

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Draft Measure A Program of Projects

**MEETING DATE:** May 20, 2010 **AGENDA ITEM:** 11

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and comment on the draft Measure A Program of Projects for fiscal years 2010/11 to 2014/15.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Sarkes Khachek

### SUMMARY:

The Measure A ordinance requires that the SBCAG board annually adopt a five-year program of projects identifying all transportation projects proposed to be funded with Measure A revenues. The first five year period is FY 10/11 through FY 14/15. Measure A revenues available for allocation during the five-year period are estimated to be \$154 million, with \$30.4 million available in FY 10/11 alone. Only projects that are included in the approved program of projects are eligible for Measure A funding.

The draft Measure A program of projects is attached to the staff report. The Measure A revenue estimates and project and program expenditures reflected in the draft are consistent with the working draft Measure A Strategic Plan's revenue estimates and project and program prioritization and scheduling. Circulation of the draft program of projects provides members of TTAC, the citizens oversight committee, the board and public with an opportunity to ask questions about the projects proposed for funding with measure revenues in the near term.

Final adoption of the program of projects is scheduled for the next SBCAG board meeting in June, at the conclusion of a public hearing.

### DISCUSSION:

As the Local Transportation Authority, SBCAG is responsible for allocating Measure A transportation sales tax revenues to ensure that projects identified in the Measure A Investment Plan are implemented. Consistent with the revenue estimates in the working draft of the Strategic Plan, an estimated \$154 million will be available for allocation to those projects identified for delivery in the first five years of the program. All projects funded with Measure A revenues within the North, South and Highway 101 Widening program categories must be included in a five-year program of projects in order to receive an allocation. Per the ordinance, the five year program of projects (POP) will be organized into a Local POP and an Authority (Regional) POP. The Local POP and Authority POP will be adopted annually by the SBCAG Board after a noticed public hearing as the Measure A Program of Projects.

The Local POP consists of street, bikeway and transit improvement projects to be funded by the cities and County with revenues from the Local Street and Transportation Improvements (LSTI) category in both the North and South sub-programs. Each local agency was required to prepare a POP for their respective share of the estimated revenues and adopt it after holding a public hearing. All local jurisdictions provided their local POPs to SBCAG staff in mid-April.

These have been rolled together in Attachment A of the staff report. 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 in the ordinance. Therefore included in the local POPs are their local alternative transportation projects. Finally, SBCAG cannot allocate revenues to a local agency in a fiscal year until the agency has certified that it will include in its budget for that fiscal year an amount of local discretionary funding for streets and roads purposes at least equal to its Maintenance of Effort amount. By the time of the May board meeting, all local agencies are expected to have adopted a certification.

Projects included in the Authority POP include improvements on Highway 101 on the South Coast, Highway 101 Capital improvements in North County, circulation improvements in Buellton, Guadalupe, Carpinteria and Solvang. Additional projects include Santa Barbara MTD's operating and capital projects, expenditures on 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. For bike, pedestrian and safe routes programs, specific projects have not been identified at this time, so estimated revenues available for the respective programs are shown. This is because guidelines for allocating funding for those programs are under development and a call for projects and subregional and then board approval of projects is expected later this year. At that time, the projects selected for funding will be amended into the program of projects.

The final Measure A Program of Projects for FY 10/11 will be presented to TTAC in June with the recommendation for adoption by the SBCAG Board on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **COMMITTEE REVIEWS**

SBCAG staff presented the draft Measure A POP to TTAC, the Citizen's Oversight Committee and the North County and South Coast Subregional Planning Committees at their May meetings for review and comment.

Based on input received at TTAC, staff has removed \$100,000 in 'local' funding previously committed to the Highway 246/Santa Ynez River Bridge Feasibility Study by the city of Lompoc and County of Santa Barbara. The agencies have indicated the funding is no longer available.

No other corrections were provided by the committees.

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## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Measure A Local Programs of Projects  
Attachment B – Measure A Authority Program of Projects