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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: MODERNIZING THE METRO HIGHWAY PROGRAM

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT:

- 1) REVISED Measure R Highway Program Criteria - Project Eligibility for Highway Operational Improvements and Ramp/Interchange Improvements (Attachment A), and
- 2) REVISED Measure M Guidelines, Section X - Multi-Year Programs (Highway Subfunds) (Attachment B)

ISSUE

In March 2021, the Metro Board ~~approved the recommendations of the highway reform subcommittee and directed staff to initiate a formal 60-day public review and comment period of the proposed amendments to the Measure R and Measure M guidelines~~ circulate the Board's recommendations to modernize the Highway Program for a 60-day public review and comment period, and to report back to the Board at the end of the circulation period on the feedback received to determine the path forward.

The Board's recommendations included expansion of funding eligibility for active transportation and Complete Streets projects ~~in all Measure R and Measure M highway projects and programs,~~ and extension of the footprint of investments in transportation mobility improvements beyond the 1-mile bandwidth along the freeways originally stated in Measures R and M project eligibility and funding guidelines.

BACKGROUND

The Measure R Highway Operational Improvement and Ramp/Interchange Improvements project eligibility requirements for funding was adopted by the Metro Board at the October 2009 meeting followed by a clarification amendment in May 2014.

The Measure M Multi-Year Program (Highway Subfunds) Guidelines were adopted by the Metro Board at its June 2017 meeting.

In January 2020, the Board initiated discussions on improvements to the guidelines to allow for more investment in active transportation and Complete Streets projects to expand mobility options across LA County., ~~as one of 19 recommendations to modernize the Metro Highway Program.~~ Revisions to the current guidelines were amended by a subcommittee assigned to this task by the Board. Recommended revisions by the committee were presented to and approved by the Board in June 2020 and were posted for review and comment by the public and stakeholders. ~~In March 2021, the Board approved the subcommittee recommendations and initiated the formal guideline revision process.~~

DISCUSSION

In fall 2020, Metro staff reached out to the Council of Governments (COGs) to solicit early input/feedback to the Board-proposed revisions to the criteria and guidelines. Of the comments received, the COGs with highway subfund programs through Measures R and M noted concerns with the proposed guideline revisions. The concerns highlighted the diversity of the infrastructure needs by subregion and geography within the subregion. Urban, suburban, and rural areas use the transportation system differently and some rely on highway and major arterials more than others.

The letters received from those subregions supported added flexibility in the use of Highway funds for active transportation projects and complete street improvements. However, they requested affirmation that their transportation priorities to invest in highway mobility/operational improvement projects would not be hindered by the proposed changes.

Staff also presented the Board-proposed revisions to the Metro Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) at their November and December 2020 meetings. A coalition support comment letter was received from community-based advocate organizations and the PAC supporting the flexibility in the guidelines to develop active transportation, complete streets and multimodal projects. The PAC letter noted that congestion and choke points are present and must still be resolved to improve freeway traffic flow/safety.

At the conclusion of this early and targeted outreach, a total of 14 comment letters were received. Staff summarized those written comments in the attached summary table (Attachment C).

The Board approved the circulation of the proposed guideline revisions in March 2021 for a 60-day public review and comment period. At the conclusion of the comment period, a total of 5 public comments were received, half of which supported the guideline revisions and the other half supported continued investment in highway improvements. Comments received from Caltrans emphasized the need to have relevant, reputable and recent studies to justify the proposed improvements. Caltrans supports expanding multimodal connectivity and reductions in vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gas emission reduction projects.

Upon the Board's adoption of the staff recommendations in this report, the guidelines as shown in Attachments A and B become final. The proposed changes and revisions that resulted from the June 2020 Board direction, reaffirmed the current eligible uses to develop highway projects and allow subregions to determine their priorities.

Additionally, the update expands the use of funds to consider and incorporate more pedestrian and bicycle use of the roadways and consideration of multimodal access in the project development process. Existing planning practices take these multimodal options into consideration. The updated guidelines encourage but do not mandate such improvements. Project sponsors will have the flexibility to scope, develop, and implement eligible and beneficial active transportation and complete streets elements that would diminish roadway congestion and improve roadway mobility and safety either as elements of a related highway improvement project or as a stand-alone project.

