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MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE JUNE 4, 2025

SUBJECT: MEASURE M ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

ACTION: RECEIVE ORAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE oral report on Measure M Active Transportation, Programmed Revenues, and uses to support discussion on the effective and efficient use of funds.

ISSUE

To support oversight of the effective and efficient use of funds, this quarterly presentation provides the committee with the status of Metro active transportation activities related to Measure M projects including the LA River Waterway & System Bike Path and the Metro Active Transport Program.

EQUITY PLATFORM

The Measure M related activities for active transportation include the Active Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) and subsequent Metro Active Transport, Transit and First/Last Mile (MAT) Program, as well as two projects in the Measure M Expenditure Plan that will connect the bike path gaps along the Los Angeles River. Metro also engages in First/Last Mile planning for communities to access existing and future major transit stops. Equity is built into Metro's approach to all of these activities.

The 2023 ATSP identified and prioritized a regional active transportation network based on criteria, including overlap with Equity Focus Communities (EFC). Projects in the ATSP regional network are eligible for MAT Program Cycle 2 funding. MAT Cycle 2 project applications will also be evaluated based on factors including robust partnerships with Community Based Organizations (CBO). Project applications that were submitted for MAT Cycle 1 in 2020 were given bonus points for locations within EFCs. All selected projects that are being developed using Cooperative Agreements with Metro include CBO partnerships.

The LA River Project - Central City section directly serves seven EFC census tracts in the communities of Lincoln Heights, Chinatown, and Boyle Heights. Approximately 23% of the households in this area are low income (\$60,000) and more than 22% of the working-age population (16-64) does not use cars as a primary mode of transportation. This path will not only be used for recreational purposes but also serve as a low-cost transportation option for those who have limited

car ownership. The LA River Project - San Fernando Valley section directly serves two EFCs in the community of Reseda. It is being delivered by the City of Los Angeles.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A - Presentation

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Metro is making it easier to walk, bike, and roll.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

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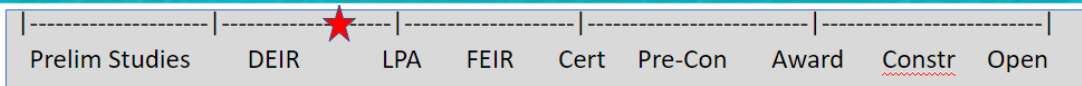
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Measure M Support for Active Transportation

- > Measure M Expenditure Plan Projects
 - LA River Waterway & System Bike Path (Central City)
 - LA River Waterway & System Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)
 - Metro Active Transport (MAT) Program
- > Locally-Selected Projects
 - Local Return
 - Multi-year Subregional Program (MSP)
 - 3% Local Contribution for First/Last Mile Projects



LA River Waterway & System Bike Path (Central Cities)



- > Metro leads Environmental Clearance and Design
- > Environmental and Design Progress
 - Finalizing Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for release in 2025
 - Selection of a single alternative and start of 60% design (subject to comments from US Army Corps of Engineers and LA Department of Water & Power)
- > Coordination with LA Department of Transportation and Council District 1
- > Potential to phase the project by segment
- > Agreements with Third Parties in progress:
 - LA County, City of LA, LADWP, Railroads, Caltrans
 - Agreement with the City of Vernon being revised due to LA County coordination
- > Operations & Maintenance lead and Construction Entity, yet to be determined

Update since March MMITOC meeting:



- A Communication Plan was developed for the LA River Project



Complete LA River Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)

- > LA Bureau of Engineering is Lead Agency
- > 13 miles of bikeway gap closures
 - 9 segments from Vanalden Ave to Forest Lawn Dr
 - Design to be complete by 2027; Construction to be complete by 2029
- > Cost estimate for the project is \$170M
- > \$60M in Measure M funding; funding agreement executed in June 2024; City of LA awarded an additional \$34M in California Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding; City seeking remaining funding
- > Per Metro Board direction, City to assume all phases of development, including operations and maintenance (in partnership with US Army Corps of Engineers)

