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#### MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DECEMBER 11, 2024

### SUBJECT: MEASURE M ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

ACTION: ORAL REPORT

#### RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on Measure M Active Transportation, programmed revenues, and uses to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

#### **ISSUE**

To support the discussion for the effective and efficient use of funds, this quarterly presentation provides the committee with the status of Metro active transportation activities related to Measure M projects including the LA River Waterway & System Bike Path, the Metro Active Transport Program, Multi-Year Subregional Program, and the First/Last Mile Program.

#### EQUITY PLATFORM

The Measure M related activities for active transportation include the Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) and subsequent Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile (MAT) Program, as well as two projects in the Measure M Expenditure Plan that will connect the bike path gaps along the Los Angeles River. Metro also engages in First/Last Mile planning for communities to access existing and future major transit stops. Equity is built into Metro's approach to all of these activities.

The 2023 ATSP identified and prioritized a regional active transportation network based on criteria, including overlap with Equity Focus Communities (EFC). Projects in the ATSP regional network are eligible for MAT Program Cycle 2 funding. MAT Cycle 2 project applications will also be evaluated based on factors including robust partnerships with Community Based Organizations (CBO). Project applications that were submitted for MAT Cycle 1 in 2020 were given bonus points for locations within EFCs. All selected projects that are being developed using Cooperative Agreements with Metro include CBO partnerships.

The LA River Project - Central City section directly serves seven EFC census tracts in the communities of Lincoln Heights, Chinatown, and Boyle Heights. Approximately 23% of the population in this area lives under the poverty line and more than 22% of the working-age population does not use cars as a primary mode of transportation. This path will not only be used for recreational purposes but also serve as a low-cost transportation option for those who have limited car ownership. The LA River Project - San Fernando Valley section directly serves two EFCs in the community of Reseda. It is being delivered by the City of Los Angeles.

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### Metro is making it easier to walk, bike, and roll.

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## LA River Waterway & System Bike Path (Central Cities)



- Works and USACE
- > Potential to phase the project by segment
- > Agreements with Third Parties
  - MCA with the City of Vernon is being revised as result of LA County Public Works coordination
  - Agreements with the County and City of LA, LADWP, Railroads, and Caltrans in progress
- > O&M lead and Construction Entity, yet to be
  determined



## **Complete LA River Bike Path** (San Fernando Valley)

- > LA Bureau of Engineering is Lead Agency
- > 13 miles of bikeway gap closures
  - 9 segments from Vanalden Ave to Forest Lawn Dr
  - Design to be complete by 2027; Construction to be complete by 2029
- > \$60M in Measure M funding; funding agreement executed in June 2024
- > City of LA awarded an additional \$34M in ATP funding and seeking remaining funding
- > City of LA anticipates construction between FY 2025 and FY 2029
- > Per Metro Board direction, City to assume all phases of development, including operations and maintenance (in partnership with US Army Corps of Engineers)





## Multiyear Subregional Program (MSP)

- > South Bay Subregion: \$12.7 M programmed for Active Transportation Projects in September
  - \$12.1 M for 3 new projects
    - South Bay Local Travel Network in Carson
    - South Bay Local Travel Network and Related Safety Enhancements in Lomita
    - Northeast Hawthorne Mobility Improvement Project
  - \$0.6 M for additional funding for North Redondo Beach Bikeway Extension
- Westside Cities Subregion: \$17.4 M programmed for Active Transportation Projects in October
  - \$7.2 M for additional funding for 9 previously programmed projects
  - \$10.2 M for 2 new projects:
    - Move Culver City Eastern Segment Project
    - Westwood Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project
- North County Subregion: \$2 M new funding programmed for Active Transportation
  Projects and reshuffling of existing project funding in December
  - Full or partial deobligation of \$17.3 M for 7 projects in Santa Clarita, Lancaster and Palmdale
  - Reprogramming of \$17.3 M and new programming of \$2 M to 2 projects in Unincorporated LA County and Palmdale

# **Metro Active Transport Program**



Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 1 Projects (approved in 2021)

### > \$63.1M approved in 2021 for Cycle 1

Map ID	FLM Projects	Completion (est.)
1	Hollywood/Highland	2026
2	Hollywood/Vine	2026
3	East LA Civic Center **	2027
4	Aviation/LAX**	2029
5	26th St/Bergamot	2026
6	Sepulveda**	2028
7	Slauson	2027
8	Western/Slauson**	2028
9	Culver City * **	2025
10	Downtown Long Beach	2028
11	Santa Monica/La Brea (W. Hlwd)*	2025
Map ID	AT Corridor Projects	Completion (est.)
1	Avalon/MLK/Gage**	2026
2	Randolph ATC	2026
3	Redondo Beach Blvd**	2027
4	1st-Riggin-Potrero Grande	2026
5	Huntington-Main/Fremont ATC	2027
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\*Under Construction

\*\*Metro is leading early design

### > Cycle 2 Solicitation

- Applications Due in Winter 2025
- \$75 million anticipated to be available
- Projects in EFCs and those with CBO partnerships will be prioritized

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# First/Last Mile Program

- > FLM improvements expand the reach of transit, enhance safety, enhance the customer experience for transit riders and count toward the Measure M 3% contribution requirement for local jurisdictions with rail transit projects.
- > Current FLM Plans:
  - Eastside Phase 2 (completed fall 2024)
  - North Hollywood to Pasadena BRT (underway, complete mid 2025)
  - C Line Extension (early 2025)
- > FLM planning uses a consistent, intentional community engagement process that centers the needs and voices of transit riders and marginalized communities
- > Metro has an established track record of CBO partnership on FLM plans/projects
- > Metro prioritizes discretionary resources (e.g. MAT program) to projects serving the greatest needs



# Thank you



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