



Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

File Code No. 670.05

# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 12, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Engineering Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Measure A Five-Year Local Program Of Projects For Fiscal Years 2012 – 2016

### **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 2012 – 2016.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **BACKGROUND**

In November 2008, Santa Barbara County voters overwhelmingly approved Measure A with 79% support. Measure A is a transportation sales tax measure estimated to provide approximately \$1 billion of local sales tax revenues for transportation projects in Santa Barbara County over the next 30 years. Measure A will be funded through a continuation of the local 1/2% sales tax that was originally initiated by Measure D, which expired on March 31, 2010. The Measure A ordinance requires the City to submit a Five-Year Local Program of Projects to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) by April 15, 2011.

A key component of Measure A is the plan to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety on Highway 101 by providing \$140 million, or 13.4%, in matching funds to widen the highway south of Santa Barbara from four to six lanes. On January 21, 2010, the SBCAG Board of Directors voted unanimously to request that all local agencies support the Highway 101 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Widening Project as the County's highest regional transportation priority for federal funding. On February 2, 2010, Council adopted a Resolution supporting the HOV project as the highest priority regional project. This does not preclude the City from seeking other funding for local priorities.

## MEASURE A INVESTMENT PLAN

The Measure A Investment Plan (Plan) will provide \$455 million, or 43.3%, for both the North County and 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, and 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 providing increased opportunities for carpool and vanpool programs.

SBCAG has estimated that the City will receive approximately \$2,753,000 in Measure A revenues for Fiscal Year 2012. The SBCAG estimate for Measure A City revenues for Fiscal Year 2011 was approximately \$3M. Under Measure A, local agencies choose how to spend their share of funds after seeking public input and 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 percentage of their Local Street and Transportation Improvement funds on eligible alternative transportation projects. The minimum percentage for the City is 10%. This requirement must be met by the fifth year of the program, and every fifth year thereafter. The City is on target to meet this requirement. The proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Program of Projects includes 46% Alternative Transportation expenditures. 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 will continue to provide funding support to the Easy Lift and Electric Shuttle programs.

## LOCAL PROGRAM OF 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.

Staff held two public work sessions: one with the Transportation and Circulation Committee on October 28, 2010, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Streets Capital Improvement Program budget and one with the Planning Commission on December 16, 2010, regarding the draft City Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2012 to 2017. Overall, positive comments were received. The majority of the comments for the Streets Capital Improvement Program reiterated that maintenance of existing public right of way infrastructure and safety should be the highest priorities for that Program.

The proposed Measure A Five-Year Local Program of Projects is separated into two categories: Local Street and Transportation Improvements, and Alternative Transportation Expenditures. Staff's proposed Measure A Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Year 2012 is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2012 Streets Program budget. See Attachment for the Measure A Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of Projects by Category for Fiscal Years 2012 – 2016.

#### SUMMARY

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 Plan is generally consistent with the City of Santa Barbara's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012, currently being prepared.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Measure A Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of Projects by Category for Fiscal Years 2012 – 2016

**PREPARED BY:** John Ewasiuk, Principal Civil Engineer/mj

**SUBMITTED BY:** Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office

**Measure A**  
**Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of**  
**Projects by Category FY 2012 - FY 2016**

City Project Category	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
<b>Local Street &amp; Transportation Improvements: Capital Improvement Projects</b>	* \$104	\$6	\$105	\$116	\$128
<b>Local Street &amp; Transportation Improvements: Maintenance/Operations</b>	\$1,373	\$1,442	\$1,463	\$1,485	\$1,507
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,477</b>	<b>\$1,448</b>	<b>\$1,568</b>	<b>\$1,601</b>	<b>\$1,635</b>
<b>Alternative Transportation Expenditures</b>	* \$1,276	\$1,034	\$1,126	\$1,176	\$1,226
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,753</b>	<b>\$2,482</b>	<b>\$2,695</b>	<b>\$2,778</b>	<b>\$2,862</b>

(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% Measure A Ordinance requirement.