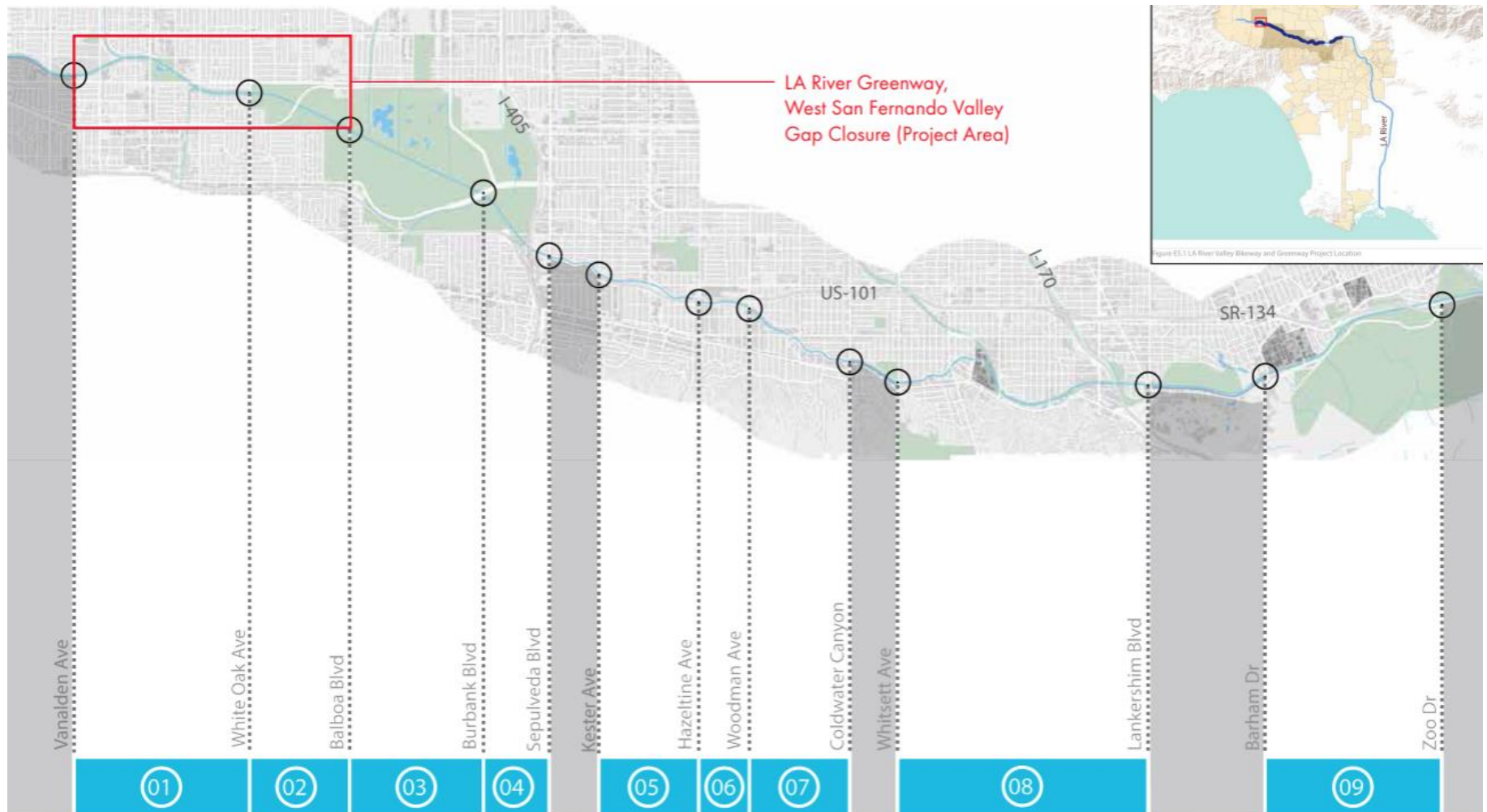
Update since March MMITOC meeting:

- Bids for construction of Segments 1&2 received in May, Notice to Proceed (NTP) expected by July. Design for Segment 8 initiated. Construction of all phases anticipated 2025-2029



Segment of LA River Bike Path completed in 2014

Complete LA River Bike Path (San Fernando Valley)



