



## STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** September 6, 2016

**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council

**From:** Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager  
Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation

**Subject:** Request by Mayor Mirisch for the City Council to Consider Taking a Position on Los Angeles County Ballot Measure M

**Attachments:** 1. Project List

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### INTRODUCTION

A Los Angeles County-wide sales tax measure, Measure M, titled "Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan," is included on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Mayor Mirisch has requested that the City Council consider taking a position on Measure M.

### DISCUSSION

The Los Angeles County Metro Board of Directors voted 11-2 to place a measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot that would increase the sales tax by a half-cent and extend the existing Measure R half-cent sales tax beyond its 2039 expiration date to fund transportation projects.

Since 1980, Los Angeles County voters have approved three half-cent sales tax measures for transportation uses. Proposition A, approved in 1980, and Proposition C, approved in 1990, do not have a sunset provision. Measure R, approved in 2008, expires in 2039. Measure M would increase the Los Angeles County sales tax by an additional half-cent, raising the total amount of countywide sales tax for transportation to 2%. It would also remove the sunset provision of Measure R.

The Measure R funding plan includes the Purple Line Extension from Wilshire/Western to Wilshire/La Cienega in 2023, to Century City in 2026 and to Westwood/VA in 2036. Measure M's expenditure plan includes advancing the completion of the Westside Purple Line to Westwood/VA in 2024. Measure M also includes the Northern Extension of the Crenshaw/LAX line to West Hollywood starting in FY 2041.

The Measure M funding plan also includes 2% of total funding for "active transportation" to be allocated competitively throughout the region and 17% for "local return" to be distributed to local jurisdictions based on population. The "local return" would increase

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to 20% in 2039. By comparison, Proposition A local return is 25%, Proposition C local return is 20% and Measure R local return is 15%.

The City of Santa Monica has taken a position in support of Measure M. The City of West Hollywood is scheduled to consider a position on September 20, 2016. Culver City is scheduled to take a position on September 12, 2016. Seven cities in the southern region of Los Angeles County (Carson, Torrance, Rancho Palos Verdes, Signal Hill, Santa Fe Springs, Commerce and Norwalk) have filed a lawsuit claiming that the ballot language for Measure M is misleading.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If Measure M passes, the City is estimated to receive approximately \$425,000 in local return funds.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council consider taking a position on Measure M as requested by Mayor Mirisch.

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Cheryl Friedling,  
Deputy City Manager

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Approved By

# **Attachment 1**

# THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECT LIST

## HIGHWAY/STREET PROJECTS

- 2 I-5 Truck and Carpool Lane Additions: SR-14 Interchange to Lake Hughes Rd**  
Adds one truck lane and one carpool lane in each direction, while maintaining existing general purpose lanes.
- 3 SR-71 Lane Additions: I-10 to Rio Rancho Rd**  
Adds three additional miles of SR-71 general purpose lanes in each direction, providing three continuous lanes in each direction to eliminate bottlenecks and improve traffic flow in sections where only two lanes exist today.
- 4 SR-57/SR-60 Interchange Improvements**  
Two miles of freeway, on-ramp, auxiliary lane, and street widening improvements in the vicinity of Grand Av and Golden Springs Dr.
- 5 I-105 Express Lane Additions: I-405 to I-605**  
Creates two additional Express Lanes, totaling 16 miles, while maintaining current general purpose lanes in each direction.
- 6 Sepulveda Pass Express Bus Transit Corridor**  
Adds two Express Lanes in each direction along the I-405 from I-10 to US-101, while maintaining current general purpose lanes, to provide express bus service connecting the San Fernando Valley to Westwood.
- 7 I-710 South Corridor Zero Emission Truck Lane Additions: Long Beach to Commerce**  
Adds two Zero-Emission truck lanes in each direction, for a total of 18 miles, while maintaining current general purpose lanes. The project includes improvements to the Shoemaker Bridge.
- 15 I-605/I-10 Interchange Improvements**  
Interchange improvements in all directions (north, south, east and west).
- 16 I-5 South Corridor Lane Additions: I-605 to I-710**  
Adds one general purpose lane and one carpool lane in each direction, for a total of seven miles. When complete, there will be a total of five general purpose lanes and one carpool lane in each direction.
- 17 I-405 South Bay Curve Bottleneck Improvements**  
Adds segments of auxiliary lanes in each direction to improve traffic flow at on-/off-ramps for ten miles from Florence Av to I-110.
- 19 I-110 Express Lanes Extension to I-405/I-110 Interchange**  
Extends the existing I-110 Express Lanes southward one mile to I-405, while maintaining current general purpose lanes.
- 20 SR-60/I-605 Carpool Interchange Improvements**  
Improves interchanges from I-605 Rose Hills to I-10 and SR-60 from Santa Anita to Turnbull Canyon. Includes: new auxiliary lanes, wider lanes and bridges, interchange connectors, and ramp improvements.
- 26 I-405/I-110 Express Lane Interchange Improvements**  
Provides ramps that directly connect the Express Lanes on the I-110 and I-405.
- 34 High Desert Multi-Purpose Corridor: SR-14 to SR-18**  
Builds the Los Angeles County portion of a new freeway and toll lanes with parallel rail/transit service and a bikeway to connect cities in the Antelope and Victor Valleys, including Palmdale and Lancaster.
- 35 Las Virgenes/Malibu Transportation Improvements**  
Various local street improvements to eliminate bottlenecks and improve traffic flow to/from adjacent freeways/major highways (i.e. 101, PCH) and connections to local communities.
- 36 North County Transportation Improvements**  
Various street improvements, including street and bridge widenings, to eliminate bottlenecks and improve traffic flow to/from adjacent freeways/highways (i.e. 138, 14) and connections to local communities. Also includes local transit projects, such as improved Metrolink Commuter Rail stations, rail crossings, and enhanced bus service.
- 37 I-605 Corridor "Hot Spot" Interchange Improvements**  
Improvements to various interchanges along the I-605 freeway to eliminate bottlenecks and improve traffic flow at on-/off-ramps from the Orange County Line to the SR-60 Freeway.

