

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

January 12, 2015

TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director

SUBJECT: Refined Metro Call for Projects Applications Committing Measure R SBHP Funds; Request for Additional SBHP Funding By Hermosa Beach

## **Adherence to Strategic Plan:**

***Goal A: Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development. Facilitate, implement, and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation, and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay. Strategy 5 – Actively pursue opportunities for infrastructure funding for member agencies.***

## **BACKGROUND**

The SBCCOG Board of Directors approved an initial list of 2015 Metro Call for Project Applications and committed to provide the required minimum local match from the South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) at its November 20, 2014 meeting. Subsequent information has been developed for some of the applications consistent with information being developed in project study reports regarding project scopes and costs that are required by Metro to be included with all Call for Projects applications.

This memo addresses a project in the City of Hermosa Beach. Their project has increased from \$20,000 to \$150,000 due to a significant change in the project scope that required a full PSR-PID to be prepared on an expedited basis by Caltrans District 7 staff. The project was originally considered a minor change in the geometry of the street. The new project reflects the results of a two-year study by the City of Hermosa Beach to create viable elements of a model complete street on Pacific Coast Highway (State Highway #1) and Aviation Boulevard within the city limits. The new scope also incorporates elements that respond to Metro's desire to support development of pedestrian and bikeway elements to make mobility projects more sustainable. Bikeways were added as SBHP eligible expenditures earlier in 2014. The new project has an expanded goal of reducing vehicle miles travelled, improving the quality of life in the community served by the improvement, and addressing mobility deficiencies in the corridor.

Caltrans District 7 decided in November 2014 to participate in the application development and to prepare the extensive technical documentation which is required by Caltrans for projects on State highways regardless of the funding source. This new city/state partnership is being watched by Caltrans headquarters in Sacramento as a model for future local assistance partnerships. The

expedited schedule is requiring Caltrans staff to work significant overtime hours to expedite the preparation of a full PSR-PID under a cooperative agreement with the city in time to submit a 2015 Call for Projects application by the January 30, 2015 deadline.

In order to avoid delays in the preparation of the application, Hermosa Beach has committed to reimburse Caltrans for the additional \$140,000 cost of the expedited application preparation. The city has requested reimbursement from the SBCCOG for their increased costs. The letter requesting increased funding is required and will be available at the meeting. The city will make a brief presentation in support of their increased SBHP study funding request at the Steering Committee meeting on January 12, 2015.

The final changes to the Metro 2015 Call For Projects SBHP Match must be recommended by the Steering Committee at the January 12, 2015 meeting so that maximum SBHP match for the Call for Project Applications can be submitted to the SBCCOG Board for approval at its January 22, 2015 Board meeting and then forwarded to Metro staff for incorporation in Metro's FY 2015-16 budget.

The recommended revised list of South Bay Metro 2015 Call For Projects Application scopes, costs and SBHP match commitments as of January 5, 2015 is attached as Exhibit 2. Since applications are still being completed, SBCCOG staff will update the Exhibit prior to Metro Board consideration if additional changes in the applications warrant recommended revisions.

#### RECOMMENDATION


With the required letter from Hermosa Beach requesting a budget increase, staff recommends that the SBCCOG approve the projects listed in Exhibit 1 for use of South Bay Measure R Subfunds as a source of local match in the 2015 CFP applications and authorize the approved list to be transmitted to Metro staff.

**Approved by: Jacki Bacharach**

Attachment: Revised Request for Maximum SBHP Match for Metro 2015 Call for Projects Applications

