

**LAS VIRGENES – MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 8:30 A.M.

**Due to COVID-19 Precautions, this will be a Zoom meeting.**

<https://zoom.us/j/4714103699> Meeting ID: 471 410 3699

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order: Nate Hamburger, Chair
2. Self-Introductions
3. Public Comment: via Zoom or email
4. Executive Director's Report – Attachment
5. Outreach Coordinator Update on People Experiencing Homelessness
6. COVID-19 Updates from COG Cities
7. Public Safety, Agency Partners and Legislative Updates
  - A. Sheriff's Department
  - B. Fire Department
  - C. League of Cities
  - D. Agency Partners
  - E. Area Legislators
8. Measure M 7<sup>th</sup> Year Project List – Attachment
9. Legislative Platform – Attachment
10. General Comments and Future Agenda Items
11. Future Meeting Dates
  - Governing Board: Tuesday, October 20, 2020
  - Technical Advisory Committee: Wednesday, November 4, 2020, if needed
12. Adjournment

**Technical Advisory Committee Agenda Report**

**DATE:** October 7, 2020  
**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Terry Dipple, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report

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**OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Technical Advisory Committee on the status of COG projects and other items of interest.

**Evacuation Plan** – I spoke with Kevin McGowan, Director, LA County Office of Emergency Management following his presentation at the September COG meeting. He stated Sheriff and Fire have been in contact with the COG cities to begin the process of preparing the Evacuation Plan. He agreed to send me a monthly update on the coordination efforts between OEM, Sheriff, Fire and the cities that I will share with the TAC and Governing Board.

**Stormwater Municipal Program Fund Transfer Agreements and Annual Plans Due:** Every city in the County must submit an Annual Plan and execute a fund Transfer Agreement (TA) with the County Flood Control District to receive their portion of the Municipal Program revenue. The Annual Plan and executed TA should be sent to the District via their dedicated email at [SCWPMunicipal@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:SCWPMunicipal@pw.lacounty.gov). District requests that each city include a PDF copy of the resolution or other authorizations to execute the TA, from their respective City Councils or other authorized party as appropriate, along with the signed TA.

**SoCal Regional Climate Adaptation Framework:** SCAG has requested to make a presentation at the November COG meeting to share tools and strategies aimed at helping COGs and cities with Climate Adaptation planning. The presentation includes a collection of resources to support climate adaptation planning efforts across the region. The Framework consists of tools supporting both local and subregional planning, such as workshop materials and strategies for communicating climate change, planning guidance and model policy language, vulnerability mapping and assessment tools, and a collection of case studies. I understand from SCAG that the presentation would be no more than 15 minutes (10-minute PowerPoint and 5-minute Q&A). I would like some direction from the TAC as to whether the presentation should be at the COG or just city planners.

**Broadband** – This issue was raised by the Governing Board during the goals and priorities discussion, in July. As I reported, South Bay Cities COG is using Measure M funds for their broadband project. I subsequently learned that Supervisor Kuehl did not

support the broadband project when it came before the Metro Board. Although it was approved, I understand Supervisor Kuehl remains opposed to the use of Measure M funds for broadband projects. As I reported at the COG meeting, I recommend rethinking the funding source or scope of such a project.

**COG Liability Insurance** – The COG’s Directors & Officers liability insurance coverage was submitted and approved for renewal effective September 1, 2020. The renewal amount was \$3,606.96, which is less than the \$3,700 approved in the COG’s 2020/2021 budget.

**COG’s Homeless Outreach Coordinator** – Gabriel continues to provide weekly updates on his assistance to people experiencing homelessness in the region. In addition, Gabriel and I participated in the Calabasas City Council meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> to introduce Gabriel and answer questions about his activities. Gabriel participated in the Westlake Village City Council meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> and we subsequently participated in the Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills and Malibu City Council meetings.

