


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Honorable Heather Hutt, Chair, Transportation Committee

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Department of Transportation

Subject: **WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM FUNDS: PROPOSED PROJECT LIST UPDATES (CF 20-1335)**

SUMMARY

This report provides an update to Measure M Westside Multi-year Subregional Programs (MSPs), including recommended budget and schedule updates for four previously approved projects and the addition of one new project for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-28 funding cycle.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. APPROVE recommended allocation updates to projects funded through Measure M Westside Multi-year Subregional Programs funds available through FY 2027-28;
2. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to accept and receive Measure M funds in the amount of \$13,418,930 available to the City through FY 2027-28 as part of the Measure M Westside Multi-year Subregional Programs (MSPs) allocation process, facilitated by the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), including execution of necessary funding agreements.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved a portion of revenues generated by Measure M to go towards MSPs to implement transportation capital investment priorities within eight of the nine subregional planning areas of Los Angeles County. The Westside Cities Council of Governments is the joint powers authority created by the Cities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Culver City, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, and the County of Los Angeles to perform regional and cooperative planning within the Westside Cities subregional planning area of Los Angeles County. Under the Measure M Expenditure Plan, the WSCCOG leads the Westside Cities 5-Year Expenditure Plan for Active Transportation and First-Last Mile Connections MSPs.

In October 2020, the WSCCOG Board of Directors voted to divide MSP funding between the WSCCOG jurisdictions based on service population, defined as the total population and employment within a jurisdiction.

In November 2020, Council approved LADOT's project recommendations, and authorized LADOT to accept and receive Measure M grant funds in the amount of \$18,529,719 as part of the WSCCOG Measure M Multi-year Subregional Programs allocation process. Projects were identified through the WSCCOG's 2020 Westside Mobility Study, and prioritized using LADOT's Mobility Investment Program (MIP) based on anticipated benefits for mobility, connectivity, safety, and sustainability in the subregion. Since the initial round of Westside MSP project approvals in 2020, LADOT staff worked closely with the WSCCOG to submit annual updates to ensure funding is programmed in alignment with the schedules of each of the four approved projects.

MSP funds accumulate annually. A portion of each annual accumulation will become available starting in a future fiscal year, while a portion of the annual accumulation can be applied sooner, in more immediate fiscal years. Since 2020, annual MSP cashflows accumulated an additional \$15,844,436 in available funds for the City of Los Angeles (City) to be used through Fiscal Year 2028. Along with the previously programmed \$18,529,719, the City's total available Westside MSP funding to date amounts to \$34,374,155 or 64% of the \$53,952,426 in funds available to the subregion. **Attachment A** shows the service population percentage by jurisdiction within the WSCCOG subregion and the associated funding allocated to each jurisdiction to date.

LADOT is seeking Council approval to allocate \$13,418,930 of the \$15,844,436 in unprogrammed MSP funds to augment the budgets of two previously approved projects and fund the planning, design, and construction of one new project, the Westwood Boulevard Safety and Mobility project. The remaining \$2,425,506 will remain available to the City to program and approve at a later date. The WSCCOG Board of Directors approved the programming of the \$13,418,930 MSP funds on June 13, 2024. On October 23, 2024, the Metro Board of Directors approved the WSCCOG's funding updates, including the City of Los Angeles' programming request.

DISCUSSION

WSCCOG MSP funding is a program within Measure M that is intended to improve regional transportation specifically in the Westside region of the County of Los Angeles. Therefore, WSCCOG MSP funding is restricted for use within the Westside region, which includes portions of the City of Los Angeles within Council Districts 5 and 11. The rest of the City of Los Angeles is contained within other subregions, including the Central City subregion, the South Bay subregion, and the San Fernando Valley subregion.

