



## Board Report

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### MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE JUNE 4, 2025

**SUBJECT: MEASURE M ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

**ACTION: RECEIVE 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 oversight of 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 and the Metro Active Transport 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 households in this area are low income (\$60,000) and more than 22% of the working-age population (16-64) 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

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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.

**ATTACHMENT**

Attachment A - Presentation

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

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

**MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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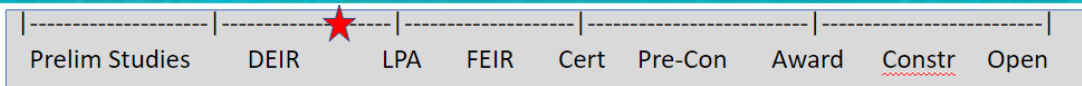


# Measure M Support for Active Transportation

- > Measure M Expenditure Plan Projects
  - LA River Waterway & System Bike Path (Central City)
  - LA River Waterway & System Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)
  - Metro Active Transport (MAT) Program
- > Locally-Selected Projects
  - Local Return
  - Multi-year Subregional Program (MSP)
  - 3% Local Contribution for First/Last Mile Projects



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



- > Metro leads Environmental Clearance and Design
- > Environmental and Design Progress
  - Finalizing Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for release in 2025
  - Selection of a single alternative and start of 60% design (subject to comments from US Army Corps of Engineers and LA Department of Water & Power)
- > Coordination with LA Department of Transportation and Council District 1
- > Potential to phase the project by segment
- > Agreements with Third Parties in progress:
  - LA County, City of LA, LADWP, Railroads, Caltrans
  - Agreement with the City of Vernon being revised due to LA County coordination
- > Operations & Maintenance lead and Construction Entity, yet to be determined

## Update since March MMITOC meeting:



- A Communication Plan was developed for the LA River Project





# 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
- > Cost estimate for the project is \$170M
- > \$60M in Measure M funding; funding agreement executed in June 2024; City of LA awarded an additional \$34M in California Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding; City seeking remaining funding
- > Per Metro Board direction, City to assume all phases of development, including operations and maintenance (in partnership with US Army Corps of Engineers)

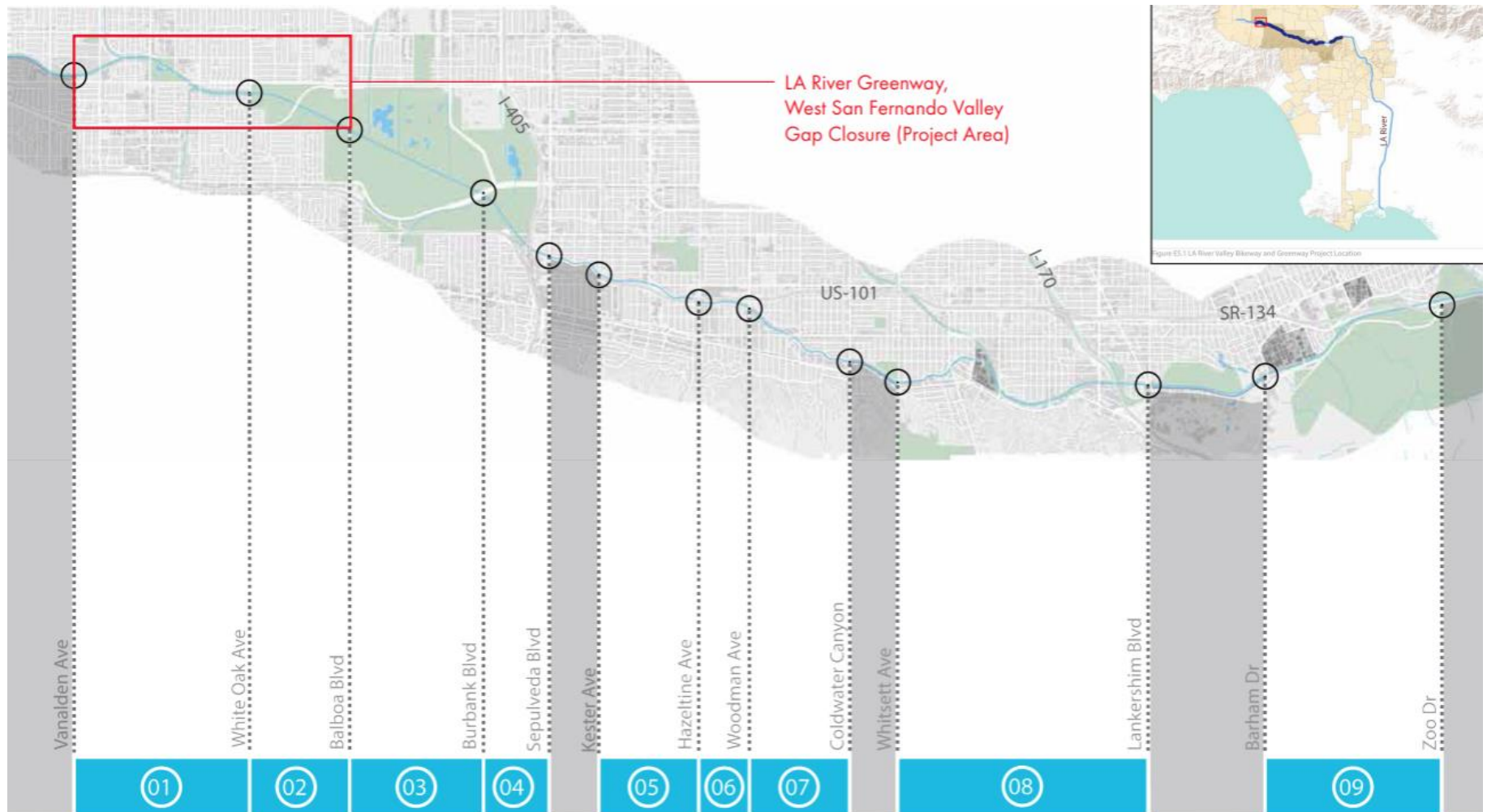
## Update since March MMITOC meeting:

- Bids for construction of Segments 1&2 received in May, Notice to Proceed (NTP) expected by July. Design for Segment 8 initiated. Construction of all phases anticipated 2025-2029



Segment of LA River Bike Path completed in 2014

# Complete LA River Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)



Los Angeles River Valley Bikeway and Greenway Design Completion Project  
(2017 Feasibility Study)

Constructed Segments or in Design Phase

01 Segment Number





# Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 1



- > \$63.1M approved in 2021 for Cycle 1 to 10 jurisdictions:
  - 11 First/Last Mile Projects
  - 5 Active Transportation Corridor Projects to build approximately 20 miles of new bikeways
- > Most projects in Planning and Design Phase
  - Projects delayed initiation due to pandemic issues
  - Most awards included early phases
- > Significant funding capacity remains as of April:

MAT Cycle 1 Funds Spent	Funds Programmed
\$4,345,205	\$63,100,000

## Update since March MMITOC meeting:

- > In April 2025, Metro Board approved augmentation of funds for 7 MAT Cycle 1 projects in the amount of \$6.4M



# Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 2

- > Cycle 2 Solicitation Closed April 7
  - 29 Applications Received from 19 jurisdictions
  - \$150.7M Requested
- > \$75M expected to be available; additional \$5.5M left from Cycle 1 may also be available
- > To be selected and programmed in Summer/Fall



# Thank you



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