



Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 3

DATE: November 16, 2021
FROM: H. Ted Gerber, Acting Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: **Prioritization of Measure M Projects**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission provide a prioritization of the projects proposed to be submitted to the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Power Authorities (AVCJPA) for Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) Funding.

Background

On November 8, 2016, voters approved Measure M, which is a 1/2 cent sales tax measure to provide funding for transportation improvements across Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) adopted Measure M Guidelines to establish a process by which subregional funds under Measure M are programmed by the subregions' respective governing entities. As a result, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) was tasked with programming and administering the Measure M MSP funds through the development of five-year subregional fund programming plans in the San Gabriel Valley. On October 4, 2017, the Arroyo Verdugo Steering Committee, comprised of the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, and South Pasadena, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Office established the AVCJPA to address regional transportation planning and facilitate the distribution of Measure M funds in the sub-region.

The AVCJPA received \$24M over the first five fiscal years of the Metro Measure M program and another \$10.5M for fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, of which South Pasadena was allocated approximately \$1.7M in Measure M MSP Program funding. From 2018 to 2021, several actions were taken to identify, submit, and reconsider the City's project submissions to the AVCJPA. On August 17, 2021, the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission (Commission) approved a motion recommending a list of projects for City Council's approval to be submitted to the AVCJPA. Subsequent to the November 16, 2021 Commission meeting discussion, staff will present the prioritized project list to the City Council for approval on December 15, 2021. Upon Council's approval, staff will submit the project list to the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Technical Advisory Committee (AVCTAC) for feedback in January 2022, before consideration by the AVCJPA Governing Board.

Discussion

With a current funding limitation of \$1.7M, and multiple projects to be submitted to the AVCJPA, staff is recommending the Commission prioritize the project list. Once funding is committed by the AVCJPA in 2022, project related work may begin, including any necessary feasibility studies, detailed cost estimates, designs, and construction. Staff will work to minimize the project implementation cost, however, the available funds may not be sufficient to execute all

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the projects recommended by the Commission. As a result, project prioritization would ensure the Commission's input is recognized when funding is allocated in part, if not to the entirety of the project list. Staff will work to identify additional funding sources and capital improvement project synchronization to further support financial backing for these projects.

The previously recommended projects to prioritize include:

Garfield Avenue and Monterey Road Traffic Signal:

The project consists of an installation of a traffic signal at the currently all-way stop controlled intersection.

Columbia Street from Columbia Place to West of Orange Grove Avenue

The project includes street reconfiguration to add a two-way centered turn lane, and various traffic signals improvements along the corridor.

Orange Grove Avenue from Oliver Street to Arroyo Seco Parkway

The project consists of the installation of a second southbound lane on the west side by modifying the center median to provide for additional travel width.

Grevelia Street and Fair Oaks Avenue

The project consists of increasing the turning radius at the northeast corner of the intersection by removing the second east-bound thru lane.

Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons (RRFB)

The project consists of the installation of RRFBs at the following locations, which are also recommended to prioritize:

- Fair Oaks Avenue at Spruce Street
- Huntington Drive at Court Avenue
- Huntington Drive at Maple Street
- Meridian Avenue at Bank Street
- Huntington Drive at Wayne Street marked crosswalk removal

Meridian Avenue and Oak Street Intersection Design

The project consists of a realignment of the existing crosswalk and various intersection improvements.

Meridian Avenue ADA Compliant Curb Ramps from Kendall Avenue to Gillette Crescent

The project consists of installation of ADA compliant curb ramps along Meridian Avenue, where absent.

Public Notification of Agenda Item

The public was made aware that this item was to be considered this evening by virtue of its inclusion on the legally publicly noticed agenda, and posting of the same agenda and reports on the City's website.