## SBHP Funding Requests for 2015 Metro Call for Projects Application Local Matching Funds as of 12/31/14

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SBHP Task Order #	Project Sponsor	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CFP Project Application Development	Estimated Total Project Cost	Mimimum Local Match % Requested	Local Match Total (SBHP Funds)	Requested FY in CFP Application
2014-3	Gardena	Redondo Beach Blvd Arterial Improvements from Crenshaw Blvd to Vermont Ave	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     one total for all 6 applications                 </div> 	\$3,600,000	20% RSTI	\$720,000	2020
2014-3	Gardena	Crenshaw Blvd Arterial Improvements from Redondo Beach Blvd to El Segundo Blvd		\$1,900,000	20% RSTI	\$380,000	2020
2014-3	Gardena	Artesia Blvd Arterial Improvements from Western Ave to Vermont Ave		\$3,100,000	20% RSTI	\$620,000	2020
2014-3	Gardena	Normandie Ave Arterial Improvements from El Segundo Blvd to 177th Street		\$6,000,000	20% RSTI	\$1,200,000	2020
2014-3	Gardena	Traffic Signal Reconstruction on Vermont at Redondo Beach Blvd and at Rosecrans Ave		\$1,800,000	20% RSTI	\$360,000	2020
2014-3	Gardena	Park and Ride Lots (SWcorners of El Segundo Blvd at Vermont Ave and at Western Ave)		\$5,700,000	20% Transit Capital Improvements	\$1,140,000	2020
		<b>Gardena Cumulative Total:</b>	<b>\$42,632</b>	<b>\$22,100,000</b>		<b>\$4,420,000</b>	

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2014-5	Hermosa Beach	PSR/PID for PCH/Aviation Mobility Improvements Project (Complete Street on State Highway)	\$160,000	\$43,000,000	20% RSTI	\$8,600,000	2017
2014-4	Inglewood	Channelize and raise median Manchester Bl from Ash Ave to La Cienega Bl; Improve turn radii La Cienega Bl at Manchester Bl; Improve turn radii and through-right lane La Cienega Bl at Florence Ave	\$50,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014-6	Lawndale	Redondo Beach Blvd. Mobility Improvements from Prairie to Artesia	\$47,360	\$8,000,000	20% RSTI	\$1,600,000	\$800,000 in FY 2017 \$800,000 in FY 2019
2014-2	Torrance	Western Ave at Sepulveda Blvd Intersection Improvements	\$80,000	\$17,500,000	20% RSTI	\$3,500,000	2020
2014-2	Torrance	Hawthorne Blvd Corridor Improvements (intersections of Lomita Blvd, Emerald, Spencer, and 182nd Streets)	\$70,000	\$3,700,000	20% RSTI	\$740,000	2020
<b>Torrance Cumulative Total:</b>			<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$21,200,000</b>		<b>\$4,240,000</b>	
<b>SBHP TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$449,992</b>	<b>94,300,000</b>		<b>\$18,860,000</b>	

**NOTE:** Estimated total project costs are initial estimates that will be modified following preparation of the PSR / PSRE. Project costs may have to be reduced to stay within the funding cap in the Metro CFP category or to reflect the actual Metro funding award amount. SBHP matching funds will be determined once CFP projects are awarded and will not exceed the minimum required local match for the Metro funding awarded.



# City of Hermosa Beach

Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, California 90254-3885

January 7, 2015

Mr. Stephen Lantz  
Transportation Director  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

RE: Pacific Coast Highway/Aviation Blvd. Mobility Improvements Project  
State Route 1

Dear Mr. Lantz:

The City of Hermosa Beach has been in the process of improving PCH/Aviation Blvd. to improve mobility and enhance aesthetics of this significant corridor through the city in accordance with the "Complete Street" concept.

As the State of California owns and maintains the right of way of PCH, we have recently been exploring ways to partner with them in improving the corridor. Caltrans has agreed to participate in this project by initially preparing a Project Study Report (PSR) and Project Initiation Document (PID). This will allow us to apply for Metro's Call for Projects (CFP) due by January 30, 2015. They have also tentatively agreed to prepare Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) for the future construction of the project.

Caltrans has asked the City of Hermosa Beach to pay for their cost of preparing the PSR – PID documents in the amount of \$190,000. They have already prepared several alternatives for the improvements, which are currently under review by the City. In addition, the City of Hermosa Beach has retained the services of a consultant to prepare the CFP application to include the PSR-PID documents by Caltrans.

This letter serves to respectfully request that the South Bay Council of Governments (SBCOG) Measure R Oversight Committee appropriate funds from the Measure R Highway Program funds for the services rendered by Caltrans in the amount of \$190,000 in support of the City of Hermosa Beach application for Metro's Call for Projects funds to implement the Pacific Coast Highway/Aviation Blvd. Mobility Improvements Project (State Route 1). Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Bakaly', written over a horizontal line.

Tom Bakaly  
City Manager, Hermosa Beach