



Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

DATE: February 1, 2024
TO: Governing Board
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SUBJECT: Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Funding Allocation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Governing Board:

1. Find this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3), the Common Sense exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
2. Approve the allocation of FY27 and FY28 funding based on per-capita basis by jurisdictional population.

BACKGROUND:

The Arroyo Verdugo Communities Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) plans are funding plans that program available resources to specific projects in specific years. The MSPs were created with the passage of Measure M (the voter-approved Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan of 2016) and administered by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). The Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA) is the governing body charged with creating the MSP funding plans.

AVCJPA has submitted three previous MSP funding plans to Metro which were approved by their Board, most recently in January 2023, which programmed MSP funds through FY26. Metro releases an estimate of the funding available for each MSP annually and each subregion is to submit updates to their MSP funding plans. During each MSP submittal, subregions are allowed to program the new funding allotments and amend previous funding plans as necessary. In October of 2023, Metro released their MSP funding estimates for FY27 and FY28. The amount of funding for these two new years is roughly \$23.1 million for the AVCJPA subregion. In addition, Metro released a 5-year allocation of approximately \$4 million from the Subregional Equity Program (SEP) to the Arroyo Verdugo subregion. At the April 6, 2023, AVCJPA Governing Board Meeting approval was granted to program the SEP funding allocation and apply the same formula and approach as the other MSP programs. The funding allotment for FY27 and FY28 is included in **Table 1** below alongside the previous allotments. Five years of Subregional Equity funds are also noted for FY24-FY28.

Table 1: MSP Funds Available for AVCJPA

MSP Funds Available by Program	Previous Allocation Thru FY26	New Funding FY27 and FY28	Total Allotment*
Transit Projects	\$25,426,185	\$10,114,375	\$35,540,560
Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets (MMCS)	\$19,977,011	\$12,873,296	\$32,850,307
Subregional Equity (5 years)	\$0	\$3,993,313	\$3,993,313
Total	\$45,403,196	\$26,980,984	\$72,384,180

*Less 0.5% for project development and planning.

Measure M allows subregional governing bodies to use 0.5% of the available resources for planning and development activities. This amount has been removed from the available funding programming to specific capital projects.

Metro allows subregional entities to program the MSP fundings at their discretion so long as the projects meet Metro’s criteria. For the first three MSP submittals, the AVCJPA has chosen to allocate the available funding proportionally to each jurisdiction based on their share of total population. It is the AVCJPA TAC’s recommendation that the new available funds be allocated on a per-capita basis again and programmed by individual jurisdictions. Table 2 below highlights the amount available for programming for each jurisdiction within AVCJPA. In the future, the AVCJPA may consider a different allocation and programming methodology.

Table 2: AVCJPA MSP Funding Allocation by Jurisdiction

Agency	% of Total*	Previous Allocation	MSP ₄ (2-Year Total)	SEP Allocation	Total Allocation
Burbank	21.0%	\$9,196,987	\$4,818,966	\$837,129	\$14,853,082
Glendale	38.4%	\$17,792,200	\$8,818,015	\$1,531,825	\$28,142,040
La Cañada Flintridge	4.0%	\$1,788,800	\$918,755	\$159,602	\$2,867,156
La Crescenta-Montrose	3.9%	\$1,735,479	\$905,755	\$157,344	\$2,798,577
Pasadena	27.5%	\$12,629,957	\$6,315,020	\$1,097,016	\$20,041,993
South Pasadena	5.3%	\$2,259,774	\$1,211,161	\$210,397	\$3,681,333
Total	100.0%	\$45,403,196	\$22,987,671	\$3,993,313	\$72,384,180

* Based on January 2023 CA department of finance estimate

In the previous MSP submittal in 2023, the AVJCPA left \$3,147,509 unprogrammed. These funds are available for programming in this cycle or a future program cycle. **Table 3** below includes the available resources by jurisdiction for the next MSP programming cycle, including the previously unprogrammed funds.

Table 3: Available Funding by Jurisdiction for the 2024 MSP₄ program cycle

Agency	Total Available by Jurisdiction		
	New Funding	Unprogrammed	Total
Burbank	\$5,656,095	\$0	\$5,656,095
Glendale	\$10,349,840	\$0	\$10,349,840
La Cañada Flintridge	\$1,078,356	\$474,881	\$1,553,237
La Crescenta-Montrose	\$1,063,098	\$1,735,479	\$2,798,577
Pasadena	\$7,412,036	\$0	\$7,412,036
South Pasadena	\$1,421,558	\$937,150	\$2,358,708
Total	\$26,980,984	\$3,147,509	\$30,128,493

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed action of approving the allocation of funding on a per-capita basis by jurisdictional population is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3), the Common Sense exemption. This activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA only applies to programs or projects that have a potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of staff recommendation to proceed with the per population allocation of \$26,980,984 of FY27 and FY28 Measure M MSP funds and FY24-FY28 Measure M SEP funds would enable the AVCJPA jurisdictions to proceed with identifying projects that align with the funding criteria. The recommended project list will be presented to the AVCJPA Governing Board for consideration prior to being submitted to Metro.