All investments in highway/roadway category of projects, regardless of mode, should be based on validation of adequate demand and reasonable proof of use leading to congestion relief and mobility improvements. The use of highway funds must lead to the capital construction of a transportation project.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The proposed approval will not have any adverse safety impacts on employees and patrons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Impact to Budget

Approving the recommendations will have no impact on the FY 2021-22 budget.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Recommendation supports the following goals of the Metro Vision 2028 Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling by alleviating the current operational deficiencies and improving mobility along the projects.

Goal 4: Transform LA County through regional collaboration by partnering with the Council of Governments and the local jurisdictions to identify the needed improvements and take the lead in development and implementation of their projects.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could elect not to adopt the Revised Measure R Highway Program Criteria and Revised Measure M Highway Subfunds Guidelines. This is not recommended as the proposed revisions were the result of Board direction.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to work with cities and the subregions to identify and deliver projects.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Revised Measure R Highway Program Criteria

Attachment B - Revised Measure M Guidelines, Section X - Multi-Year Programs (Highway Subfunds)

Attachment C - Summary Table of Comment Letters

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ATTACHMENT A

REVISED MEASURE R HIGHWAY PROGRAM CRITERIA

The following shall replace Measure R Highway Program eligibility criteria in their entirety:

Project Eligibility for Highway Operational Improvements and Ramp/Interchange Improvements

The intent of a Measure R Highway Operational Improvement is to improve multimodal efficiency, safety, equity, and sustainability along an existing State Highway corridor by reducing congestion and operational deficiencies that do not significantly expand the motor vehicle capacity of the system, or by incorporating complete streets infrastructure into the corridor, in accordance with the Board-adopted policies set forth in Metro's Complete Streets Policy, Active Transportation Strategic Plan, and First/Last Mile Strategic Plan. In addition to those eligible projects on the State Highway System, for Measure R, projects located on primary roadways, including principal arterials, minor arterials, and key collector roadways, will be considered eligible for Operational Improvements and for ramp and interchange improvements.

Examples of eligible improvement projects include:

- interchange modifications;
- ramp modifications;
- auxiliary lanes for merging or weaving between adjacent interchanges;
- curve corrections/improve alignment;
- signals and/or intersection improvements;
- two-way left-turn lanes;
- intersection and street widening
- traffic signal upgrade/timing/synchronization, including all supporting infrastructure;
- traffic surveillance;
- channelization;
- Park and Ride facilities;
- turnouts;
- shoulder widening/improvement;
- safety improvements;
- on-street bus priority infrastructure, including but not limited to bus lanes, signal prioritization, queue jumps, bus boarding islands/curb extensions, and bus stop improvements;
- Class I, II, III, or IV bikeways;
- sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to widening, shade trees, and curb ramps;
- pedestrian safety improvements, including but not limited to bulb-outs, refuge islands, midblock crossings, pedestrian signals/beacons, raised intersections/pedestrian crossings, and scramble crosswalks;

- transportation infrastructure in a public right-of-way that supports the implementation of TDM strategies.

Up to 20% of a subregion's Operational Improvement dollars may be used for soundwalls. Landscaping installed as a component of an operational improvement must be limited to no more than 20% of a project's budget. State of good repair, maintenance and/or stand-alone beautification projects are not eligible. Other projects could be considered on a case-by-case basis as long as a nexus to State Highway Operational Improvements can be shown, such as a measurable reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled.

ATTACHMENT B

REVISED MEASURE M GUIDELINES, SECTION X MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMS (HIGHWAY SUBFUNDS)

The following shall replace subsection 'A' "Highway Efficiency and Operational Improvements" definition: 'in its entirety.