**SCAG Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP)** – As I previously reported, SCAG approved a \$100,000 minimum that our COG is eligible to receive. Unfortunately, we cannot divide the funds up between the cities like we do with our Measure M allocation. Therefore, we held a meeting with SCAG to discuss options. Most of the cities have applied for a Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant from the state, which has significant funds available. We held a subsequent meeting with SCAG to explore other housing-specific topics that may help the cities such as objective design and development standards, housing elements, CEQA streamlining, ADUs, housing strategies and public engagement workshops. I am continuing to work on this and will report back to the TAC and Governing Board.

**Metro NextGen Bus Study** – Metro recently completed the sixth public workshop/hearing on the NextGen Bus Study, which began in early 2018. The NextGen Regional Service Concept was reviewed and approved by the Metro Board, last year. The Regional Service Concept was developed through consideration of both technical data and the priorities and personal experiences Metro heard during the outreach meetings and responses to questionnaires. Approved changes will become effective December 2020 or later, depending when the Metro Board acts.

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**FROM:** Terry Dipple, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** 7<sup>th</sup> Year Measure M Project Funding

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**OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Technical Advisory Committee with information on the COG’s Measure M 5-Year Project List, including 7<sup>th</sup> year funding allocations. Metro has given the new projects an informal eligibility review. You will note that some of the cities and Los Angeles County have elected to not program some or all of their funds in this cycle.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Technical Advisory Committee discuss and recommend approval of the 7<sup>th</sup> Year Project Funding to the Governing Board.

**BACKGROUND**

The COG’s 7<sup>th</sup> Year Measure M allocation from Metro is \$12,870,156 which included \$2.4 million for Active Transportation and \$10.4 million for Highway projects. Pursuant to the COG’s policy, the funds are allocated using the same per capita formula that has been used since the beginning. Below, is a summary of Measure M 7<sup>th</sup> year funding allocation for the cities. It should be noted that not all cities are requesting Measure M funds for the 7<sup>th</sup> year.

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>7<sup>th</sup> Year</u>
Agoura Hills	13,508,929	3,114,577
Calabasas	13,856,749	3,526,422
Hidden Hills	1,215,652	270,274
Malibu	9,283,219	1,930,524
Westlake Village	2,378,247	1,274,146
LA County	<u>1,275,000</u>	<u>2,754,213</u>
Total	49,204,915	12,870,156

**Agoura Hills**

Kanan Corridor Safety, Operations, and Capacity Enhancement Project

Requested Amount: \$4,638,860 (includes \$1,524,288 unallocated carryover)

The Kanan Corridor Project is multi-phased with both Caltrans and City governance, spanning a 7-8 year process (PSR, PAED, ROW and PS&E phases) to feasible start of construction. Currently, the Project is in the beginning stages with the PSR phase (Phase 1), which will provide the City with feasible alternatives that meet the purpose and need of the project. Moreover, there is a 1000 feet portion of the project area, crossing over drainage facilities for Medea Creek, which spans the full width of public right of way and adjacent private properties, that requires reconstruction of the structural section of the roadway, adjacent slopes, retaining walls, sidewalks and utilities, due to earth movement. The vertical displacement in this area is increasingly noticeable with an estimate of 1-2 feet from centerline to sidewalk. Due to the length of the process to produce a construction ready package, an additional phase of work is needed to ensure the structural stability of the existing roadway now rather than later. This work will be Phase 2 and will precede the PAED, ROW and PS&E phases.

## **Calabasas**

Mulholland Hwy Gap Closure

Requested Amount: \$550,000

This is an existing project that requires \$550,000 to cover related costs (Construction Management, Project Administration, Inspection, Material Testing and Contingency). In May 2020, the City rejected all bids. The City will advertise the project again for construction as soon as school is in recess in June, 2021. Although the responsive and responsible bidder submitted a Bid in the amount of \$2,649,451 and is lower than the amount allocated for this project (\$2,744,637), the related costs (Construction Management, Project Administration, Inspection, Material Testing and Contingency), if added to the Bid amount, would be more than the allocated total. Since this project includes double-tiered retaining wall, there is highly likely that there would be extra work involved.

