



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Thursday, December 8, 2022  
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

**Location for In-Person Participation:**

West Hollywood Library Building - City Council Chambers  
625 N San Vicente Blvd  
West Hollywood, CA 90069

**Remote Participation via Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>

**Livestream on YouTube:**

[http://bit.ly/wscocg\\_livestream](http://bit.ly/wscocg_livestream)

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### MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION

To combat the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the member cities of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG), and the WSCCOG, have held teleconferenced publicly accessible meetings. AB 361 has authorized public meetings to continue to take place via teleconference because State and Local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing.

The WSCCOG Regular Board meeting on **December 8, 2022** will be held in-person with remote participation using Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. WSCCOG Board voting members may participate and vote on action items on the agenda in-person or via remote participation using Zoom.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY PROVIDING E-COMMENT

Members of the Public who wish to comment on matters before the Board remotely are strongly encouraged to submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to Riley O'Brien at [riley@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:riley@estolanoadvisors.com) by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. \*Note: E-Comments received after 12:00 p.m. will be forwarded to the Board and posted on the WSCCOG's website at [www.westsidecities.org/meeting](http://www.westsidecities.org/meeting) as part of the official meeting record. The email address will remain open during the meeting for providing public comment during the meeting. Emails received during the meeting will be read out loud at the appropriate time during the meeting provided they are received before the Board takes action on an item (or can be read during general public comment). For any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Winnie Fong at [winnie@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:winnie@estolanoadvisors.com) or (323) 306-9856.

# AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS (3 min)
3. ACTION ITEMS (40 min)
  - A. [Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361](#)  
**Recommended Action:**  
(1) Make findings that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in order to conduct this meeting via teleconference;  
(2) Discuss findings under AB 361 and approve conducting the WSCCOG meetings via teleconferencing for the December 8, 2022 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting.
  - B. [WSCCOG October 13, 2022 Board Meeting Notes](#)  
**Recommended Action:** Approve the draft meeting notes for the WSCCOG Board meetings held on October 13, 2022.
  - C. [Proposed WSCCOG Project Priority and Funding Allocation for the Measure M Subregional Equity Program \(SEP\)](#)  
**Recommended Action:** Approve the proposed allocation of at least 62.5% (approximately \$100 million) of the WSCCOG's projected \$160 million in Metro Subregional Equity Program (SEP) funds for bus rapid transit (BRT) and bus infrastructure improvements, and up to 12.5% (approximately \$20 million) of projected SEP funds to support predevelopment activities for the D Line (Purple) extension to Santa Monica.
  - D. [Westside Regional Behavioral Health Center Feasibility Work Plan](#)  
**Recommended Action:** Approve the proposed work plan to explore the feasibility of a Westside regional behavioral mental health center.
  - E. [2023 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule](#)  
**Recommended Action:** Approve the proposed 2023 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule.
4. [EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#) (10 min)
5. LEGISLATION (10 min)
  - A. [League of California Cities Update](#) – Jeff Kiernan, LA County Regional Public Affairs Manager
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 min)
7. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS (2 min)
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 min)
9. ADJOURN

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## Instructions for Public Comments

You may submit public comments in three (3) ways:

1. **Provide public comments in-person:** Members of the Public may comment on matters on the agenda to the WSCCOG Board in person during the meeting, which will be held at:

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2. **To listen and provide verbal comments via remote participation on Zoom:** To participate remotely on Zoom, use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>. To make a comment during the meeting on Zoom, use the “raise hand” function located in the participants’ window and wait for the WSCCOG staff to announce your name.
3. **Submit written comments via email to:** Members of the Public who wish to comment on matters before the Board remotely are strongly encouraged to submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to Riley O’Brien at [riley@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:riley@estolanoadvisors.com) by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. All written comments received after 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

## Instructions for WSCCOG Board Members and Member City Staff in the Meeting

To participate in the meeting virtually as a WSCCOG Board member, Mayor, Councilmember, or staff member of the WSCCOG member cities, please contact Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director at [winnie@estolanoadvisors.com](mailto:winnie@estolanoadvisors.com) before the meeting and provide your name and email address. A Zoom email will be sent to you including a unique link to enter the meeting as a panelist participant.