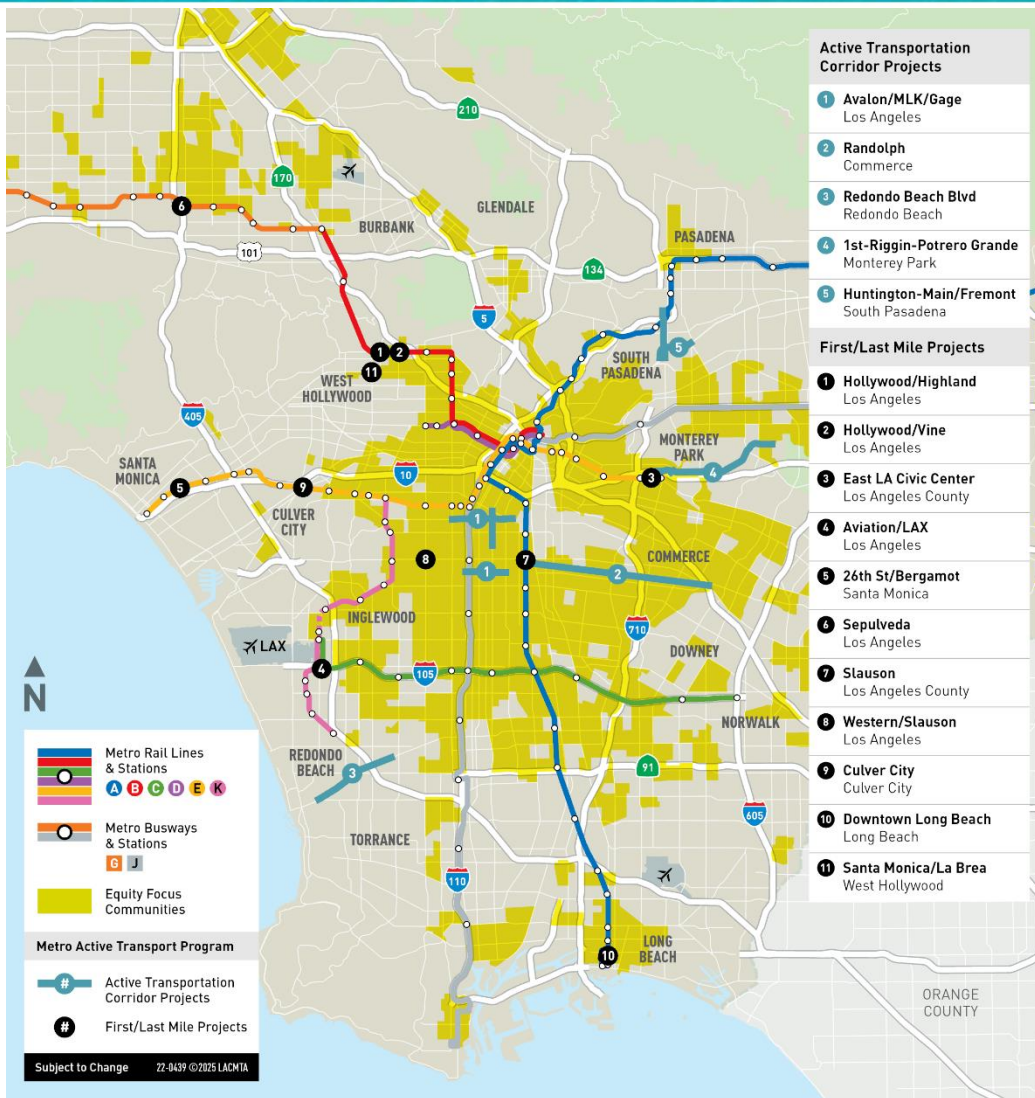
Los Angeles River Valley Bikeway and Greenway Design Completion Project
(2017 Feasibility Study)

Constructed Segments or in Design Phase

01 Segment Number



Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 1



- > \$63.1M approved in 2021 for Cycle 1 to 10 jurisdictions:
 - 11 First/Last Mile Projects
 - 5 Active Transportation Corridor Projects to build approximately 20 miles of new bikeways
- > Most projects in Planning and Design Phase
 - Projects delayed initiation due to pandemic issues
 - Most awards included early phases
- > Significant funding capacity remains as of April:

MAT Cycle 1 Funds Spent	Funds Programmed
\$4,345,205	\$63,100,000

Update since March MMITOC meeting:

- > In April 2025, Metro Board approved augmentation of funds for 7 MAT Cycle 1 projects in the amount of \$6.4M

Metro Active Transport Program Cycle 2

- > Cycle 2 Solicitation Closed April 7
 - 29 Applications Received from 19 jurisdictions
 - \$150.7M Requested

- > \$75M expected to be available; additional \$5.5M left from Cycle 1 may also be available

- > To be selected and programmed in Summer/Fall



Thank you



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