## NOT SHOWN ON MAP

### Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Track Enhancement Project

Constructs a portion of the Crenshaw/LAX light rail line (currently under construction) adjacent to the LAX runways so it is fully underground.

### LA River Bike Path Extension: Canoga Park to Glendale

Constructs a 12-mile bike path along the LA River connecting Canoga Park to Glendale. The project will complete the LA River Bike Path between downtown Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.

### LA River Waterway and Bike Path: Elysian Valley to Maywood

Constructs eight-mile bike path along the LA River connecting the Elysian Valley to the City of Maywood through downtown Los Angeles. The measure will complete the LA River Bike Path between Long Beach and the Sepulveda Basin in the San Fernando Valley.

### City of San Fernando Bike Path

Creates a bike path to run along the Pacoima Wash.

## TRANSIT PROJECTS

- 8 Airport Rail Connector and Green Line Rail Extension**  
Connects Metro Green Line Rail, Crenshaw/LAX Line Rail, and Metro and municipal bus service to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) via the LAX Automated People Mover.
- 9 East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor**  
A 9.2-mile high-capacity transit project with 14 stations connecting the Orange Line Van Nuys station to the Sylmar/San Fernando Metrolink Station.
- 10 Orange Line BRT Connector to Gold Line Rail**  
A 15.3-mile Bus Rapid Transit line from North Hollywood Orange/Red Line Rail Station to the Gold Line Rail in Pasadena. The project could be converted to a rail service at a later date if ridership demand outgrows the bus rapid service capacity.
- 11 Gold Line Rail Extension: Foothill to Claremont**  
Extends Gold Line Rail 11 miles and adds five stations from Citrus College Station to the Claremont Metrolink Station; linking Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, and Claremont.
- 12 Purple Line Rail Subway Extension: Century City West to Westwood/VA Hospital**  
Extends Purple Line Rail Subway 2.5 miles along Wilshire Bl by two stations, from Century City West to Westwood/VA Hospital; connects the Sepulveda Pass underground via the Westwood/UCLA Station.
- 13 West Santa Ana Light Rail Corridor: Union Station to City of Artesia**  
New 20-mile light rail line from the City of Artesia to Union Station.
- 14 Orange Line BRT Improvements**  
Enables Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit buses to bypass several key intersections to improve bus speeds and passenger travel times.
- 21 Gold Line Eastside Rail Extension**  
Extends Gold Line Rail east from Atlantic Station. Two alignments are planned for construction, one along SR-60 to South El Monte and the other along Washington Bl to Whittier.
- 22 Green Line Rail Extension: Redondo Beach to Torrance Transit Center**  
Extends Green Line Rail 4.7 miles, four stations, from Redondo Beach to the Torrance Transit Center.
- 23 Vermont BRT Corridor: Hollywood Bl to 120th St**  
Adds a 12.5-mile high-capacity Bus Rapid Transit corridor from Hollywood Bl to 120th St. The project could be converted to a rail service at a later date if ridership demand outgrows the bus rapid service capacity.
- 24 Sepulveda Pass Underground Transit Corridor**  
Creates a 10-mile high-capacity transit corridor underneath the Sepulveda Pass. The project connects the San Fernando Valley to UCLA and the Westside by providing a link between the Orange Line in Van Nuys and the future-planned Purple Line Rail stop.
- 27 Crenshaw Line Rail Northern Extension to West Hollywood**  
Extends Crenshaw Line Rail north from the Expo/Crenshaw Station to the Red Line Rail Hollywood/Highland Station.
- 28 Orange Line BRT Conversion to Light Rail**  
Converts 14.5 miles of existing Orange Line busway to light rail transit, 14 stations from Warner Center to North Hollywood.
- 29 LAX BRT Connector to Santa Monica**  
Links Airport Metro Connector to Expo Line Rail via a Bus Rapid Transit corridor along Lincoln Bl. The project could be converted to a rail service at a later date if ridership demand outgrows the bus rapid service capacity.
- 30 Green Line Rail Extension to Norwalk Metrolink Station**  
Extends Metro Green Line Rail 2.8 miles from Norwalk to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station.
- 31 Metro Rail and Express Bus Extension from Westwood to LAX Metro Connector**  
Ten-mile high-capacity transit and rail extension from Wilshire/Westwood Station to the Airport Metro Connector. Project could also add Express Lanes along the I-405 that provides express bus service connecting Westwood to LAX.
- 33 Regional Commuter Rail (Metrolink and Amtrak) Improvements**  
Various capital improvements to enhance travel times, service reliability, and speed on Metrolink and Amtrak.

### Historic Downtown Streetcar

Builds a 3.8-mile streetcar along existing traffic lanes from 1st St to 11th St in downtown Los Angeles.

### North San Fernando Valley BRT Improvements

Builds a Bus Rapid Transit, route to be determined, serving the North San Fernando Valley.

### Arroyo Verdugo Transportation Improvements

Various local street improvements to eliminate bottlenecks and improve traffic flow to/from adjacent freeways/major highways (i.e. SR-2, SR-134) and connections to local communities.

### South Bay Transportation Improvements

Various local street improvements to eliminate bottlenecks and improve traffic flow to/from adjacent freeways/major highways (i.e. 405, 110, PCH) and connections to local communities.