## **Hidden Hills**

Long Valley Road/US 101 Project

Requested Amount: \$270,274

This is an existing project that will improve traffic congestion and pedestrian access on the Long Valley Road on-ramp. The City of Hidden Hills proposes to install sidewalk and construct a right turnout lane on the Long Valley Road on-ramp at the stop-controlled NB U.S. 101 on-ramp (also the intersection with Long Valley Road in Hidden Hills). The City of Hidden Hills has already purchased the land for the proposed staging area for vehicles waiting to enter Hidden Hills.

## **LA County**

### Agoura Hills and Westlake Village Intelligent Transportation System Project

Requested Amount: \$7,300,000 (includes \$4,545,787 unallocated carryover)

- Thousand Oaks Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project

Limits: Via Colinas to Argos Street (3.2 mi segment with 9 traffic signals)

Jurisdictions: Cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills (both County-maintained)

This project will install fiber communication and traffic signal equipment on Thousand Oaks Boulevard and implement signal synchronization. It closes an existing fiber communication gap and installs advanced traffic signal controllers on the entire route. The project will also install traffic signal equipment improvements at the intersection of Agoura Road at Liberty Canyon Road, which is shared jurisdiction with County and Agoura Hills.

- Communication Gap Closure and Central Traffic Systems Upgrade

Communication gap closures (fiber) and implementation of adaptive (Agoura Hills) and upgraded central systems for both Westlake Village and Agoura Hills.

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

That the Technical Advisory Committee review the two options for a draft Legislative Platform and determine if either should be recommended to the Governing Board.

**BACKGROUND**

In the past, the Governing Board has chosen not to take positions on legislation unless all of the cities have considered and concur with the position. This process has made it difficult to act quickly when the COG is asked to support or oppose legislation. During the Goals and Priorities discussion at the July COG meeting, the Governing Board decided that it wanted to develop a Legislative Platform. The discussion of a Legislative Platform was in conjunction with possibility of retaining a Sacramento lobbyist. While the Governing Board may or may not decide to retain a lobbyist, it may want to have a simple Legislative Platform or statement that can be supported by all of the COG cities.

Instead of voting to oppose housing legislation at the August special meeting, the Governing Board elected to send a letter to area legislators that generally stated local officials best understand their communities and should be the ones making the planning and zoning decisions that will impact their cities.

**DISCUSSION**

The purpose of a Legislative Platform is to clearly outline the position of the agency on priority issues and matters that impact the agency's ability to operate effectively, without precluding the consideration of additional legislative and budget issues that arise during the legislative session.

I reviewed a number of COG and city Legislative Platforms and they were all wide-ranging and very detailed. It is unlikely that all of the COG cities could agree on such an expansive Legislative Platform. Therefore, I have included two options for the Governing Board to consider. The first is a simple statement and the second includes several area of interest, but does not go into a lot of detail. Either would allow the Governing Board and staff to take action on these specific issues in considering whether to support or oppose legislation.

## **OPTION 1**

The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments wants to be on the record in opposing legislation that weakens or interferes with local control of our cities as it relates to planning and zoning.

## **OPTION 2**

### **1. General Government**

- a. Oppose legislation or constitutional amendments that weaken or interfere with the powers of cities and preserve local autonomy or home rule authority.

### **2. Environment**

- a. Oppose environmental legislation that creates an unfunded mandate for cities to implement and fund.
- b. Oppose environmental legislation that makes the local municipality financially responsible for the removal, abatement or mitigation of hazardous materials.

### **3. Land Use Planning**

- a. Support measures in local land use that is consistent with the doctrine of "home rule" and the local exercise of police powers in planning and zoning processes.

### **4. Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation**

- a. Advocate that communities affected by natural disasters receive the resources they need to rebuild.
- b. Support legislation that provides the resources necessary for communities to prepare for the consequences of natural disasters.