

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

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Subject: **Local Partnership Formulaic Program Amendment, Resolution LPP-P-1920-04**

Issue:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Local Partnership Formulaic Program to deprogram \$5,441,000 from the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor project in Los Angeles County, programmed in Fiscal Year 2019-20; program \$18,659,000 to one new project, the Metro Red and Purple Line Core Capacity Improvements project in Los Angeles County, for Fiscal Year 2019-20; and revise the project scope from the Circulator Bus Service Expansion-Phase 2 to the Zero Emission Bus Purchase for Airport Service in Sacramento County?

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the amendment to the Local Partnership Formulaic Program to deprogram \$5,441,000 from the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor project in Los Angeles County, programmed in Fiscal Year 2019-20; program \$18,659,000 to one new project, the Metro Red and Purple Line Core Capacity Improvements project in Los Angeles County, for Fiscal Year 2019-20; and revise the project scope from the Circulator Bus Service Expansion-Phase 2 to the Zero Emission Bus Purchase for Airport Service in Sacramento County.

Background:

Senate Bill 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) created the Local Partnership Program, Assembly Bill 115 (Chapter 20, Statutes of 2017) clarified Senate Bill 1 language regarding local and regional transportation agency eligibility and expanded the types of projects eligible for the program. Senate Bill 1 authorizes \$200 million annually to fund the Local Partnership Program.

The Local Partnership Formulaic Program provides funding to counties, cities, districts, and regional transportation agencies in which voters have approved fees or taxes dedicated solely to transportation improvements.

Only agencies with Commission-adopted funding and committed local matching funds are eligible to receive the Local Partnership Formulaic Program funding.

The current adopted Local Partnership Formulaic Program includes 36 agencies receiving programmed funds for 99 projects totaling \$266.7 million. Remaining funds of \$3.5 million and \$49.8 million are available for programming through June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021, respectively.

The following amendments are consistent with the Local Partnership Program Guidelines:

- The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority requests to deprogram \$5,441,000 of formulaic funding from the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor project, programmed for the right-of-way component. The environmental process resulted in rescoping the project, the component is anticipated to be completed in Fiscal Year 2022. As a result, the agency requests to program the \$5,441,000 and its unprogrammed formulaic funding balance of \$13,218,000 to a new project, the Metro Red and Purple Line Core Capacity Improvements project. This action will leave \$18,500,000 of formulaic funding programmed to the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor project for the project approval and environmental documentation component.
- The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority requests to program \$18,659,000 of available formulaic funding to fund construction costs for the Metro Red and Purple Line Core Capacity Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2019-20. The project will construct new storage tracks; install a new traction power substation and emergency backup power generator; expand the rail yard; repurpose an existing building for maintenance of way activities; provide a seismic upgrade to the 1st Street Bridge superstructure; and vacate portions of three streets. The project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, congestion, and vehicle miles travelled; improve accessibility; and increase connectivity.
- The Sacramento Transportation Authority requests to revise the project scope from the Circulator Bus Service Expansion-Phase 2 to the Zero Emission Bus Purchase for Airport Service. The project scope has been changed to purchase three zero-emission buses to provide transit service between downtown Sacramento and Sacramento International Airport. The project will reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.

Approval of these amendments to the current program of projects would result in a new total of 36 agencies receiving programmed funds for 100 projects, totaling \$279.9 million. The remaining \$3.5 million and \$36.6 million is available for programming through June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021, respectively.

Resolution LPP-P-1920-04

Be it Resolved, that the Commission does hereby amend the Local Partnership Formulaic Program to deprogram \$5,441,000 from one project, the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor project in Los Angeles County, programmed in Fiscal Year 2019-20; program \$18,659,000 to one new project, the Metro Red and Purple Line Core Capacity Improvements project in Los Angeles County, for Fiscal Year 2019-20; and revise the project scope from the Circulator Bus Service Expansion-Phase 2 to the Zero Emission Bus Purchase for Airport Service in Sacramento County.