Highway Efficiency and Operational Improvements includes those projects, which upon implementation, would improve regional mobility and system performance; enhance multimodal efficiency, safety, equity, and sustainability; improve traffic flow, trip reliability, travel times; and reduce recurring congestion, high-frequency traffic incident locations, and operational deficiencies on State Highways. Similarly, improvements which achieve these same objectives are eligible on major/minor arterials or key collector roadways. Highway subfunds are eligible for pre-construction and construction related project phases as referenced in Sections IX and X and are subject to eligibility criteria and phasing thresholds that will be developed within 6 months as part of the applicable administrative procedures. In accordance with the Board-adopted policies set forth in Metro's Complete Streets Policy, Active Transportation Strategic Plan, and First/Last Mile Strategic Plan, complete streets projects and project elements are eligible for highway subfunds. State of good repair, maintenance and/or stand-alone beautification projects are not eligible for Highway subfunds. Other projects could be considered on a case-by-case basis as long as a nexus to Highway Efficiency and Operational Improvements can be shown, such as a measurable reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- System and local interchange modifications
- Ramp modifications/improvements
- Auxiliary lanes for merging or weaving between adjacent interchanges
- Alignment/geometric design improvements
- Left-turn or right-turn lanes on state highways or arterials
- Intersection and street widening/improvements
- New traffic signals and upgrades to existing signals, including left turn phasing, signal synchronization, and all supporting infrastructure
- Turnouts for safety purposes
- Shoulder widening/improvements for enhanced operation of the roadway
- Safety improvements
- Freeway bypass/freeway to freeway connections providing traffic detours in case of incidents, shutdowns or emergency evacuations
- Express Lanes
- On-street bus priority infrastructure, including but not limited to bus lanes, signal prioritization, queue jumps, bus boarding islands/curb extensions, and bus stop improvements
- Class I, II, III, or IV bikeways
- Sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to widening, shade trees, and curb ramps

- Pedestrian safety improvements, including but not limited to bulb-outs, refuge islands, midblock crossings, pedestrian signals/beacons, raised intersections/pedestrian crossings, and scramble crosswalks
- Transportation infrastructure in a public right-of-way that supports the implementation of TDM strategies

The following shall replace subsection 'C. "Multi-Modal Connectivity" definition:' in its entirety.

"Multi-modal Connectivity" definition:

Multi-modal connectivity projects include those projects, which upon implementation, would improve regional mobility and network performance; provide network connections; reduce congestion, queuing or user conflicts; enhance multimodal efficiency, safety, equity, and sustainability; encourage ridesharing; and reduce vehicle miles traveled. Project should encourage and provide multi-modal access based on existing demand and/or planned need and observed safety incidents or conflicts. Subfunds are eligible for pre-construction and construction related work phases of projects with the restrictions outlined under "Pre-Construction Activities" title under Readiness in Section IX. State of good repair, maintenance and/or stand-alone beautification projects are not eligible for Highway subfunds.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Transportation Center expansions
- Park and Ride expansions
- Multi-modal access improvements
- New mode and access accommodations
- First/last mile infrastructure

The following shall replace subsection 'D. "Freeway Interchange Improvement" definition:' in its entirety.

"Freeway Interchange Improvements" definition:

Freeway Interchange Improvements includes those projects, which upon implementation, would improve regional mobility and system performance; enhance safety by reducing conflicts; improve traffic flow, trip reliability, and travel times; and reduce recurring congestion and operational deficiencies on State Highways. Similarly, improvements on major/minor arterials or key collector roadways which achieve these same objectives are also eligible under this category. Highway subfunds are eligible for pre-construction and construction related work phases of projects with the restrictions outlined under "Pre-Construction Activities" title under Readiness in Section IX. In accordance with the Board-adopted policies set forth in Metro's Complete Streets Policy, Active Transportation Strategic

Plan, and First/Last Mile Strategic Plan, complete streets projects and project elements are eligible for highway subfunds. State of good repair, maintenance improvements and/or stand-alone beautification projects are not eligible for Highway subfunds.

The following shall replace subsection 'E. "Arterial Street Improvements" definition:' in its entirety.

"Arterial Street Improvements" definition:

Arterial Street improvements include those projects, which upon implementation would improve regional mobility and system performance; enhance multimodal efficiency, safety, equity, and sustainability; improve traffic flow, trip reliability, and travel times; and reduce recurring congestion and operational deficiencies. Projects must have a nexus to a principal arterial, minor arterial or key collector roadway. The context and function of the roadway should be considered (i.e., serves major activity center(s), accommodates trips entering/exiting the jurisdiction or subregion, serves intra-area travel) and adopted in the City's general plan. In accordance with the Board-adopted policies set forth in Metro's Complete Streets Policy, Active Transportation Strategic Plan, and First/Last Mile Strategic Plan, complete streets projects and project elements are eligible for highway subfunds. Highway subfunds are eligible for pre-construction and construction related work phases of projects with the restrictions outlined under

