



**CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA  
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM**

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Report: City of Glendale Measure R Sub-Regional Program Update

- 1) Motion approving additional programming, modifications to existing programming, and funding changes to the adopted Measure R Sub-Regional Program

**COUNCIL ACTION**

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**Item Type:** Consent Item

**Approved for** April 19, 2022 **calendar**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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Additional programming, modification of existing programming, and funding changes to the adopted Measure R Sub-Regional Program is ready to be presented for Metro Board approval. Staff would like to respectfully ask City Council to approve the project list as outlined in this report so that the City can request approval from the Metro Board.

## **COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

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Infrastructure & Mobility: The projects listed for additional programming, modification of existing programming, and funding changes to the adopted Measure R Sub-Regional Program will improve the City's roadways and supporting infrastructures for all modes of transportation.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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Approve the Motion to request for additional programming, modifications to existing programming, and funding changes to the adopted Measure R Sub-regional Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

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Measure R is a half-cent sales tax for Los Angeles County that finances new transportation projects and programs. In November 2008, Measure R was approved by two-thirds majority, committing a projected \$40 billion to traffic congestion relief and transportation upgrades throughout the County over its 30-year life span. The City's share of Measure R Sub-regional funds for Highway Operational Improvements is approximately \$98.5 million.

The Public Works Department has pursued and received several Measure R transportation-related grants from the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (Metro) to improve traffic congestion and safety within the City. For Measure R Sub-regional funds, Metro requires project sponsoring agencies to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for those projects funded with local sales tax dollars. A Funding Agreement (FA) must be executed in the first year that funds are available and prior to starting any work on the project. FAs include a general description of the project, the specific work elements to be completed, funding amounts and the source of all funds.

Furthermore, staff currently has numerous projects in planning, design, and construction. In order to request for new project programming and reprogramming of existing projects on the approved Sub-regional project list, we are required to submit an official request to the Planning and Programming Committee of Metro during the Board's semi-annual meetings that take place in the fall and spring. The next meeting is expected to take place in July 2022.

## **ANALYSIS**

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### 1. Completed Projects:

To date, the City has completed approximately \$26.7 million (*Subtotal 1*), in Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program Funds listed as follows:

<b>Measure R MOU #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Measure R Budget</b>
MR310.01	Fairmont Ave Grade Separation at San Fernando Rd	Audit is Complete	\$ 1,659,000

MR310.04	San Fernando/Grandview At-Grade Rail Crossing Improvements	Audit in Progress	\$ 1,850,000
MR310.05	Central Ave Improvements/Broadway to SR-134 EB Off ramp	Audit is Complete	\$ 3,250,000
MR310.13	Glendale Narrows Bikeway Culvert	Project is complete Requested Audit	\$ 1,246,500
MR310.14	Verdugo Rd Signal Upgrades	Audit is Complete	\$ 556,852
MR310.16	SR-134/Glendale Ave Traffic Signal Mods	Audit is Complete	\$ 1,444,368
MR310.17	Ocean View Blvd Project	Audit is Complete	\$ 1,000,000
MR310.18	Sonora Avenue At-Grade Rail Crossing Safety Upgrades	Audit in Progress	\$ 2,700,000
MR310.19	Traffic Signal Sync Brand/Colorado-San Fernando/Glendale-Verdugo	Audit is Complete	\$ 340,941
MR310.20	Verdugo Rd/Honolulu Ave/Verdugo Blvd Intersection Modification	Audit is Complete	\$ 400,000
MR310.21	Colorado St Widening Project	Audit is Complete	\$ 347,185
MR310.22	Glendale Narrows Riverwalk Bridge	Project is complete Requested Audit	\$ 600,000
MR310.24	Construction of Bicycle Facilities	Audit is Complete	\$ 244,283
MR310.26	Bicycle Facilities Phase 2 (Class III Bike. Routes)	Project is complete Requested Audit	\$ 225,000
MR310.28	Pennsylvania Ave Signal at I-210 Fwy on/off Ramps Modification	Project is complete Audit in Progress	\$ 400,000
MR310.35	Signal Installations at Various Locations (Pacific Ave)	Audit is Complete	\$ 1,500,000
MR310.40	Pacific Ave and Burchett St Street Improvements	Audit is Complete	\$ 3,315,000
MR310.41	Doran St. (From Brand Blvd. to Adams St.) Improvements	Project is complete Requested Audit	\$ 1,450,000
MR310.42	Arden Ave (From Highland Ave to Kenilworth St)	Audit is Complete	\$ 623,204
MR310.47	Traffic Signals on Glenwood Rd and Modifications on La Crescenta Ave and Central Ave	Project is Complete Requested Audit	\$ 2,025,000

