	3,000	12	1	6/30/2025
41	F3302	PASADENA	INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) PHASE III	PC25	2015	4,235	4,151	84	12	3	2/28/2025
42	F7317	PASADENA	PASADENA AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM - TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY	PC25	2018 2019	1,158	265	893	12	3	2/28/2025
43	F7318	PASADENA	ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC CONTROL NETWORK - PHASE II	PC25	2019	1,658	1,476	182	12	3	2/28/2025
44	F7204/ F9203	PORT OF LONG BEACH	PIER B STREET FREIGHT CORRIDOR RECONSTRUCTION	RSTP CMAQ	2018 2019 2020	\$16,309	\$0	16,309	12	1	6/30/2025
45	F5301	REDONDO BEACH	GRANT AVENUE SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS	PC25	2017	1,222	1,194	28	12	3	2/28/2025
46	F9313	SAN FERNANDO	SAN FERNANDO CITYWIDE SIGNAL SYNCH AND BUS SPEED IMPRV.	PC25	2018 2019 2020	775	-	775	12	1	2/28/2025
47	F1804	SAN GABRIEL	LAS TUNAS DRIVE STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT	CMAQ	2019	\$641	\$0	641	12	1	6/30/2025
48	F5516	SOUTH EL MONTE	CIVIC CENTER AND INTERJURISDICTIONAL BICYCLE LANES (+ MM4703.09)	CMAQ	2016	\$485	\$0	485	12	1	6/30/2025
49	F7309	SOUTH GATE	TWEEDY BOULEVARD AND SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT	PC25	2018 2019	1,317	366	951	12	3	2/28/2025

\* All projects funded by CMAQ and STBG (RSTP) will be subject to SCAG's STBG/CMAQ Corrective Action.

## Background/Discussion of Each Recommendation

### A. Deobligate

Attachment A shows the \$5.94 million of previously approved Countywide Calls funding that is being recommended for deobligation. This represents canceled projects requested by the project sponsors, as well as project savings.

### B. Approve Project Scope Changes

1. The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation - Last Mile Folding Bike Incentive Program (Call #F7707), was programmed through the 2013 Call. As approved, this project provides financial incentives to transit riders towards the purchase of 1,800 collapsible or electric bikes to use in conjunction with bus and rail systems.
2. The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation - Building Connectivity with Bicycle Friendly Business Districts (Call #F9803), was programmed through the 2015 Call. As approved, this project creates Bicycle Friendly Business Districts that coordinate with business districts to offer TDM incentives and provide applications and amenities that encourage short trips by bicycle.

The cost of an e-bike has risen significantly since the awards of the Call grants. The city has found that to benefit low-income residents, the subsidy amount must be approximately equal to the cost of a good quality e-bike. The city is requesting to revise the scope of work by combining the two above projects with a single e-bike voucher program that will provide approximately 900 income-qualifying participants with at least \$1,500 toward the purchase of a pedal-assisted e-bike. The project area will either be South Los Angeles where the city is currently implementing the Universal Basic Mobility (UBM) pilot program or a UBM Priority Area as determined by the City's Mobility Action Plan. Metro staff has evaluated the proposed change in scope and found that it is consistent with the intent of the original scope of work for both projects. Metro will maintain its funding commitment using the combined total of the original two projects of \$1,518,124 (\$694,570 + \$823,554), and the city will maintain its local match commitment of the two combined projects of \$398,267 (\$192,378 + \$205,889). In addition, the city is committed to covering any future project cost overruns, if occur.

### C. Authorize

Projects receiving time extensions are required to execute Amendments with Metro. This recommendation will authorize the CEO or their designee to negotiate and execute any agreements and/or amendments with the project sponsors, based on the project sponsors showing that the projects have met the Project Readiness Criteria and timely use of funds policies.

### D. Receive and File

1. During the 2001 Countywide Call Recertification, Deobligation, and Extension, the Board authorized the administrative extension of projects based on the following reasons:

- 1) Project delay due to an unforeseen and extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of the project sponsor (federal or state delay, legal challenge, Act of God);
- 2) Project delay due to Metro action that results in a change in project scope, schedule, or sponsorship that is mutually agreed upon; and
- 3) The project is contractually obligated, however, a time extension is needed to complete construction that is already underway (capital projects only).