"Pre-Construction Activities" title under Readiness in Section IX. State of good repair, maintenance improvements and/or stand-alone beautification projects are not eligible for Highway subfunds.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Intersection or street widening
- Two-way left-turn or right turn lanes
- New traffic signals and upgrades to existing signals, including left turn phasing
- Sight distance corrections/improve alignment
- Turnouts
- Safety improvements
- On-street bus priority infrastructure, including but not limited to bus lanes, signal prioritization, queue jumps, bus boarding islands/curb extensions, and bus stop improvements
- Class I, II, III, or IV bikeways
- Sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to widening, shade trees, and curb ramps
- Pedestrian safety improvements, including but not limited to bulb-outs, refuge islands, midblock crossings, pedestrian signals/beacons, raised intersections/pedestrian crossings, and scramble crosswalks
- Transportation infrastructure in a street right-of-way that supports the implementation of TDM strategies

ATTACHMENT C - Summary Table of Comment Letters

Yes/No to Changes	Comment (Main Points)	Commenting Entity	Board Response
High Level Summary			
N	Do not apply proposed guideline changes to Metro approved Measure R and M projects	Palmdale, NCTC, San Gabriel Valley, Lancaster, PAC, Gateway Cities COG	Measure R and M projects are in various states of project development and environmental review. These projects are already subject to Metro and/or Caltrans' complete streets policies. The recommendations do not establish new requirements for these projects, but do expand eligibility for some project scope elements. Metro expects that projects that have already completed environmental review or are nearing completion will see little or no change as a result of these guidelines.
Y	Support incorporating multi-modal improvements within a project's scope	Joint ATP Coalition Letter, PAC, Gateway COG,	Metro provides for the incorporation of multimodal improvements into project scopes via the previously adopted Metro Complete Streets Policy.
N	Do not limit ability to develop capacity enhancement projects	Palmdale, Santa Clarita, NCTC, County of Los Angeles, Lancaster, Gateway COG, PAC, South Bay	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal improvements without limiting eligibility for more traditional capacity increasing projects.
N	Do not remove the 1 mile buffer from state highway system	Gateway Cities COG, Palmdale, NCTC, Lancaster	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for projects outside the 1-mile buffer, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Y/N	Allow for projects outside the 1 mile buffer to be eligible on a case by case basis	Gateway Cities COG, Palmdale, NCTC, Lancaster	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for projects outside the 1-mile buffer, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Y/N	Projects that reduce VMT should be considered on a case by case basis	NCTC, Arroyo Verdugo, Gateway, South Bay	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Y	Support using VMT as a performance metric	City of Los Angeles, Westside Cities, Joint ATP Coalition letter	Metro agrees with using VMT as a planning metric and will be using it in countywide planning processes as well as when required for project-level analysis.
N	Preserve the intent of the voter approved measures and their objectives of reducing congestion and traffic	Palmdale, Santa Clarita, NCTC, County of Los Angeles, Lancaster, Gateway COG, PAC,	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT. The recommendations do not modify the expenditure plans of voter-approved measures.
Y	Support proposed guideline changes	South Pasadena, Westside Cities, Joint ATP Coalition letter	Metro acknowledges the comment.
N	Highway and Congestion relief projects and initiatives are important. Do not limit ability to develop these type of improvements	County of Los Angeles, Gateway COG, NCTC, Palmdale, Lancaster, South Bay	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal improvements without limiting eligibility for more traditional capacity increasing projects.

