



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 15, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Measure A Five-Year Local Program Of Projects For Fiscal Years 2015 - 2019 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 2015 - 2019.

DISCUSSION:

BACKGROUND

In November 2008, Santa Barbara County voters overwhelmingly approved Measure A with 79 percent 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 is funded through a continuation of the local ½-percent sales tax that was originally authorized 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).

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 percent, in matching funds to widen the highway south of Santa Barbara from four to six lanes.

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.

MEASURE A INVESTMENT PLAN

The Measure A Investment Plan (Plan) will provide \$455 million, or 43.3 percent, 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 accessibility to public transit for seniors and individuals with special needs, building safer walking and bike routes to schools, and increased opportunities for carpool and vanpool programs.

SBCAG has estimated that the City will receive approximately \$3.36 million in Measure A revenues for Fiscal Year 2015. The SBCAG estimate for Measure A City revenues for Fiscal Year 2014 was approximately \$3.41 million. 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 delegates funds for Local Street and Transportation Improvements (e.g. capital projects and maintenance/operations), and Alternative Transportation (e.g. 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 percent and this requirement must be met by the fifth year of every Five-Year Local Program. This is the fifth year of the City's Five-Year Local Program and the City has exceeded this requirement. In fact, the City had an average expenditure on Alternative Transportation Projects of approximately forty percent. The proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Five-Year Local Program of Projects includes 41 percent of Alternative Transportation expenditures.

LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

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 2015 is consistent with the Two-Year Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Financial Plan budget that was adopted by Council on June 18, 2013. Further, the budget reflects the City's practice of placing the highest priority on maintenance of existing public right of way infrastructure and safety within the Streets Capital Improvement Program, which falls under the "Local Street and Transportation Improvements" of the Five Year Local Program. (See Attachment for the Measure A Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of Projects by Category for Fiscal Years 2015 - 2019.)

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 2015. Council's approval of the recommended Resolution 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.

ATTACHMENT: Measure A Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of Projects by Category Fiscal Years 2015 - 2019

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

Measure A
Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of
Projects by Category FY 2015 - FY 2019

City Project Category	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19
*Local Street & Transportation Improvements: Capital Improvement Projects	\$710	\$532	\$579	\$639	\$728
Local Street & Transportation Improvements: Maintenance/Operations	\$1,248	\$1,273	\$1,298	\$1,324	\$1,351
SUBTOTAL	\$1,958	\$1,805	\$1,877	\$1,963	\$2,078
*Alternative Transportation Expenditures	\$1,419	\$1,449	\$1,479	\$1,511	\$1,543
TOTAL	\$3,377	\$3,254	\$3,357	\$3,474	\$3,621

(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.

*See Resolution Exhibit B for Fiscal Year 2015 Measure A Project List.