Per Metro's Measure M Final Guidelines, candidate projects must meet project readiness criteria to be deemed eligible and competitive for Measure M MSP funding. Project readiness is defined as projects that are technically feasible, broadly supported by the surrounding community, and authorized by its representative local elected office. This will ensure that project goals, scope, and trade-offs meet community needs and expectations. Additionally, projects must demonstrate readiness with advanced technical feasibility assessments, environmental review, impact analyses, and/or implementation plans. Further, WSCCOG MSPs shall fund capital expenditures within two project categories:

1. *Active Transportation (AT)*: Project examples include capital street improvements that enhance access, safety, and network connectivity for non-motorized transportation modes, like walking or bicycling, as outlined in the Metro Board-adopted Active Transportation Strategic Plan.

2. *First/Last Mile*: Project examples include upgraded crosswalks, bus stop enhancements, context-sensitive bicycle infrastructure, shared mobility services like car share or bike share, bicycle parking, signage/wayfinding, enhanced crossings or connections to improve transit user safety and comfort, or reallocation of street space to improve access to and from transit stations.

In 2020, City Council accepted \$18,529,719 in Westside MSP funds to advance the planning, design, and construction of the following four projects:

1. Expo Bike Path Gap Closure
2. Connect Del Rey Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridor
3. Santa Monica to Westwood Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridor
4. Brentwood Walkability Enhancements

Measure M MSP funds accumulate annually and staff are able to request program funding when sufficient funding becomes available. An additional \$15,844,436 is currently available in Measure M Westside MSP funding for the City to allocate to eligible projects through FY 2027-28. In response to the availability of these funds, LADOT first met with project managers of the four previously approved projects to identify funding shortfalls. Staff determined that additional MSP funds in the following amounts were needed for two previously-approved projects to close funding gaps due to escalating costs: Connect Del Rey Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridor (\$1,818,930) and Santa Monica to Westwood Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridor projects (\$2,000,000).

As the City's lead agency for transportation planning and the coordination lead for Citywide transportation funding, LADOT identified additional candidate projects for the available MSP funding by again referencing the WSCCOG's 2020 Westside Mobility Study and relying on the MIP. The Westside Mobility Study reflects regional transportation priorities, as informed by data, policy alignment, and stakeholder input. LADOT uses the MIP to inventory, prioritize, and advance candidate projects based on anticipated benefits for mobility, connectivity, safety, and sustainability. Candidate projects were evaluated based on eligibility criteria, including alignment with policies of the 2020 Westside Mobility Study, West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Plan, Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan, and the Mobility Plan 2035.

LADOT recommends the Westwood Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project for Measure M Westside MSP funding based on its project readiness, council office support, and anticipated benefits to mobility, connectivity, safety, and sustainability within the subregion. The WSCCOG's 2020 Westside Mobility Study identifies Westwood Boulevard as both a near-term project and a Priority Bicycle Corridor. The project will create an important active transportation connection to the forthcoming Westwood/University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Station on the Metro D Line extension. This station is currently under construction and slated to open by 2028 with one of the highest projected riderships in the Metro system. In the future, that ridership figure is expected to increase, since five of the six alternatives of the forthcoming north-south Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor are planned to connect to the D Line at this station. Investing in complementary first/last mile active transportation connections advances regional first/last mile policy goals and aligns with the City's car-free mobility goals for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics Games. The north-south Westwood Blvd project also directly connects to the forthcoming 2.5-mile east-west Santa Monica to Westwood Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridor along Ohio Avenue, which is also recommended in the WSCCOG's 2020 Westside Mobility Study and funded through Measure M Westside MSP. This connection will create an all ages and abilities active transportation link

between UCLA, the new D Line station, and major employment hubs in Santa Monica and surrounding neighborhoods.

The following list summarizes the City's five Measure M Westside MSP projects as well as the funding recommended for Council approval through FY 2026-27.