N	Urban and Rural needs vary and complete street improvements might not be feasible in all locations of county	County of Los Angeles, NCTC, Palmdale, Lancaster, Gateway Cities	The previously adopted Metro Complete Streets Policy allows for context-sensitive solutions reflecting L.A. County's diverse geography and urban, suburban, and rural contexts. It also includes an exceptions process under specified circumstances.
N	Limit the eligibility of additional multi-modal improvements to the boundaries of highway corridor projects. Implementation of multi-modal improvements at any geographic location should not be permitted.	Gateway Cities COG, Palmdale, NCTC, Lancaster	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for projects outside of highway corridor boundaries, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Agency Specific Comments			
Do not limit ability to pursue or develop highway capacity enhancement projects		County of Los Angeles	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal improvements without limiting eligibility for more traditional capacity increasing projects.
Urban and rural geographic areas should be considered when evaluating complete street infrastructure, rural corridors may not be feasible for these type of improvements		County of Los Angeles	The previously adopted Metro Complete Streets Policy allows for context-sensitive solutions reflecting L.A. County's diverse geography and urban, suburban, and rural contexts. It also includes an exceptions process under specified circumstances.
Projects currently funded by the Measures should not be impacted by new requirements. This may lead to additional need for studies or redesign		County of Los Angeles	Measure R and M projects are in various states of project development and environmental review. These projects are already subject to Metro and/or Caltrans' complete streets policies. The recommendations do not establish new requirements for these projects, but do expand eligibility for some project scope elements. Metro expects that projects that have already completed environmental review or are nearing completion will see little or no change as a result of these guidelines.
Add bullet that clarifies Transportation System Management projects that improve roadway operations		County of Los Angeles	Improving roadway operations continues to be eligible under the revised guidelines.
Add freeway and arterial transportation system projects that improve roadway operations.		County of Los Angeles	Improving roadway operations continues to be eligible under the revised guidelines.
Retain the wording within one-mile of a state highway; or farther than one mile on a case by case basis to preserve the benefit to highway safety and mobility		Gateway Cities	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for projects outside the 1-mile buffer, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.

Define what new mode and access accommodations means	Gateway Cities	"New mode and access accommodations" is existing language under the "Multi-Modal Connectivity" program. It is only applicable to the Arroyo Verdugo subregion.
Retain the wording enhance safety by reducing conflicts. For subregions with high truck volumes this is a critical goal.	Gateway Cities	Under the revised guidelines, "safety improvements" would be eligible in all applicable categories. This language is broadened from the existing language, which only allowed "safety improvements that reduce incident delay."
Add to guidelines, other projects could be considered on a case-by-case basis as long as a nexus to highway efficiency and operational imp can be shown such as a measurable reduction in VMT or safety improvements.	Gateway Cities	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process. Under the revised guidelines, "safety improvements" would be eligible in all applicable categories.
Eligibility of multimodal improvements should be limited to the geographic parameters or boundaries of highway corridor projects. A bus priority or active transportation corridor that is an integral part of a highway project should be eligible.	Gateway Cities	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for projects outside of highway corridor boundaries, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization
Eligible new projects elements should be limited to major corridors to provide positive mobility relief and not be implemented anywhere.	Gateway Cities	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for projects outside of highway corridor boundaries, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Do not remove the words, "improve traffic flow" from highway improvement program. This language is part of the voter-approved ordinance and ballot language is critical term.	Gateway Cities	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT. The recommendations do not modify the language or expenditure plans of voter-approved measures.
Both sales tax measures were "sold" by promising to improve traffic congestions. Do not dilute integrity of freeway corridor based plans with broad definitions.	Gateway Cities	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT. The recommendations do not modify the language or expenditure plans of voter-approved measures.
Measure R and M highway program funding is extremely important to address severely impacted roadways (freeway and highway). Most residents still need a car for basic mobility <u>need and access. Do not diminish effectiveness of highway projects</u>	Gateway Cities	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT.
Highways and Arterials are imperative to mobility and limited alternatives are available to the freeway network. Do not limit ability to develop SR-138 safety roadway enhancements or SR-14 bottleneck improvements.	Lancaster	Measure R and M projects are in various states of project development and environmental review. These projects are already subject to Metro and/or Caltrans' complete streets policies. The recommendations do not establish new requirements for these projects, but do expand eligibility for some project scope elements. Metro expects that projects that have already completed environmental review or are nearing completion will see little or no change as a result of these guidelines.

