


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: October 14, 2020

To: Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM FUNDS: SCORING CRITERIA AND PROPOSED PROJECT LIST**

SUMMARY

This report describes LADOT's process to assess project candidates eligible for Measure M Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) Multi-year Subregional Program (MSP) funds, presents the list of recommended projects for this funding cycle, and describes planned project development and delivery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. APPROVE the list of projects recommended for Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) Measure M Multi-year Subregional Programs grant funds available through Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-24;
2. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to accept and receive Measure M grant funds in the amount of \$18,529,719 available to the City through Fiscal Years 2023-24 as part of the WSCCOG Measure M Multi-year Subregional Programs allocation process facilitated by the WSCCOG and 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 toward Multi-year Subregional Programs (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 (WSCCOG) 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. The WSCCOG's 2020 Westside Mobility Study informs project proposals for MSP funding. Since the City's planned transportation capital investments within the subregion are greater than WSCCOG MSP funding availability, LADOT used its Mobility Investment Program (MIP) to inventory, score, and advance candidate projects based on

anticipated benefits for mobility, connectivity, safety, and sustainability in the subregion.

DISCUSSION

Westside Cities COG 2020 Mobility Study

In 2019, the WSCCOG Board of Directors commissioned the 2020 Westside Mobility Study to identify short- and long-term transportation investment priorities for the subregion, including inter-jurisdictional projects. The 2020 Westside Mobility Study was guided by a task force of representatives from each WSCCOG member jurisdiction, including LADOT staff. The study included a series of in-person workshops and an online portal to gather community and stakeholder feedback. The WSCCOG Board of Directors adopted the final 2020 Mobility Study in August 2020. The WSCCOG then solicited jurisdictions for project proposals to invest a total of \$27,303,860 in WSCCOG MSPs available for expenditure through FY 2023-24.

Westside Cities COG MSPs

A total of \$27,303,860 in WSCCOG MSPs is available for expenditure from the time Metro approves the final project list and FY 2023-24. On October 8, 2020 the WSCOG Board of Directors approved the preliminary recommended project lists submitted by member jurisdictions and voted to divide the available \$27,303,860 between the WSCCOG jurisdictions based on service population. Service population represents total population and employment within a jurisdiction. Attachment A shows the service population breakdown by jurisdiction, the percentage as compared to the WSCCOG region, and the associated funding available per jurisdiction. For the City of Los Angeles, the total available funding amounts to \$18,529,719 until FY 2023-24.

Per Metro's Measure M Final Guidelines, Westside Cities COG 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.

Candidate Project Selection

The LADOT MIP identifies needed improvements to the City's existing multi-modal transportation network, conducts advanced planning to develop projects, and secures resources to invest in system upgrades. In response to the Westside Cities MSP funding opportunity, LADOT staff queried the City's project pipeline for candidate projects that met eligibility criteria, including alignment with the 2020 Westside Mobility Study, West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Plan, Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan, Mobility Plan 2035, and other City adopted plans. LADOT screened candidate projects based on project readiness and their anticipated benefits to mobility, connectivity, safety, and sustainability within the subregion.

Project Eligibility and Readiness

Per Metro Measure M 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. Community support for eligible projects should be generated through a series of engagements between City project leads, elected officials, and key stakeholders. 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.

Project Performance Criteria Scoring

LADOT screened candidate projects based on their potential to advance the City's transportation goals described in the Mobility Plan 2035, the 2018-2020 LADOT Strategic Plan, and LA's Green New Deal. To assess how candidate projects could deliver a safe, equitable, accessible, and sustainable transportation system for Los Angeles, LADOT staff scored projects across the following categories:

- **Mobility Benefit:** Anticipated improvement to the quality and reliability of regional multimodal transportation for priority users, including people who rely on transit and have little to no car access and/or rely on walking, rolling, or riding bicycles or other personal mobility devices.
- **Connectivity Benefit:** Anticipated improvement to the quantity and quality of mobility access and/or connectivity to essential services, employment, education, and recreation, especially for people who are racialized and/or part of equity-seeking groups.
- **Safety Benefit:** Anticipated improvement to traffic safety on High-Injury Network segments and Safe Routes to School focus areas, which would reduce rates of severe injuries and fatalities among vulnerable street users.
- **Sustainability Benefit:** Anticipated improvement to environmental quality, public health, and quality of life metrics.

Recommended Project List

Based on the project performance criteria scoring, LADOT recommends the following four eligible, project ready, and high performing projects to receive funding from the WSCCOG MSPs in the Active Transportation category:

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 Enhanced Corridor

A detailed list of recommended projects is included as Attachment B, a map of recommended projects within the Westside Cities subregional context is included as Attachment C, and a map of recommended projects within the local context is included as Attachment D.

FISCAL IMPACT

No impact to the General Fund is anticipated with this action.

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Attachments

Attachment A: WSCCOG MSP Funding Available per Jurisdiction until FY 23-24

Attachment B: List of LADOT Recommended Projects for WSCCOG MSP Funding

Attachment C: Regional Map of LADOT Recommended Projects for WSCCOG MSP Funding

Attachment D: Local Map of Recommended Projects for WSCCOG MSP Funding

Attachment A: WSSCOG MSP Funding Available per Jurisdiction through FY 2023-24

WSSCOG Jurisdiction	Service Population* (Residents + Workers)	Service Population Percentage**	Funding Allocation***
City of Los Angeles	1,018,526	68%	\$18,529,719
Santa Monica	171,029	11%	\$3,111,471
Culver City	92,619	6%	\$1,684,991
Beverly Hills	88,726	6%	\$1,614,158
West Hollywood	66,579	4%	\$1,211,256
County of Los Angeles	63,337	4%	\$1,152,265
WSSCOG Total	1,500,816	100%	\$27,303,860

* The *Service Population* column represents the combined number of residents and workers served by each WSSCOG member jurisdiction.