Westside MSP Projects Previously Approved by Council in 2020:

- **Expo Bike Path Gap Closure** - This project will install a 1.44-mile bike path (Class I bicycle facility) between Overland Avenue to Palms Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. This project will connect the endpoints of the existing Expo Bike Path, closely following the Expo Light Rail right of way and Northvale Road. Measure M Westside MSP funds were approved in 2020 for the project's construction phase.
- **Connect Del Rey Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridor** - This project will install 2.0 miles of bikeways and bicycle-priority improvements in the City of Los Angeles, including crosswalk striping, curb extensions, sharrows, speed humps, ramps, intersection upgrades, protected bike lanes, and wayfinding signage. Measure M Westside MSP funds were approved in 2020 for the project's Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) and construction phases. LADOT staff recommends approval of an additional \$1,818,930 in MSP funds for construction.
- **Santa Monica to Westwood Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridor** - This project will install a 2.5-mile stress-free bicycle connection to bicycle facilities in Santa Monica, completing an important regional connection to UCLA. The project includes bike lanes and/or sharrows, speed humps, intersection improvements, and curb extensions. Measure M Westside MSP funds were approved in 2020 for the project's Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) and construction phases. LADOT staff recommends approval of an additional \$2,000,000 in MSP funds for construction.
- **Brentwood Walkability Enhancements** - This project will provide new pedestrian amenities including upgraded curb ramps, upgraded medians, curb extensions, as well as new signalized crosswalks, speed feedback signs, additional street furniture, new street trees and landscaping, and an enhanced Class II bike lane (upgrading the existing Class II). Measure M Westside MSP funds were programmed in 2020 for the project's Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) and construction phases.

2024 Staff Recommended Westside MSP Projects:

- **Westwood Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project** - This project will implement new bicycle lanes, bus-only lanes, and pedestrian improvements, preparing Los Angeles to provide safe and accessible transportation to residents, and visitors, as well as athletes during the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics Games and beyond. This project is a new addition to the list of MSP funded projects. LADOT staff recommends approval of \$9,600,000 in MSP funds for the project's PS&E and construction phases.

A table listing the Measure M Westside MSP funding previously approved for each project as well as the funding totals recommended for approval is included as **Attachment B**. A map of the five projects shown within the Westside Cities subregion is included as **Attachment C**.

FISCAL IMPACT

No impact to the General Fund is anticipated with this action since no local match is required.

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Attachments

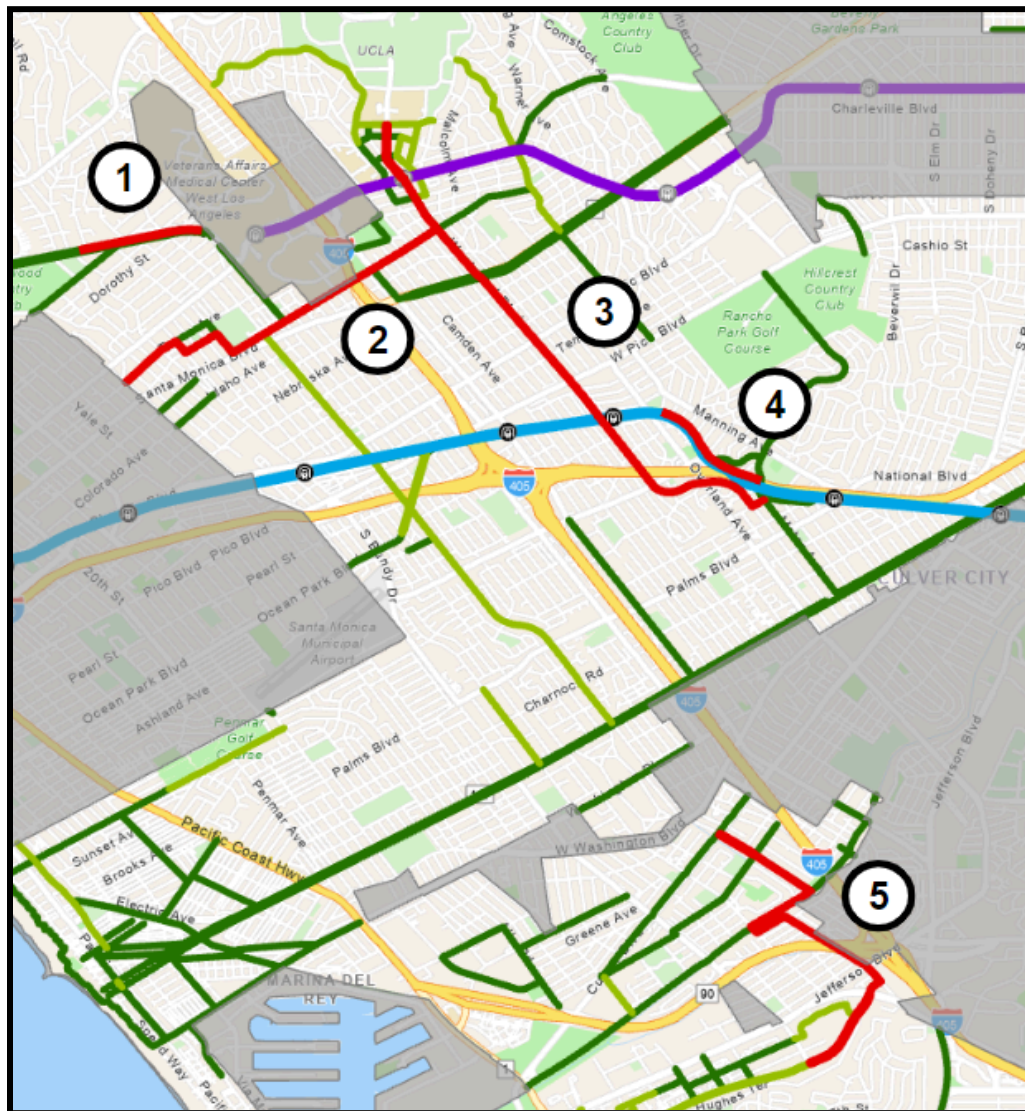
Attachment A: WSCCOG MSP Funding Available per Jurisdiction through FY 27-28

