

Council Meeting of
January 25, 2011

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager and Public Works - Adopt Resolution in support of South Bay Measure R Highway Program Early Action Project List and approval of Torrance projects. Expenditure: \$43,040,000

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager and Public Works Director that City Council adopt a resolution in support of recommended South Bay Measure R Highway Program Early Action Project List, and approval of Torrance projects within the list, to be acted on by the South Bay Council of Governments Board on January 27, 2011, and submitted to the Metro Board for their action in February 2011 for funding allocation approval.

Funding

Torrance Early Action Project List funded by Measure R.

BACKGROUND

Measure R is a one-half cent sales tax approved by Los Angeles County voters in November 2008 to meet the transportation needs of Los Angeles County.

One component of Measure R is the South Bay Highway Program that will provide approximately \$906 million (in 2008 dollars), or roughly \$1.4 billion in inflated dollars, over 30 years for much needed ramp and interchange investments to improve the operation of I-405, I-110, I-105 and SR-91 in the South Bay. The scope of eligible investments also includes local arterial, signal synchronization and park-and-ride projects that can be demonstrated to have a significant operational improvement (nexus) to the state highway system. Although Measure R is expected to provide a significant amount of funding to the South Bay, the intent of this program is also to leverage the Measure R funds with other available and possible new revenue sources.

Metro oversees the distribution of the funds and will enter into a project-specific Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each project's lead agency that will establish the project schedule and cost estimate. As required by Metro, each project will be entered into the SBCCOG's Measure R Program/Project Management System (PPMS) for tracking during the course of project development and construction. The Measure R Highway Program is a cost-reimbursement program subject to annual audit requirements by Metro. The City has up to five years to spend the funds allocated to it in a particular fiscal year.

ANALYSIS

In order to efficiently use the funds, an Implementation Plan is being developed in a collaborative process under the policy guidance of the SBCCOG Board of Directors and the technical auspices of a working group that includes South Bay city staff, County Public Works, LA Metro, and Caltrans. The South Bay infrastructure Working Group is serving as the Technical Advisory Committee for the program.

The Plan will be prepared so that it can be updated periodically as needed. The Implementation Plan process to date has:

- ▶ Identified eligible projects – including identifying the criteria that makes them eligible
- ▶ Developed a project assessment system to prioritize and group projects using the following criteria:
 - Project readiness
 - Multi-jurisdictional effort
 - Level of congestion relief
 - Regional significance and intermodal integration
 - Project need and benefit to transportation system
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Land use, environmental compatibility, and sustainability
- ▶ For each project, established a realistic and achievable project implementation schedule as well as recommended lead agency.
- ▶ Developed an “Early Action Program” (EAP) package of projects that can be constructed in the near-term (2-5 years).
- ▶ Developed a Measure R funding allocation plan for the EAP based on the anticipated fiscal year allocations from Metro to the South Bay program.

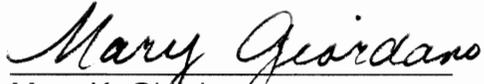
The Infrastructure Working Group has endorsed an “Early Action Program” of over 40 projects totaling approximately \$145 million to be implemented in the first five years of the South Bay Measure R Highway Program, as listed in Attachment A. Attachment B includes those programs in the City of Torrance. Over the life of the program, the City is expected to receive funding of approximately 1.78 million to facilitate improved traffic flow.

Some of the funding will be available to assist the implementing agencies to complete all pre-final design work and environmental documents and to complete grant applications for additional funding sources.

The South Bay Measure R Highway Program is a cost-reimbursement program with no matching fund requirements. Staff time in project development and construction oversight is reimbursable. The program has the same audit requirements as the Metro “Call for Projects” program.

SBCCOG has requested that the City Council of each city with projects on the EAP confirm their commitment to the projects by adopting a resolution in support of the South Bay Measure R Highway Program early action project list. This is to demonstrate to Metro that the lead agencies concur in the funding application and are committed to the implementing the projects in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant City Manager



Rob Beste
Public Works Director

CONCUR:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

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Attachment: A) Resolution
B) South Bay Measure R Early Action Program Project List (available 1/21/11)
C) City of Torrance projects on the EAP (available 1/21/11)
D) List of Fully-Funded Projects that could become eligible for Measure R funding (available 1/21/11)

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-_____
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH BAY MEASURE R HIGHWAY PROGRAM
EARLY ACTION PROJECT LIST

WHEREAS, the Measure R Expenditure Plan as approved by the voters of Los Angeles County in November 2008 will provide approximately \$906 million (in 2008 dollars), or roughly \$1.4 billion in inflated dollars, over 30 years for much needed ramp and interchange investments to improve the operation of I-405, I-110, I-105 and SR-91 in the South Bay; and

WHEREAS, as a result of collaborative efforts involving the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), its member jurisdictions, the Infrastructure Working Group (IWG), Caltrans and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (L.A. Metro), the scope of eligible investments also includes local arterial, signal synchronization and park-and-ride projects that can be demonstrated to have a significant operational nexus to the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, that same collaborative effort has resulted in the identification of an "Early Action Program" of over 40 projects totaling approximately \$145 million to be implemented in the first five years of the South Bay Measure R Highway Program, as listed in Attachment A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance has been identified as being the Lead Agency for implementation for a number of the Early Action Program projects, as listed in Attachment B to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, additional projects, as listed in Attachment C to this resolution, have been included so that they are eligible to be considered by the SBCCOG for Measure R funding in the future on a case-by-case basis in the event a funding shortfall develops.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY

1. Support and endorse the Early Action Program of projects to be implemented in the first five years of the South Bay Measure R Highway Program; and
2. Take these actions with the understanding that, for each Measure R funded project for which it is the lead agency, it will be required by L.A. Metro to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with L.A. Metro which will establish the project schedule, cost estimate and budget, and such information for each project will be available for entering into the SBCCOG's Measure R Program/Project Management System (PPMS) for tracking; and
3. Endorse and commit to making every good faith effort to complete each project for which it is the Lead Agency pursuant to the schedule as set forth in the MOU, but in any event within the period ending five years after a MOU for the project is executed; and
4. Understand that the Measure R Highway Program is a cost-reimbursement program subject to annual audit requirements by L.A. Metro.

Introduced, approved and adopted this day of 2011.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk