



DATE: May 24, 2017

AGENDA ITEM # 4

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

FROM: Susanna Chan, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: 2016 Measure B Program Overview

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an overview of the 2016 Measure B Program

BACKGROUND

On November 8, 2016, the voters of Santa Clara County overwhelmingly approved a 30-year, ½ cent sales measure supporting transportation projects and services known as 2016 Measure B. The ½ cent sales tax collection began on April 1, 2017.

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will be the overall program manager for the 2016 Measure B Program. The program is divided into nine distinct program categories as listed below:

Program Category	Amount (in 2017 Dollars)
Local Streets & Roads	\$1.2 Billion
BART Phase II	\$1.5 Billion*
Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$250 Million
Caltrain Grade Separations	\$700 Million
Caltrain Corridor Capacity Improvements	\$314 Million
Highway Interchanges	\$750 Million
County Expressways	\$750 Million
SR 85 Corridor	\$350 Million
Transit Operations	\$500 Million

*Capped at 25% of Program Tax Revenue

VTA is in the process of developing program guidelines for each category. Detailed information regarding the proposed guidelines can be found in the attached Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Memorandum to the Technical Advisory Committee dated May 4, 2017. It is anticipated that the VTA Board will adopt the 2016 Measure B Program Area Guidelines at one of its upcoming meetings.

DISCUSSION

While the City will be benefited from all the Measure B transportation improvements within the County over the next 30 years, we will see immediate impacts in three program areas, including Local Streets & Roads, Bicycle & Pedestrian, and County Expressways.

Local Streets and Roads Program

The Local Street and Roads Program will allocate funds to the cities and the County on a formula basis to be used to repair and maintain the street system. The allocation is based on the population of the cities and the County of Santa Clara's road and expressway mileage. The estimated city share is approximately \$570,000 annually.

2016 Measure B requires cities and the County demonstrate that these funds will be used to enhance and not replace their current investments in road system maintenance and repair. The Measure also requires that Complete Streets best practices be applied to improve bicycle, pedestrian and transit elements of the street system. Finally, the Measure specifies that jurisdictions with a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score of at least 70 may use the funds for other congestion relief projects at their discretion. The City's current PCI is 71 and we plan to devote the Measure B Local Streets and Roads allocation to the pavement program.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

VTA proposes to divide the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program into three sub-programs listed below:

Subprogram Area	Proposed Funding Allocation
Education and Enforcement	15%
Planning Projects	5%
Capital Projects	80%

The Education and Enforcement Program will allow member agencies to fund projects and programs that will encourage bicycling and walking. VTA is recommending this program be funded by a formula based on that \$250,000 will be set aside for the County and the remaining funds will be allocated by city population formula with a \$10,000 annual minimum allocation. Based on this formula, the City's annual allocation under this program is approximately \$25,000.

The Planning Projects Program and the Capital Projects Program will be administered as competitive grant programs. The City has been, and will continue actively pursuing grant funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects and will take advantage of these grant programs.

County Expressway Program

VTA will work with the County of Santa Clara, the owner and operator of the County expressway system, to deliver this program and execute a Master Agreement with the County. The agreement will include reporting and funding matching requirements. VTA is also recommending that all projects apply Complete Streets best practices to improve transit, bicycle and pedestrian elements throughout the expressway system.

The County has several projects that are ready to move forward. VTA is recommending \$50 million in FY 2018-19 to advance these projects. The Foothill Expressway Improvement between El Monte Avenue and San Antonio Road is one of these projects. The City funded the design of this project which is currently underway. Community outreach may be conducted as early as late June of this year and it will come before the BPAC for comments at about the same time. Construction is slated for the summer of 2018.

Attachments:

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Memorandum to the Technical Advisory Committee dated May 4, 2017.