



Board Report

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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MARCH 20, 2024

SUBJECT: 2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT the resolution for the 2025 Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program as shown in Attachment A.

ISSUE

As the designated County Transportation Commission for Los Angeles County, Metro is required to submit a resolution to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) certifying that Los Angeles County has the resources to fund and is committed to implementing the projects included in the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) covering Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2024/25 - 2029/30. Inclusion of projects in the FTIP is required for the allocation of federal funds, state and regional funds (as applicable), as well as for specific federal actions (including federal environmental clearance).

BACKGROUND

SCAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region that includes Los Angeles County, is required under federal and state law to develop the FTIP. This is a six-year document that lists projects to be funded with federal, state, and local funds. The FTIP is required to advance the planning and construction of projects included in SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). This is achieved through the systematic programming of funds for the projects included in the RTP/SCS in accordance with federal and state requirements, including scheduling, financing, and the timely implementation of transportation control measures to help reduce air pollution.

DISCUSSION

Projects from each of SCAG's six counties are included in their respective TIP and then submitted to SCAG for inclusion in the FTIP. To comply with both state and federal requirements, the FTIP is updated every two years in California. SCAG's 2023 FTIP, which programs funds covering FFY

2022/23 - 2027/28, was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on December 16, 2022. SCAG is scheduled to adopt the 2025 FTIP in December 2024. A joint air quality conformity determination from the FHWA and the FTA is required for the approval of SCAG's 2025 FTIP, which is also anticipated in December 2024. The 2025 Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes nearly 950 projects valued at approximately \$23 billion for about 100 agencies.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Adoption of the resolution will have no direct impact on the safety of Metro customers or employees. The Los Angeles County TIP will allow Metro and other project sponsors to program and receive funding and the timely realization of the projects' anticipated safety benefits.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adoption of the resolution will allow Metro to program and secure federal, state, and regional funds for projects in Los Angeles County.

Impact to Budget

Adoption of the resolution for the 2025 Los Angeles County TIP has no impact on the FY 2024 Budget.

EQUITY PLATFORM

The 2025 FTIP incorporates multiple layers of accountability to ensure that disadvantaged communities are not left behind in transportation improvement projects. Many of Metro's projects in the FTIP are guided by the Equity Platform's four pillars for the planning and implementation of projects in disadvantaged areas of Los Angeles County. In addition, Metro is collaborating with SCAG to further integrate the MPO's Racial Equity Early Action Plan, adopted in July 2020 by its Regional Council, for local agencies' projects into the FTIP.

This means that for the first time in FTIP planning history, SCAG is implementing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion considerations into the 2025 FTIP by working with County Transportation Commissions, including Metro, to incorporate new equity input. These considerations will assess how and where investments are being made across the region and address equity issues within transportation improvements in Environmental Justice areas, Disadvantaged Communities, Priority Equity Communities, and/or Communities of Concern.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of this item advances achieving all five goals of the Vision 2028 Strategic Plan.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could elect not to adopt the resolution shown in Attachment A. Staff do not recommend this alternative. By not adopting the resolution, the Los Angeles County TIP will not be included in

SCAG's 2025 FTIP. Therefore, Metro and other agencies in Los Angeles County will not be able to program and receive federal, state, and regional funding allocations for their projects. This may jeopardize the timely implementation of projects in Los Angeles County that have funds programmed through FFY 2029/30. It may also result in the loss of funding allocations due to federal and state lapsing and/or project inactivity policies, as well as in the ineligibility for future funding allocations.

NEXT STEPS

With Board approval of the recommendation, staff will submit the resolution to SCAG by the March 29, 2024 deadline.


ATTACHMENT

Attachment A - Resolution for the 2025 Los Angeles County TIP

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A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) WHICH CERTIFIES THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS THE RESOURCES TO FUND THE PROJECTS IN THE FFY 2024/25 – 2029/30 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROJECTS AND PHASES AS APPLICABLE IN THE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is located within the metropolitan planning boundaries of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) requires SCAG to adopt a regional transportation improvement program for the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the IIJA also requires that the regional transportation improvement program include a financial plan that demonstrates how the transportation improvement program can be implemented, indicates resources from public and private sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the transportation improvement program, and recommends any additional financing strategies for needed projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, LACMTA is the agency responsible for short-range capital and service planning and programming for the Los Angeles County area within SCAG; and

WHEREAS, as the responsible agency for short-range transportation planning, LACMTA is responsible for the development of the Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including all projects utilizing federal and state highway/road and transit funds; and

WHEREAS, LACMTA must determine, on an annual basis, the total amount of funds that could be available for transportation projects within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, LACMTA has adopted the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024/25 - 2029/30 Los Angeles County TIP with funding for FFY 2024/25 and FFY 2025/26 available and committed, and reasonably expected to be available for FFY 2026/27 through FFY 2027/28.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by LACMTA that it affirms its continuing commitment to the projects in the FFY 2024/25 - 2029/30 Los Angeles County TIP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FFY 2024/25 - 2029/30 Los Angeles County TIP Financial Plan identifies the resources that are available and committed in the first two years and reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the Program in years three and four, and certifies that:

1. Projects in the FY2024/25 - 2029/30 Los Angeles County TIP are consistent with the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program as approved by the California Transportation Commission in March 2024; and
2. Los Angeles County has the funding capacity from its Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program allocations to fund projects, as applicable, in the FFY 2024/25 - 2029/30 Los Angeles County TIP; and
3. The local match for projects funded with federal STBG Program and CMAQ Program funds is identified in the Los Angeles County TIP; and
4. All the Federal Transit Administration funded projects are programmed within the IIJA guaranteed funding levels.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, ____.

CERTIFICATION

COLLETTE LANGSTON
LACMTA Board Clerk

DATED:
(SEAL)



2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Adoption

Planning and Programming Committee

March 20, 2024

File No. 2024-0029



Metro

Recommendation

ADOPT the resolution for the 2025 Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program as shown in Attachment A.

Background

- SCAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region that includes Los Angeles County, is required under federal and state law to develop the FTIP
- Every two years, a new FTIP cycle is adopted with 2025 being the latest cycle
- The FTIP is a required six-year document that advances the planning and construction of projects funded with federal, state, and local funds
- The 2025 FTIP covers the period from FY25 to FY30 with nearly 950 projects in Los Angeles County totaling \$23 billion for about 100 agencies
- Adopting the Resolution for the 2025 FTIP would allow agencies in Los Angeles County to program and receive funding allocations for on-time delivery of projects



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