

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Measure A Program of Projects

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2010

AGENDA ITEM: 6I

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt the Program of Projects for FY 2010/11 identifying projects to be funded with Measure A revenues for FY 2010/11 to FY 2014/15.
2. Adopt a resolution allocating an estimated \$30,404,748 in Measure A revenues for FY 2010/11.

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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 in net revenues available in FY 10/11 alone. Only projects that are included in the approved program of projects are eligible for Measure A funding.

The final Measure A program of projects is attached to the staff report. The Measure A revenue estimates and project and program expenditures reflected in the Program of Projects are consistent with the working draft Measure A Strategic Plan's revenue estimates and project and program prioritization and scheduling.

It is recommended that the board approve the program of projects. 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. 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 ensure that projects identified in the Measure A Investment Plan are implemented. Consistent with the revenue estimates in 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) is 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 are included in the Local Program of Projects section. 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. All local agencies have adopted a certification.

Projects 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.

Measure A funds are paid to SBCAG monthly by the state Board of Equalization. Under the Measure A Ordinance and Investment Plan, funds allocated to the North and South subregions for the Local Street and Transportation Improvement, South Coast Transit Operations and Specialized Transit programs are to be passed through directly to the cities, county, SBMTD and the paratransit operators. The attached resolution authorizes these allocations and will be used to instruct the County Auditor-Controller on the amount of funding to be disbursed to local agencies each month.

Questions or comments about the program of projects should be directed to Sarkes Khachek at 961-8913 or skhachek@sbcag.org.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

TTAC reviewed the Final Measure Program of Projects at their June 3rd meeting and unanimously recommended the approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachments – Measure A Program of Projects

- Table 1 South Coast Local Streets & Transportation Improvements
- Table 2 North County Local Streets & Transportation Improvements
- Table 3 South Coast Authority Projects
- Table 4 North County Authority Projects
- Table 5 Highway 101 HOV Widening Project
- Resolution No. 10-20—Allocation of Measure A Funds for FY 2010/11