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Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

DATE: February 5, 2026

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Funding Allocation

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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 Fy29 and FY30 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 four previous MSP funding plans to Metro which were approved by their Board, most recently in January 2025, which programmed MSP funds through FY28. 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 2025, Metro released their MSP funding estimates for FY29 and FY30. The amount of funding for these two new years is roughly $36.3 million for the AVCJPA subregion. The funding allotment for FY29 and FY30 is included in **Table 1**.

Table 1: MSP Funds Available for AVCJPA

MSP Funds Available by Program	New Funding FY29 and FY30*
Transit Projects	$20,344,940
Modal Connectivity and Complete Streets (MMCS)	$15,984,745
Total	**$36,329,685**

*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 four 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*	FY29	FY30	MSP5 (2-Year Total)
Burbank	21.0%	$3,356,797	$4,272,437	$7,629,234
Glendale	38.03%	$6,078,998	$7,737,181	$13,816,179
La Cañada Flintridge	3.99%	$637,791	$811,763	$1,449,554
La Crescenta-Montrose	3.95%	$631,398	$803,625	$1,435,023
Pasadena	27.83%	$4,448,554	$5,661,997	$10,110,551
South Pasadena	5.20%	$831,207	$1,057,937	$1,889,144
Total	100.0%	**$15,984,745**	**$20,344,940**	**$36,239,685**

* Based on January 2025 CA department of finance estimate

In a separate item, the AVCJPA Governing Board will consider the contract extension for Cambridge Systematics, Inc to provide consultant services to develop and submit the Measure M MSP project list to Metro. If approved, Cambridge Systematics Inc will update previous MSP funding plans, evaluate any unprogrammed or unspent funds remaining for each agency, and if needed can assist with re-programming funds between projects.

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 $36,329,685 of FY29 and FY30 Measure M MSP 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 in the fall of 2026 for consideration prior to being submitted to Metro.