MR310.48	San Fernando Rd and Los Angeles St Traffic Signal Installation and Intersection Modification	Project is Complete Audit in Progress	\$ 400,000
MR310.60	N. Verdugo Road Safety Improvements (from Glendale Community College to Menlo Drive	Project is Complete Requested Audit	\$ 1,100,000
<b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>			<b>\$ 26,677,333</b>

2. Programmed Projects with Executed Funding Agreements (FA) and/or FA Amendments in progress:

As part of the current Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program funds, Metro's Board has approved \$20.15 million (*Subtotal 2*) for the City's projects in progress as follows:

<b>Measure R MOU #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Measure R Budget</b>
MR310.25	I-210 Soundwall Project	Preparation of Project Study Report-Project Report is complete	\$ 4,520,000
MR310.32	Regional Arterial Performance Measures (Call Match F7321)	Construction in Progress	\$ 100,000
MR310.34	Regional Bike Stations (Call Match F7709)	Community Development is repurposing funds for Bike-sharing program	\$ 332,000
MR310.37	Verdugo Blvd Traffic Signal Mods at Valihi Way and SR-2 FWY	Construction is complete	\$ 1,450,000
MR310.43	South Verdugo Rd Traffic Signal Mods at Colorado St, Maple St, and Acacia Ave	RFP for Consultant to prepare PS&E in progress	\$ 1,650,000
MR310.49	Traffic Signal Modification and Upgrades on Honolulu Ave and Montrose Ave at Pennsylvania	Construction in Progress	\$ 3,800,000
MR310.52	Traffic Signal Installations on Chevy Chase Dr at California Ave and Sinclair Ave, Lexington Dr and Louise St, Pacific Ave and Arden Verdugo Blvd and Park Ln	Construction is Complete	\$ 2,500,000
MR310.54	Traffic Signal Modifications on La Crescenta Ave at Roselawn Ave and Shirlyjean St and San Fernando Rd at Highland Ave	Design & Construction in Progress	\$ 1,650,000

MR310 .61	Broadway Traffic Signal Modification	Construction Bidding in Progress	\$ 1,650,000
MR310 .62	Downtown Glendale Traffic Signals Synchronization	Preliminary Project Planning	\$ 2,500,000
<b>SUBTOTAL 2</b>			<b>\$ 20,152,000</b>

3. Programmed Projects Without Executed Funding Agreements (Future Projects):

As part of the current Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program funds, Metro’s Board has approved \$1.8 million for future projects that have been programmed for the next five Fiscal Years, however, staff determined that the Signalization of SR-2 Freeway Ramps at Holly Drive, MR310.36, requires additional effort from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as the improvements are located in their jurisdiction, therefore City will request Metro to re-program the funds by removing them (*Subtotal 3*) as follows:

Measure R MOU #	Project Name	Status	Measure R Budget
MR310.36	Signalization of SR-2 FWY Ramps @ Holly	On hold	\$ 600,000
MR310.36	Signalization of SR-2 FWY Ramps @ Holly	Re-program	\$ (600,000)
MR310.39	Widening of SR-2 FWY Ramps at Mountain	Preliminary Project Planning	\$ 1,200,000
<b>SUBTOTAL 3</b>			<b>\$ 1,200,000</b>

4. Additional Programming Request for Existing Funding Agreements:

As part of this program update, the City is asking for an additional \$3.5 million (*Subtotal 4*) in Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program funds for projects with existing funding agreements as follows:

Measure R MOU #	Project Name	Status	Additional Programming Request
MR310.25	I-210 Soundwall Project	Preparation of Project Study Report-Project Report is complete. Additional funding is requested to start design phase	\$ 3,500,000
<b>SUBTOTAL 4</b>			<b>\$ 3,500,000</b>

Staff recently completed the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) phase with the assistance of Caltrans and obtained the final Project Study Report-

Project Report (PSR-PR) to be able to proceed to the next phase of the project, the development of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E).

