



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: May 2, 2023  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s) Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010

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**SUBJECT:** Measure A Five-Year Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028; All Supervisorial Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached Resolution for the Measure A Five-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028, project list, and distribution formula for submittal to the Santa Barbara County Local Transportation Authority for acceptance;
- b) Reaffirm Resolution 10-101, which establishes priorities and policies for the use of the local portion of the ½ cent sales tax for the transportation needs in Santa Barbara County;
- c) Direct staff to prepare Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Road Maintenance Annual Plan based upon approved Measure A Program of Projects; and
- d) Determine that this action is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (c), as the proposed project(s) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to Adopt the Measure A Local Program of Projects in Santa Barbara County. The current year’s Program of Projects includes a funding allocation based on new Board policy from your March 14, 2023 hearing on Transportation operations funds.

In keeping with your Board’s adopted resolution supporting the maintenance of existing infrastructure as the highest priority for Measure A funding, approximately \$7.9 million dollars of Measure A funds will be allocated for corrective maintenance, maintenance of the County’s urban forest, and traffic operations. The remainder of the funding is used for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, safety projects, grant matches, capital projects, transit, education and outreach, and alternative transportation improvements.

Measure A funds are distributed regionally amongst local agencies through the Ordinance and Investment Plan. Although roadway maintenance needs are generally tied to the number of lane miles agencies have, Measure A Local Streets and Roads funds are distributed by population under the Investment Plan. These formulas can only be changed by the Santa Barbara County Association of Government (SBCAG) with a supermajority. Distribution requirements of the Measure A Ordinance and Investment Plan also include additional constraints for the County:

- 1) Funds are distributed separately between north and south County based on formulas in the investment plan. These funds must be spent in their respective areas of the County.
- 2) Approximately 11% is taken off the top of the south County portion and goes directly to MTD for transit.
- 3) 10% of Measure A funding is spent on Alternative Transportation in both the north and south County.

Distribution within the north and south County is set by the Board of Supervisors. Last year, your Board approved allocating \$6 million to maintenance. As a result of the Board Policy adopted March 14, 2023, the Department recommends increasing this amount to \$7.9M for corrective maintenance, urban forestry, and traffic operations work. Remaining funds after maintenance and alternative transportation are recommended to be distributed by previously-approved discretionary funding formulas. Attachment E shows the funding breakdown for the Measure A Program of Projects for FY 23-24 through FY27-28. This Program of Projects is revised annually based on revenue projections.

In addition, the Department is recommending including programming prior year fund balances to projects listed in Attachment F. Project allocation amounts are based on Board-adopted discretionary funding formulas to distribute remaining fund balance from prior years as well as additional revenues received beyond the projected amounts for FY22-23.

**Background:**

On November 4, 2008, County of Santa Barbara voters approved Measure A to continue the one-half of one percent (1/2%) local sales tax (formerly Measure D) and Santa Barbara County Transportation Investment Plan. Measure A took effect on April 1, 2010, and will remain in effect for 30 years, with the revenues allocated for transportation improvements.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Staff time for this work is included in the annual budget for the Roads and Transportation Division of the Public Works Department.

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a minute order of these actions to Ynette Luna at (805) 568-3094.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Resolution for the Measure A Five-year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028

Attachment B: Resolution 10-101

Attachment C: Measure A Local Program of Projects – North County

Attachment D: Measure A Local Program of Projects – South Coast

Attachment E: Measure A Funding Distribution

Attachment F: Measure A list of projects for prior year balance

Attachment G: Notice of Exemption

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