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DATE: June 16, 2022

TO: Governing Board Delegates and Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: PROPOSED SGVCOG MEASURE M MULTI-YEAR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAM (MSP) FUNDING POLICY FOR AWARDED PROJECTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 22-38 to approve the incorporation of the SGVCOG Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Funding Policy for Awarded Projects as part of the MSP funding administration process.

BACKGROUND

Measure M, which was a ½ cent sales tax measure to provide funding for transportation improvements across Los Angeles County, was approved by voters in November 2016. In June 2018, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) adopted the Measure M Guidelines to establish a process by which subregional funds under Measure M would be programmed by the subregions' respective entities. The SGVCOG was subsequently tasked with programming and administering the Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) funds.

Since 2018, the SGVCOG has recommended to Metro the award of more than \$52 million in MSP funds to 21 active transportation, first/last mile, bus system improvements, and highway efficiency projects. Throughout the MSP funding administration process, the SGVCOG has found that awarded projects often request that Metro delay the distribution of funds due to project delays. Requests to delay the distribution of funds are also known as "reprogramming requests." Given that Metro has not placed a limit on the number of times an awarded project can delay its MSP funds, awarded projects can hold onto its MSP funds years beyond its original implementation timelines. This hinders the MSP Funding Program's ability to effectively deliver projects for the benefit of residents and communities.

As a result, SGVCOG staff proposes to establish a policy where each MSP awarded project can only submit one (1) reprogramming request for the duration of the project timeline. This helps to ensure that awarded projects are implemented on-time and allows the MSP Funding Program to provide nearer-term benefits for San Gabriel Valley residents and communities. Aside from reprogramming, awarded projects also have the option to submit a one-time request to Metro to extend their funding usage timeline by twenty (20) months. Once the MSP funds are distributed to the awarded project, the awarded project has three (3) years to expend the funds before they expire and return to the subregion's pool of funds for award during the subsequent cycle of MSP funding awards.

The proposed policy applies to all MSP funding awards starting this month. If an awarded project had received MSP reprogramming approvals before this month, that project is only eligible to

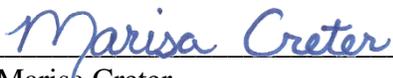
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submit one additional MSP funding reprogramming request moving forward. Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis, at the approval of the SGVCOG Governing Board and staff.

The SGVCOG acknowledges that the MSP funds are a vital source of transportation funding to boost the San Gabriel Valley's regional active transportation, bus system, first/last mile, and highway improvement endeavors. Timely implementation of projects is critical to ensure that San Gabriel Valley cities, residents, and communities can benefit from MSP projects.

The proposed policy was previously reviewed by the City Managers' Steering Committee, Transportation Committee, Public Works Working Group, and Planning Directors Working Group. All four committees and working groups recommended the Governing Board to incorporate the proposed policy as part of the SGVCOG's MSP funding administration process.

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ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-38](#)