The additional programming request will allow staff to develop a request for proposals to obtain estimates from professional engineering firms for the development of PS&E for the project. Prior to entering into a professional service agreement for PS&E, staff will return to Council with an update and request for approval and direction.

5. New Project Request:

As part of this program update, the City is also asking for an additional \$12.0 million (*Subtotal 5*) in Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program funds for new projects as follows:

<b>Measure R MOU #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Measure R Budget</b>
TBD	S. Central Ave Traffic Signal, Transit, and Pedestrian Improvements Project (Colorado St to Los Feliz Rd)	New Project Request	\$ 3,000,000
TBD	N. Glendale Ave Traffic Signal, Transit, and Pedestrian Improvements Project (Broadway to N. Verdugo Rd)	New Project Request	\$ 4,000,000
TBD	N. Verdugo Road Traffic Signal, Transit, and Pedestrian Improvements Project (Canada South Fork to Honolulu Avenue)	New Project Request	\$ 5,000,000
<b>SUBTOTAL 5</b>			<b>\$ 12,000,000</b>

The new project requests for South Central Avenue, North Glendale Avenue, and North Verdugo Road are planned for the next five years as part of the Public Works Department Engineering Division capital improvement program (CIP), and staff is pursuing different funding sources to fund the projects.

All three projects satisfy the Measure R Nexus to Highway Operations Definition, and therefore, are eligible for Measure R Sub-Regional Funds, as some of the many purposes of these projects are to enhance traffic flow, reduce delays, and improve vehicular access to and from the I-210, I-5, SR-134, and SR-2 Freeways. All three project corridors are within a mile from the freeway corridor as defined by the Metro Highway Operation Definition.

Furthermore, Metro passed their new Highway Modernization Policy in June 2021 which focuses on multi-modal improvements and allows projects to incorporate complete street improvements into new project requests. Multi-modal components will be studied and design elements will be incorporated into the projects so that all modes of transportation

can benefit from the upgrades, leading to increased safety movements and coordinated progression through the travel corridor and surrounding districts.

Measure R Sub-regional funds do not require a local match from the project sponsor. Moreover, since 2009, the City’s status of Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program funds to date are as follows:

<b>Project Status</b>	<b>Measure R Budget</b>
Completed Projects <i>(Subtotal 1)</i>	\$ 26,677,333
Programmed Projects <i>(Subtotal 2)</i>	\$ 20,152,000
Programmed/Re-Programmed Future Projects <i>(Subtotal 3)</i>	\$ 1,200,000
Additional Programming Request for Existing Projects <i>(Subtotal 4)</i>	\$ 3,500,000
Additional Programming Request for New Projects <i>(Subtotal 5)</i>	\$ 12,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 63,529,333</b>

**STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH**

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During the design phase of all of these projects, staff conducts community outreach with the property owners, occupants, and businesses along the project limits and the public is informed of the project details, construction schedule, future City and contractor notifications, and the impacts of the construction work in the neighborhood. The community outreach events also provide the opportunity to share comments and/or ask questions regarding the project.

Furthermore, outreach on these project will continue to occur through a dedicated website for each project separately. The website pages will introduce the project and the project management team, explain the scope of work and project locations, highlight the project phase, and will provide the public with Staff contact information for questions, discussion and/or input.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

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Not Applicable

**CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

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Not Applicable

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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Alternative 1: Approve the attached Motion. Staff can request for programming changes to obtain additional Measure R Sub-regional funds for City improvement projects.

Alternative 2: Do not approve the attached Motion. Staff will not request additional programming and will need to use City funds to pay for additional project construction cost.

Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

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## **EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS**

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Not Applicable