



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 12, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Work Department

SUBJECT: Measure A Five-Year Local Program Of Projects For Fiscal Years 2017 – 2021 Public Hearing

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Measure A Five-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2017 – 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Background

In November 2008, Santa Barbara County voters approved Measure A with 79 percent support. Measure A is a sales tax measure estimated to provide approximately \$1 billion of local sales tax revenues for transportation projects in Santa Barbara County over the 30 year life of the measure. Measure A is funded through a continuation of the local 1/2 percent sales tax that was originally authorized by Measure D, which expired on March 31, 2010. Measure A contains a strategic spending plan that includes regional projects, as well as local programs and projects that are funded by monthly population based allocations to each local agency. The Measure A Ordinance requires the City to annually submit a Five-Year Local Program of Projects to the administrating agency, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG).

Measure A replaced the now expired 1989 Measure D sales tax measure. Under Measure D, the City contributed funds to support the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD). Under Measure A, MTD now receives Measure A funds directly; however, the City continues to provide funding support to the Easy Lift and Electric Shuttle Programs.

A key component of Measure A is the plan to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety on Highway 101 by providing \$140 million in matching funds to widen the highway south of the Hot Springs Road / Cabrillo Boulevard interchange from four to six lanes.

Measure A Investment Plan

The Measure A Investment Plan (Plan) will provide \$455 million each to both the Santa Barbara North County and the South Coast for high priority transportation projects and programs to address the current and future needs of local communities. The local revenues will be supplemented by an estimated \$522 million in federal and state gas taxes, as well as other sources.

The Plan provides funding for local street improvements such as pavement maintenance and synchronized traffic signals, increased senior and disabled accessibility to public transit, building safer walking and bike routes to schools, and increased opportunities for carpool and vanpool programs.

Local Program of Projects

The SBCAG estimate for Measure A City revenues for Fiscal Year 2016 was approximately \$3.64 million. SBCAG has estimated that the City will receive approximately \$3.63 million in Measure A revenues for Fiscal Year 2017. Under Measure A, local agencies choose how to spend their share of funds after annually adopting a Five-Year Program of Projects. Measure A contains funds for local street and transportation improvements (capital projects and maintenance/operations), and Alternative Transportation (pedestrian/bicycle improvements, Safe Routes to School, and transit assistance).

It is a Measure A Ordinance requirement for local agencies to spend a minimum of 10 percent of the Local Street and Transportation Improvement funds on eligible alternative transportation projects. It is calculated cumulatively and must be met by the fifth year of the Measure A Program, and every fifth year thereafter. Fiscal Year 2016 is the first year of the next five-year period. In Fiscal Year 2016, the City is expected to achieve 38 percent Alternative Transportation expenditures. The proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Program of Projects reflects 40 percent Alternative Transportation expenditures.

The Measure A Ordinance also requires local agencies to annually maintain an expenditure of non-measure “local discretionary funds” for street and road purposes adjusted annually by the rate of growth (or decline) of measure revenues. This is to ensure that the legislature’s intent, that local transportation sales taxes supplement rather than supplant local transportation investments, is met. Measure D contained a similar “Maintenance of Effort” (MOE) requirement. There are three requirements for local agencies regarding MOE: 1) an annual requirement that each agency certify that it will meet the MOE minimum expenditure requirement; 2) an annual requirement that each agency report its local discretionary expenditures for streets and roads to the State Controller’s Office; and 3) a requirement that each agency show that it met the MOE requirement for every five year period and that this be verified through annual fiscal audits.

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The City exceeded the first five-year period requirement; however, it will be challenging to meet the next five-year requirement because City revenues from the Utility User Tax are not projected to increase at the same rate as the projected Measure A revenues.

Under Measure A, local agencies can apply for Measure A grant funds for local transportation projects. In 2012, the City received approval for \$435,004 of Measure A grant funds for seven City projects. In 2013, the City received approval for \$763,141 for seven City projects. In March 2016, the City received Measure A grant approval in the amount of \$1,223,987 for three projects. (See Attachment 1 for the list of City Measure A grant fund projects.)

