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metro.net**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
MAY 16, 2012****SUBJECT: I-710 SOUTH AND/OR EARLY ACTION PROJECTS MEASURE R
HIGHWAY PROGRAM****ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS****RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Approve the proposed strategic positioning of categorical amounts for freeway and non-freeway projects to provide a framework for the future allocation of Measure R funds for I-710 South and/or Early Action Projects as shown in Attachment A; and
- B. Execute any necessary agreement(s) with the Gateway Cities Council of Government (GCCOG) and I-710 Corridor Cities to provide support in the development and implementation of individual projects as shown in Attachment B; and
- C. Enter into funding agreements with GCCOG and I-710 Corridor Cities for the review of the I-710 Corridor Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS).

ISSUE

Measure R identified \$590 million (unescalated) for I-710 South and/or Early Action Projects in the Gateway Cities. In consultation with the corridor cities and the GCCOG, Metro staff developed a proposed categorical funding allocation plan that covers the life of Measure R. The categorical allocation will guide the future programming of individual projects (Attachment A). The first project identified by the I-710 Project Committee (PC) is the I-710 Firestone Blvd On-Ramp Project and it is included in the I-710 South Project List (Attachment B). Additionally, due to the State's budget constraints and cities budget limitations, the GCCOG cities requested the use of I-710 South and/or Early Action Projects Measure R money to fund staff's time to review the DEIR/EIS for the I-710 Corridor Project (Project). This proposed plan was supported by the I-710 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), GCCOG's Transportation Committee and GCCOG Board.

Projects utilizing Measure R dollars will require approval and programming of funds by the Board. Staff will report back to the Board periodically on the programming of funds for the individual projects and for approval of any proposed changes to the categorical funding plan.

POLICY IMPLICATION

The Constrained element of the 2009 adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) generally identifies the I-710 South and/or Early Action improvements, but does not contain a specific project list. Metro staff and the GCCOG have developed a proposed categorical funding allocation plan to cover the life of Measure R to guide the future programming of funds for specific projects. This funding allocation plan is intended to help leverage other fund sources for the completion of such projects. In March 2010, the Board adopted near-term strategies and priority setting criteria to allow projects to move forward, considering the economic downturn, ongoing structural deficit in the State budget and uncertainty regarding the reauthorization of federal surface transportation funding this action is consistent with the adopted priorities.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The I-710 South and/or Early Action Projects Measure R Highway Program will have no impact on safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Implementation of potential early action projects is not expected to commence until FY13. The I-710 Corridor Cities review of the DEIR/EIS for the Project will commence in June 2012. Necessary funds for planning and environmental work for this fiscal year are already included in FY12 budget. Since these are multi-year projects, the cost center manager and the Executive Director, Highway Program, will be responsible for project budgeting in future years.

Impact to Budget

The source of funds for this project will be from Measure R 20% Highway Funds. No other sources of funds were considered as these have been identified for this project. These funds are not eligible for bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could elect not to approve the I-710 South and/or Early Action Projects funding allocation plan or the I-710 South Measure R Project List or funding for the

necessary implementation agreements. This alternative is not recommended as the funding plan was developed through consensus of the I-710 TAC, GCCOG Transportation Committee, and GCCOG Board and not approving the necessary funding agreements may delay the implementation of near-term Measure R projects.

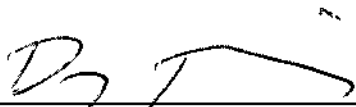
NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, Metro staff will work with the GCCOG and corridor cities to identify candidate projects for programming of funds. Metro staff will report back to the Board with a listing of projects for programming. Metro staff will execute funding agreements with individual corridor cities and the GCCOG, to fund their review of the I-710 EIR/EIS. Metro staff will execute Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) with Corridor Cities and the GCCOG, so that they may initiate planning activities for the I-710 Early Action projects and budget dollars in the FY13 budget to reimburse them for the work. Metro staff will continue to monitor and participate in the ongoing efforts of the Gateway Cities Measure R Highway Plan.

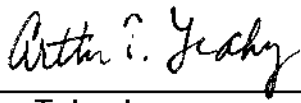
ATTACHMENT

- A. I-710 South and/or Early Action Projects Measure R Funding Allocation Plan
- B. I-710 South Measure R Program List

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Attachment A – I-710 South and/or Early Action Projects Measure R Funding Allocation Plan

Allocation

I-710 Early Action Projects

Total Budget: \$590

Allocated to Date:

710 EIR/EIS	\$5
710 Utility and APS Studies	\$20
710 Sound Wall Feasibility Study	\$4
3rd Party Support	\$0.6
Misc.	\$2
Subtotal	\$31
Net:	\$559

Non-Freeway Improvements

1. Soundwalls	\$40
2. Arterial Highway Intersections	\$40
3. Arterial Highway Corridor Improvements	\$30
4. TSM/ITS	\$30
5. Misc. (local Oversight, AQ Studies, Outreach & Contingency)	\$20
Subtotal	\$160

Freeway Improvements \$399

Programming

Years	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	Totals
Non-Freeway	\$30	\$45	\$22	\$40	\$23		\$160
Freeway (PPP)	\$36	\$5	\$5	\$68	\$316		\$430
Total	\$66	\$50	\$27	\$108	\$339		\$590

Attachment B – I-710 South Measure R Project List

Location			I-710 South Measure R Funding Allocation							Total Project Cost
Type	Facility	Limits	Description	Lead Agency (Design By)	FY11 -12	FY12-13	FY 13-14	FY14-15	FY15 -16	
Ramp	I-710	Firestone Blvd	Early Action: Reconfiguration of Firestone Blvd on-ramp to Southbound I-710 freeway	City of South Gate		1,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000		5,500,000