



Board Report

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

**SUBJECT: PROGRAM FUNDS FOR ARROYO VERDUGO OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

- A. APPROVING \$5,000,000 in additional programming for two City of Glendale projects within the Arroyo Verdugo subregion as shown in Attachment A; and
- B. AUTHORIZING the CEO or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for the Board-approved projects.

**ISSUE**

At the July 2024 meeting, the Metro Board approved the updated project list and proposed changes related to schedules, scope, and funding allocations for existing projects as part of the bi-annual Measure R Multimodal Highway Subregional Program.

The purpose of this Board report is to identify the projects that will be added to the updated list and to program additional funds. Board approval of the projects is needed as the updated project list serves as the basis for Metro to enter into the necessary agreements with the City.

**BACKGROUND**

Per the Measure R Expenditure Plan, the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion (Line 31) allocated funds for multimodal highway operational improvement subfund programs. In coordination with local jurisdictions, Metro staff lead the implementation and development of multi-jurisdictional and regionally significant highway and arterial projects.

Local jurisdictions prioritize and develop projects that are within the eligibility for both Measure R and Measure M program criteria. Metro staff worked with the City of Glendale to review projects for eligibility and compliance with the Board-adopted policies outlined in Metro’s Complete Streets Policy, Active Transportation Strategic Plan, and First/Last Mile Strategic Plan. Projects are also further evaluated to ensure that projects aim to reduce congestion, resolve operational deficiencies, improve safety, and incorporate multimodal investments.

## **DISCUSSION**

Additional programming in the amount of \$5,000,000 is being requested for two projects in the Arroyo Verdugo subregion as described below and shown in Attachment A.

### **Arroyo Verdugo Operational Improvements**

To date, a total of \$134,181,200 has been programmed for projects in the subregion. This update includes funding adjustments for two existing projects.

#### **Glendale**

Program an additional \$3,000,000 for MR310.54 - Traffic Signal Modifications on La Crescenta Avenue and San Fernando Road in FY24-25 for a revised budget of \$4,650,000. The Project is in the PS&E phase and the additional funding will go towards the construction phase, as the City will readvertise their construction solicitation since they received bids costlier than their current available funding. The Project includes fiber installation, signal upgrades, vehicle and bike video detection installation, and upgrades to wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and street pavement.

Program an additional \$2,000,000 for MR310.62 - Downtown Glendale Signal Mobility Improvements Project in FY24-25 for a revised budget of \$8,626,736. The Project is in the PS&E phase and funds are being programmed to fund the construction phase, as the City anticipates increased costs for the construction phase. The Project includes software and hardware modifications to coordinate traffic flow via signal synchronization, benefiting all modes of transportation regarding safety.

## **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

The multimodal subregional programs support the development of a safer transportation system that will provide high-quality multimodal mobility options to enable people to spend less time traveling.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The highway projects are funded from the Measure R 20% Highway Capital subfund earmarked for the subregions. FY25 funds are allocated for Arroyo Verdugo Project No.460310 (Subsidies to Others).

Since the Measure R Multimodal Highway Subregional Programs are multiyear programs that contain various projects, Countywide Planning and Development will be responsible for budgeting the costs in current and future years.

### **Impact to Budget**

This action will not impact the approved FY25 budget. Staff will rebalance the approved FY25 budget as necessary to fund the identified priorities and revisit the budgetary needs using the quarterly and mid-year adjustment processes subject to the availability of funds.

The source of funds for these projects is Measure R 20% Highway Funds. This fund source is not eligible for transit capital or operations expenses.

### **EQUITY PLATFORM**

This bi-annual update funds subsequent phases of Board-approved Highway Subsidy grants aligned with the Measure R Board-approved guidelines and the [Metro Objectives for Multimodal Highway Investments](https://boardagendas.metro.net/board-report/2022-0302/) <<https://boardagendas.metro.net/board-report/2022-0302/>>. The Highway Subsidy Grants do not have a direct equity impact; rather they offer equity opportunities via the development of transportation project improvements through city contracts that can reduce transportation disparities. Furthermore, Metro staff will work with the various subregions to provide equity guidance in the selection of individual projects to address disparities and create more equitable access to opportunity.

As with all subregions, the City of Glendale independently and in coordination with its subregion, undertakes its jurisdictionally determined community engagement process specific to the type of transportation improvement it seeks to develop. These locally determined and prioritized projects represent the needs of cities.

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

The recommendation supports the strategic plan goal:

“Goal 1: Provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling.”

Goal 1.1. Approval of the multimodal highway subregional programs will expand the transportation system as responsibly and quickly as possible as approved in Measure R and M to strengthen and expand LA County’s transportation system.

“Goal 4: Transform LA County through regional collaboration”

Goal 4.1. Metro will work closely with municipalities, council of governments, Caltrans to implement holistic strategies for advancing mobility goals”

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board may choose not to approve the funding allocation for the two projects. However, this option is not recommended as it will delay the development of the construction phases and will face significant cost implications by delaying the required amendments.

### **NEXT STEPS**

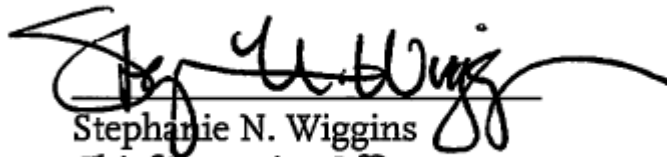
Staff will notify the City of the Board’s decision and continue working with Arroyo Verdugo and the other subregions for their consideration of multimodal investments within the Measure R Multimodal Highway Subregional Program.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Program Funds for Arroyo Verdugo Operational Improvements

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Agency	Project ID No.	PROJECT/LOCATION	Funding Phases	Note	Prior Alloc	Alloc Change	Current Alloc	Prior Yr Program	FY2024-25	FY2025-26	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
		<b>Total Measure R Programmed to Date</b>			1,781,492	36,704	1,820,181	1,685,846	102,609	25,395	2,922	3,365
		<b>Arroyo Verdugo Operational Improvements (Expenditure Line 31)</b>			127,196.2	5,000.0	134,181.2	103,069.1	15,558.4	15,028.7	525.0	0.0
Glendale	MR310.54	Signal Mod on La Crescenta Ave and San Fernando Rd.	PS&E, Construction	<b>CHG</b>	1,650.0	3,000.0	4,650.0	1,650.0	3,000.0			
Glendale	MR310.62	Downtown Glendale Signal Mobility Improvements Project	PS&E, Construction	<b>CHG</b>	6,626.7	2,000.0	8,626.7	6,626.7	2,000.0			
		<b>TOTAL PROGRAMMING GLENDALE</b>			77,113.7	5,000.0	82,113.7	69,097.3	6,416.4	6,600.0	0.0	0.0
		<b>TOTAL ARROYO VERDUGO PROGRAMMING</b>			127,196.2	5,000.0	134,181.2	103,069.1	15,558.4	15,028.7	525.0	0.0
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<b>Definitions:</b>												
Lead Agency is the primary project manager for the administration of scope and use of funds												
Funding Agreement (FA): references the agreement number on file with Metro												
Project Location: Describes the general scope and parameters of the project												
Project Phase identifies which lifecycle phase the project is in at the time of reporting noted as follows:												
<i>PI - Project Initiation / PE - Preliminary Engineering / EA - Environmental Analysis / FD - Final Design / ROW - Right of Way Acq / CON - Construction</i>												
Notes: Provide a quick reference to reported change for the period such as:												
<i>Add - Addition of a new project / REP - Reprogram of funds / CHG - Change in funding / SCAD - Scope Addition / BAD - Budget Adjustment / DEL - Deletion</i>												
Prior Allocation identifies the reported project allocation reported in the previous report												
Alloc Change denotes the amount of change occurring in the current reporting period.												
Current Allocation identifies the total current allocation planned for a project. This includes the prior year Programming and the sum of the future fiscal years												



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SEPTEMBER 2024

# Staff Recommendation

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# Equity Focus Communities

This update includes additional funding for the Equity Focus Communities and Metro Equity Need Index (MENI) designations of Moderate and High Need in Glendale.