With Council's approval of the recommended Resolution, this report will satisfy the Measure A requirement that the local agency hold an annual public hearing on its Program of Projects prior to submittal and adoption by SBCAG.

The proposed Measure A Five-Year Local Program of Projects is separated into two categories: Local Street and Transportation Improvements, and Alternative Transportation Expenditures. The proposed Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Year 2017 is consistent with the adopted two-year Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Financial Plan budget. Additionally, maintenance of existing public right of way infrastructure and safety are the highest priorities of the Streets Capital Improvement Program. (See Attachment 2 for the Measure A Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of Projects by Category for Fiscal Years 2017 – 2021).

The City must annually adopt a Resolution and submit a revised Local Program of Projects to SBCAG in accordance with the Measure A local allocation rules. The proposed City Measure A expenditure plan is reflected in the proposed City Streets Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. City Measure A Grant Fund Projects
 2. Measure A Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of Projects by Category Fiscal Year 2017 – Fiscal Year 2021

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

City Measure A Grant Fund Projects

Measure A Fund Cycle 1 grant projects were approved on January 19, 2012, and included the following completed projects:

Project Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	Measure A Share	Local Share
Goleta Slough Bridge Surface Repair	\$120,000	\$96,000	\$24,000
CycleMAYnia/Bike Challenge/Bike to Work Day	\$36,000	\$22,000	\$14,000
Santa Barbara Transit Center Bikestation Module	\$150,000	\$120,000	\$30,000
Cleveland School Pedestrian Improvements	\$271,000	\$46,000	\$225,000
La Colina Sidewalk	\$355,676	\$111,004	\$244,672
McKinley School Sidewalk	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$20,000
Santa Barbara School Bicycle Racks	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$992,676	\$435,004	\$557,672

Measure A Cycle 2 grant projects were approved on March 12, 2013, and included the following projects:

Project Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	Measure A Share	Local Share
Upper De La Vina Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements	\$208,370	\$103,870	\$104,500
North La Cumbre Road Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$444,772	\$266,772	\$178,000
School Zone Pedestrian Refuge Islands	\$219,645	\$152,645	\$67,000
Santa Barbara School Access Ramps	\$36,645	\$22,354	\$14,291
City of Santa Barbara Bicycle Master Plan Update	\$200,000	\$130,000	\$70,000
CycleMAYnia 2014, 2015, 2016	\$58,500	\$37,500	\$21,000
SBCB Bicycle Facilities Improvements	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$1,242,932	\$763,141	\$479,791

Measure A Cycle 3 grant projects were approved on March 18, 2016, and included the following projects:

Project Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	Measure A Share	Local Share*
Green Lane Route Intersection Markings for New Bicycle Master Plan Spine Connections	\$633,540	\$470,881	\$162,659
North La Cumbre Road Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety Improvements – Pemm Place to La Cumbre Hills Lane	\$378,300	\$302,640	\$75,660**
Old Coast Highway Sidewalk	\$826,125	\$450,466	\$375,659***
TOTAL	\$1,837,965	\$1,223,987	\$613,978

*Final City share amounts to be finalized in Memorandum of Understanding with SBCAG

**City share: \$3,217.20; Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant share: \$72,442.80

*** City share: \$249,293; Community Development Block Grant share: \$126,366

Measure A
Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of
Projects by Category FY 2017 - FY 2021

City Project Category	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21
*Local Street & Transportation					
Capital Improvement Projects	\$1,064	\$939	\$1,010	\$1,086	\$1,191
Local Street & Transportation					
Improvements:	\$1,142	\$1,165	\$1,188	\$1,212	\$1,236
Maintenance/Operations					
SUBTOTAL	\$2,206	\$2,104	\$2,198	\$2,298	\$2,427
*Alternative Transportation					
Expenditures	\$1,422	\$1,450	\$1,479	\$1,509	\$1,539
TOTAL	\$3,628	\$3,554	\$3,677	\$3,807	\$3,966

(Figures in \$1,000)

*The Sidewalk Maintenance and Sidewalk Access Ramp projects are Streets Capital Improvement Projects that qualify as eligible Local Alternative Transportation Projects for the City's 10 percent Measure A Ordinance requirement.

*See Resolution Exhibit B for Fiscal Year 2017 Measure A Project List.