WSCCOG Jurisdiction	Total MSP Funds Available Through FY 27/28	Percent of Total MSP Funds*
City of Los Angeles	\$34,374,155	64%
Santa Monica	\$7,561,676	14%
Culver City	\$4,277,878	8%
Beverly Hills	\$3,863,756	7%
West Hollywood	\$2,921,563	5%
County of Los Angeles	\$953,398	2%
WSSCOG Total	\$53,952,426	100%

* Percentages are based on the service population (total workers and residents) served by each member jurisdiction proportional to the total service population within the subregion. The WSCCOG recalculated service population percentages in 2024 with updated data and corrected subregional boundaries.

Attachment B: WSCCOG MSP Project List with Recommended Funding Updates

Project Name	Proposed Alignment	Proposed Project Limits	MSP	CD	Previously Programmed	2024 Proposed Allocation
Expo Bike Path Gap Closure	Expo Bike Path	Overland Ave. to Motor Ave.	AT	5	\$3,168,000	-
Connect Del Rey Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridor	Slauson Ave. Ballona Creek Bike Path Inglewood Blvd. Culver Dr. Mesmer Ave. Major St.	Culver Blvd./Slauson Ave. to Bluff Creek Dr./Campus Center Dr.	AT	11	\$4,393,838	\$1,818,930
Santa Monica to Westwood Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridor	Texas Ave. Ohio Ave. Santa Monica Blvd. Ohio Ave.	Centinela Ave. to Ohio Ave.	AT	5, 11	\$8,406,583	\$2,000,001
Brentwood Walkability Enhancements	W. San Vicente Blvd.	Bundy Dr. to Bringham Ave	AT	11	\$2,561,298	-
Westwood Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project	Westwood Blvd. National Ave.	Le Conte Ave. to Motor Ave.	AT	5	-	\$9,600,000
City of LA MSP Allotment of WSCCOG MSP Funds					\$18,529,719	\$15,844,436
City of Los Angeles Total WSCCOG MSP Request					\$18,529,719	\$13,418,930
Unallocated Balance						\$2,425,506

Attachment C: WSCCOG MSP Project Map

- ① **Brentwood Walkability Enhancements**
- ② **Santa Monica to Westwood Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridors**
- ③ **Westwood Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project**
- ④ **Expo Bike Path Gap Closure**
- ⑤ **Connect Del Rey Stress-Free Bicycle Enhanced Corridors**

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- Metro E Line
- Metro D Line
- Neighborhood Network
- Bikeways
- Existing Metro Stations
- Future Metro Stations