Based on the above criteria, extensions for the 49 projects shown in Attachment B are being granted.



**June 2024 Metro Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Appeals**  
**Sorted by Agency**  
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	PROJ #	AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	FUND SOURCE	PROG YR(S)	TOTAL METRO PROG \$	LAPSING FUND YR(S)	TOTAL FUNDING	PROG \$ SUBJECT TO LAPSE (000')	TOTAL YRS EXT	REASON FOR APPEAL	TAC RECOMMENDATIONS	METRO RESPONSE
1	F7120	BELL GARDEN	EASTERN AVENUE AND FLORENCE AVENUE RSTI PROJECT (MR306.30 - MATCH)	PC25	2017 2018	2,200	2017 2018	\$ 2,200	1,609	3	Did not meet Lapsing Policy	One-year extension to February 28, 2025.	Concur with TAC recommendation.
2	F7123	LA CITY	MAGNOLIA BL WIDENING (NORTH SIDE) - CAHUENGA BLVD. TO VINELAND	RSTP	2015 2016 2017 2018	5,461	2017 2018	5,461	4,486	5	Did not meet Lapsing Policy	One-year extension to June 30, 2025.	Concur with TAC recommendation.
3	F7205	LA CITY	ALAMEDA ST. WIDENING FROM ANAHEIM ST. TO 300 FT SOUTH OF PCH	RSTP	2017 2018	5,874	2017 2018	5,874	4,860	5	Did not meet Lapsing Policy	One-year extension to June 30, 2025.	Concur with TAC recommendation.
4	F7207	LA CITY	IMPROVE ANAHEIM ST. FROM FARRAGUT AVE. TO DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL (MR312.51 - MATCH)	RSTP	2017 2018	\$ 3,141	2017 2018	\$ 3,141	\$ 3,141	5	Did not meet Lapsing Policy	One-year extension to June 30, 2025.	Concur with TAC recommendation.
5	F9504	LA COUNTY	E. PASADENA & E. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BIKEWAY ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS	CMAQ	2017 2020	1,802	2020	1,802	1,394	2	Did not meet Lapsing Policy	One-year extension to February 28, 2025. Project Sponsor must provide a project status update at the December 2024 TAC meeting.	Concur with TAC recommendation.
6	F9314	LONG BEACH	MID-CITY SIGNAL COORDINATION IN LONG BEACH	PC25	2018 2019 2020	2,606	2019 2020	2,606	2,530	2	Did not meet Lapsing Policy	One-year extension to February 28, 2025.	Concur with TAC recommendation.
7	F9628	LONG BEACH	1ST STREET PEDESTRIAN GALLERY	PC25	2019 2020	2,717	2019 2020	2,717	2,717	2	Did not meet Lapsing Policy	One-year extension to February 28, 2025.	Concur with TAC recommendation.
8	F9313	SAN FERNANDO	SAN FERNANDO CITYWIDE SIGNAL SYNCH AND BUS SPEED IMPRV.	PC25	2018 2019 2020	775	2018 2019 2020	775	775	2	Did not meet Lapsing Policy	One-year extension to February 28, 2025.	Concur with TAC recommendation.

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# Countywide Call for Projects

Planning and Programming Committee  
September 18, 2024



**Metro**

**File# 2024-0510**



# September 2024 Recommendation

## CONSIDER:

- A. DEOBLIGATING \$5.94 million of previously approved Call funding, as shown in Attachment A, and hold in RESERVE;
- B. APPROVING changes to the scope of work for:
  - 1. City of Los Angeles - Last Mile Folding Bike Incentive Program (Call #F7707); and
  - 2. City of Los Angeles - Building Connectivity with Bicycle Friendly Business (Call #F9803); and
- C. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements/or amendments for previously awarded projects; and
- D. RECEIVING AND FILING time extensions for 49 projects shown in Attachment B.

# Next Steps

- Execute Funding Amendments with the project sponsors receiving time extensions.
- Continue working with the project sponsors to expedite project deliveries.
- Return to the Board annually for updates.