

## SBCAG STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Final Measure A Program of Projects, FY 2016/17

**MEETING DATE:** June 16, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5G

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt Measure A Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2016/17 to 2020/21.
2. Adopt a resolution allocating \$36,355,546 in Measure A funds to eligible claimants for FY 16/17.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Sarkes Khachek

**SUMMARY:**



The SBCAG board must adopt a program of projects identifying all transportation projects to be funded with Measure A revenues during the next five fiscal years, FY 16/17 through FY 20/21. Only projects that are included in the approved program of projects are eligible for Measure A funding. Measure A revenues available for allocation are estimated to be \$187 million during the five year period with nearly \$36 million available in FY 16/17.

The board held a public hearing on the draft Program of Projects last month and no comments were received. The final Measure A Program of Projects is attached to the staff report. The Measure A expenditures reflected in the program of projects are consistent with the project and program delivery schedule in the Measure A Strategic Plan. It is recommended that the Board approve the Program of projects. The Program of Projects has been reviewed by TTAC and the Measure A Citizen's Oversight Committee and both committees are recommending board approval.

It is also recommended that the board adopt a resolution authorizing the allocation of Measure A funds that will be passed through to the cities, county, SBMTD and local paratransit operators in FY 2016/17. This resolution will be used to instruct the County Auditor-Controller on the amount of funding to be disbursed to each local agency when monthly payments of Measure A funds are received from the State Board of Equalization.

**DISCUSSION:**

As the Local Transportation Authority, SBCAG is responsible for allocating Measure A transportation sales tax revenues to local agencies, transit operators and state highway projects that are identified in the Measure A Ordinance and Investment Plan. Allocations are made according to the delivery priorities for projects and programs in the Measure A Strategic Plan adopted in October 2015.

## **Local Program of Projects**

The local program of projects consists of street, bikeway and transit improvement projects to be funded by the cities and the County with revenues from the Local Street and Transportation Improvements (LSTI) category in the North and South sub-programs. Each local agency was required to adopt a Program of Projects for their respective share of funding after holding a public hearing. Local jurisdictions provided their Local POPs to SBCAG staff in mid-April. They are included in Attachment A as **Appendix A – Local Programs of Projects**.

An estimated \$109 million, or 58% of available revenues, will be made available to local agencies in LSTI funding during the five-year Measure A Program of Projects period (not including the allocation by South Coast agencies to SBMTD for South Transit Operations or local projects funded through the bike/ped/Safe Routes to Schools programs).

Per the Measure A Ordinance, each jurisdiction must spend a minimum percentage of their Local Street and Transportation Improvement funds on eligible alternative transportation projects according to the percentages identified for their respective jurisdiction in the Measure A Investment Plan. The local minimum alternative transportation percentage requirement for local jurisdictions will be calculated cumulatively, with the percentages having to be met in the fifth year and every fifth year thereafter. The next requirement will need to be met by local agencies by FY 19/20. Eligible alternative transportation projects include, but are not limited to, maintaining and improving bikeway and pedestrian facilities, safe routes to school improvements and reducing transit fares for the elderly and the disabled.

## **Authority Program of Projects**

The Authority POP is listed as **Appendix B in Attachment A** and includes projects and programs funded with all estimated revenues excluding those revenues estimated for the LSTI program.

Projects in the Authority POP include improvements on Highway 101 on the South Coast, “named” highway improvements in North County, circulation improvements in Buellton, Guadalupe, Carpinteria and Solvang (named projects are those that are specifically identified in the Measure A Investment Plan approved by voters). Additional projects include Santa Barbara MTD’s operating and capital projects, providing reduced transit fares for the elderly and disabled, bicycle, pedestrian and safe routes to school improvements, interregional transit, formation of carpools and vanpools, and commuter/passenger rail on the South Coast.

It is estimated that \$78 million or 42% of the total Measure A revenues for FYs 16/17 to 20/21, will be made available to fund the Authority Program of Projects. Approximately \$1.9 million from the Authority POP will be made available to transit operators over the five year period for specialized transit services.

Questions or comments about the program of projects should be directed to Sarkes Khachek, Principal Transportation Planner, at 961-8913 or [skhachek@sbcag.org](mailto:skhachek@sbcag.org).

## **COMMITTEE AND BOARD REVIEW:**

### **Technical Transportation Advisory Committee – June 2**

The draft Measure A Program of Projects was presented to the Technical Transportation Advisory Committee on June 2 and only minor revisions were received. The Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Program of Projects.

## **Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee – June 9**

The Citizens Oversight Committee reviewed the Program of Projects on June 9, 2016. The Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Program of Projects.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Measure A Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2016/17 to 2020/21
- B. Resolution 16-21