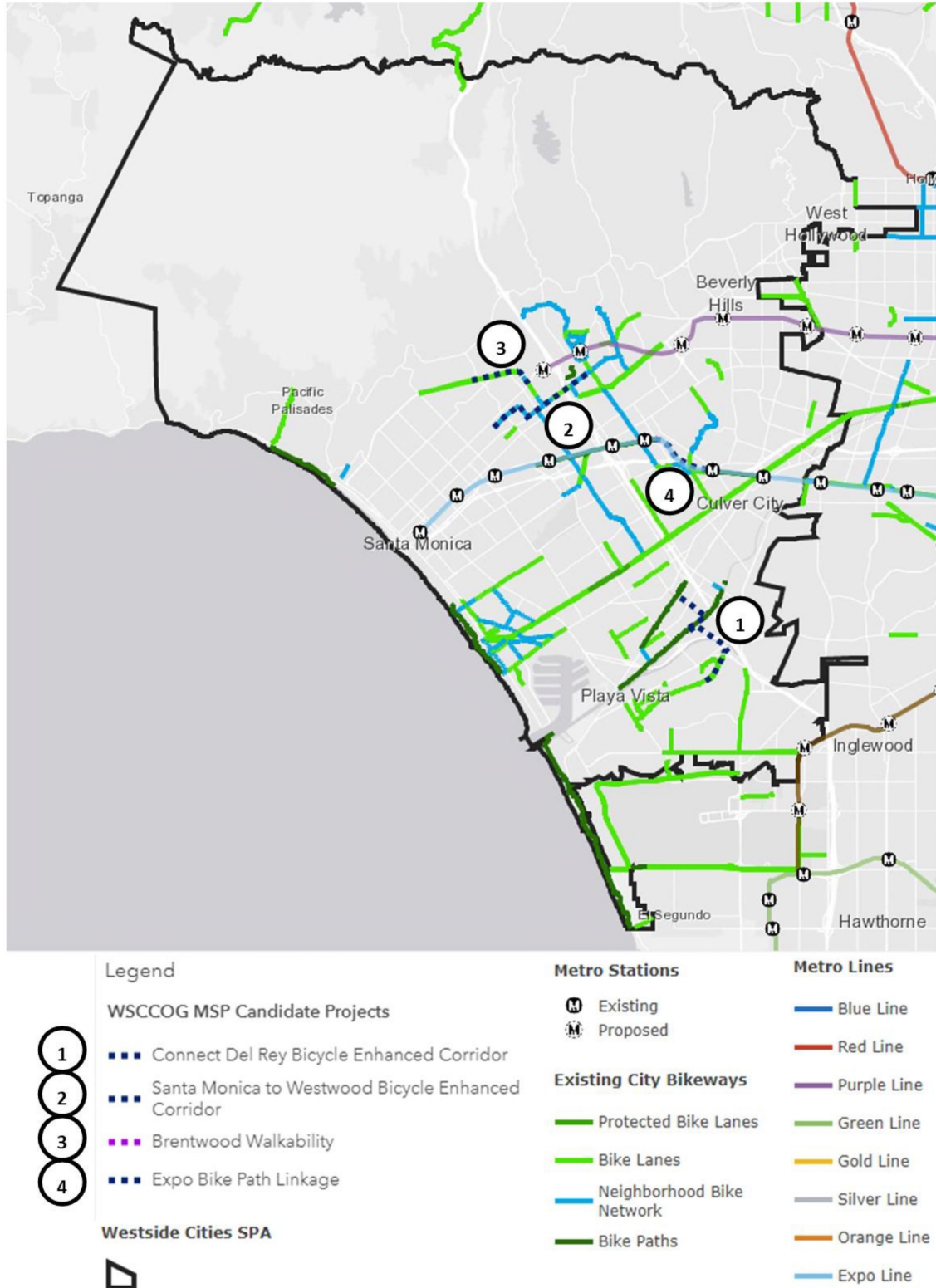
** The *Service Population Percentage* column shows the portion served by each member jurisdiction as a percentage of the total service population within the subregion.

*** The *Funding Allocation* column represents the amount of funding available to each jurisdiction within the WSSCOG subregion through FY 2023-24 based on the service population percentage.

Attachment B: List of LADOT Recommended Projects for WSCCOG MSP Funding

Project Name	Proposed Alignment	Proposed Project Limits	MSP	CD	Project Funding Need
Expo Bike Path Gap Closure	Expo Bike Path	Overland Ave. to Palms Blvd.	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
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
Brentwood Walkability Enhanced Corridor	W. San Vicente Blvd.	Bundy Dr. to Wilshire Blvd.	AT	11	\$2,561,298
City of LA MSP Allotment of WSCCOG MSP Funds					\$18,529,719
City of Los Angeles Total WSCCOG MSP Request					\$18,529,719
Unallocated Balance					\$0

Attachment C: Regional Map of Recommended Projects for WSCCOG MSP Funding



Attachment D: Local Map of Recommended Projects for WSCCOG MSP Funding