Do not force the study of complete street concepts in areas not viable.	Lancaster	The previously adopted Metro Complete Streets Policy allows for context-sensitive solutions reflecting L.A. County's diverse geography and urban, suburban, and rural contexts. It also includes an exceptions process under specified circumstances.
While expanding use of highway program funds makes sense in some subregions, do not make the guideline changes at the expense of North Los Angeles County which relies on the scarce highway program funds.	Lancaster	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Do not adversely impact current approved projects in the pipeline	Lancaster	Measure R and M projects are in various states of project development and environmental review. These projects are already subject to Metro and/or Caltrans' complete streets policies. The recommendations do not establish new requirements for these projects, but do expand eligibility for some project scope elements. Metro expects that projects that have already completed environmental review or are nearing completion will see little or no change as a result of these guidelines.
Do not reduce the strength of these programs to provide congestion relief benefits to our residents.	Lancaster	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT.
Voter measures with tax increases were justified by allocating funds to improve traffic. do not exclude or restrict ability to improve vehicular traffic.	Palmdale	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT. The recommendations do not modify the language or expenditure plans of voter-approved measures.
Equitably consider the needs of all jurisdictions impacted by Metro's highway modernization efforts. Do not remove any eligible project opportunities	Palmdale	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal improvements without limiting eligibility for more traditional capacity increasing projects.
Do not remove the ability to have projects within a specific distance from a state highway and do not exclude improving vehicular traffic.	Palmdale	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for projects outside the 1-mile buffer, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Provide flexibility in guideline changes, but preserve the original intent of the voter approved ballot measures.	Santa Clarita	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT. The recommendations do not modify the language or expenditure plans of voter-approved measures.
Do not force study of complete street concepts or limit ability to spend funds on highway capacity enhancements that Measure R and M intended.	NCTC	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal improvements without limiting eligibility for more traditional capacity increasing projects.
Changing Measure R definition to "improve multimodal efficiency, safety, equity sustainability" prohibits intent of Measure R and improving vehicle flow projects don't meet intent anymore.	NCTC	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT. The recommendations do not modify the language or expenditure plans of voter-

Removal of "within 1-mile of state highway" negatively impacts existing projects.	NCTC	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for projects outside the 1-mile buffer, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Add bike facilities, sidewalk/curb ramps, ped improvements on case-by-case basis.	NCTC	Metro provides for the incorporation of multimodal improvements into project scopes via the previously adopted Metro Complete Streets Policy.
Allow project sponsors to use metrics and eligibility criteria appropriate to the projects needs and benefits	South Bay	The revised guidelines expand eligibility, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Allow highway projects to be funded that reduce delay on congested streets or that reduce VMT	South Bay	The revised guidelines expand eligibility for multimodal projects and projects that ease congestion by reducing VMT.
Do not use VMT only performance criteria. Improvement in LOS maybe occur without improving VMT.	South Bay	Metro agrees with using VMT as one of multiple planning metrics and will be using it in countywide planning processes as well as when required for project-level analysis. The revised guidelines expand eligibility, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Support inclusion of complete street elements in a project	South Bay	Metro provides for the incorporation of multimodal improvements into project scopes via the previously adopted Metro Complete Streets Policy.
Do not impact the scope, schedule or budgets of approved projects	San Gabriel Valley	Measure R and M projects are in various states of project development and environmental review. These projects are already subject to Metro and/or Caltrans' complete streets policies. The recommendations do not establish new requirements for these projects, but do expand eligibility for some project scope elements. Metro expects that projects that have already completed environmental review or are nearing completion will see little or no change as a result of these guidelines.
Oppose policy changes that affect already approved projects for this subregion or other subregions.	Arroyo Verdugo	Measure R and M projects are in various states of project development and environmental review. These projects are already subject to Metro and/or Caltrans' complete streets policies. The recommendations do not establish new requirements for these projects, but do expand eligibility for some project scope elements. Metro expects that projects that have already completed environmental review or are nearing completion will see little or no change as a result of these guidelines.
Local agencies and subregions should retain flexibility to address their local needs.	Arroyo Verdugo	The revised guidelines expand eligibility, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.

Allow for local agencies and subregions to retain flexibility to use other performance metrics	Arroyo Verdugo	Metro agrees with using VMT as one of multiple planning metrics and will be using it in countywide planning processes as well as when required for project-level analysis. The revised guidelines expand eligibility, but continue to delegate project selection to subregions. Subregions may choose to fund or not fund any individual project based on their own prioritization process.
Public Comments		
Require projects to improve access and/or safety features for bicycle, pedestrian and wheelchair users. Make projects ineligible if they require ROW of residential property and/or create unnecessary dangerous conditions for pedestrians		Public
Highway widening/expansion funds should be used for HOT lanes. Also consider updating general use lanes to HOT Lanes to increase travel times		Public
Highway funds should be used to connect carpool lanes. SR-134/I-5 carpool lanes end and start up again		Public
Improve sidewalks, shoulders and bikelane connections for cyclist and pedestrians		Public
Invest more in active modes of transit for bikers and walkers		Public
relevant, reputable and recent studies to justify why the proposed improvement are needed should be required. Projects that reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled, Green House Gases and improve multimodal connectivity are supported by Caltrans.		Caltrans