To make a comment during the meeting, use the “raise hand” function located in the participants’ window and wait for the WSCCOG staff to announce your name.



**DATE:** December 5, 2022  
**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board  
**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff and Legal Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361

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**Recommended Action**

1. Make findings that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in order to conduct this meeting via teleconference.
  
2. Discuss findings under AB 361 and approve conducting the WSCCOG meetings via teleconferencing for the December 8, 2022 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting.

**Background**

Governor Newsom signed into law AB 361, which went into effect on October 1, 2021 (replacing earlier Executive Orders governing teleconferencing during the COVID-19 state of emergency). This legislation authorizes a local agency to continue the use of teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body (such as the WSCCOG Board) holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency. The bill allowed the WSCCOG Board to conduct a teleconference meeting when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing during a proclaimed statewide state of emergency. There are other findings that can be made that are not relevant here. This report confirms the requirements for continued virtual teleconference meetings for all Brown Act meetings that will remain virtual for this meeting.

The WSCCOG has six member agencies, all of whom are still navigating local states of emergency and determining whether to meet in person, virtually, or both. Staff members in various cities may be working remotely and there is not one uniform standard for safely and comfortably conducting in-person meetings at this time. Accordingly, under AB 361, the WSCCOG may continue to rely on teleconferencing to provide safe meeting environment for officials, staff, and community members by making the required findings. State and local health officials still recommend measures for social distancing, especially during the period when the Delta and Omicron Variant (or other variants) are spreading.

**DRAFT MEETING NOTES**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022  
12:00 NOON

Culver City Hall  
Mike Balkman Council Chambers  
9770 Culver Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Beverly Hills:** Vice Mayor Julian Gold, M.D. (WSCCOG Chair), Councilmember Sharona Nazarian. Staff: Gabriella Yap, Martha Eros.
- Culver City:** Councilmember Alex Fisch (WSCCOG Vice Chair), Councilmember Göran Eriksson. Staff: Shelly Wolfberg, Arames White-Shearin, Kaitlyn Zhang.
- Santa Monica:** Mayor Sue Himmelrich (Secretary), Councilmember Phil Brock. Staff: Stephanie Venegas, Anuj Gupta, Jason Kligier, Margaret Willis, Achée Stevenson.
- West Hollywood:** Mayor Pro Tempore Sepi Shyne; Mayor Lauren Meister. Staff: David Wilson, Hernan Molina, Corri Planck.
- City of LA:** Staff: Jay Greenstein (Council District 5)
- County of LA:** Supervisorial District 3: Fernando Morales.
- WSCCOG:** Staff: Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director), Winnie Fong, Riley O'Brien. Legal Counsel: Lauren Langer.
- Other:** Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities); Josh Kurpies (Office of Assemblymember Richard Bloom)

**1. WSCCOG REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Mayor Julian Gold (WSCCOG Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

**2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

Voting members: Vice Mayor Julian Gold (City of Beverly Hills); Councilmember Alex Fisch (City of Culver City), Mayor Sue Himmelrich (City of Santa Monica); Mayor Pro Tempore Sepi Shyne (City of West Hollywood); Fernando Morales (County of Los Angeles).

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361**

Councilmember Alex Fisch moved to approve the use of teleconference for the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 WSCCOG Board meeting, as well as continue the WSCCOG future regular board meetings via hybrid format. Mayor Sue Himmelrich seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously.

#### **B. WSCCOG August 11, 2022 and September 28, 2022 Board Meeting Notes**

Mayor Himmelrich moved to approve the August 11, 2022 and September 28, 2022 WSCCOG Board Meeting Notes, and Councilmember Fisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **C. FY 2021-22 WSCCOG Audit Engagement Letter**

Mayor Himmelrich moved to approve the audit engagement letter with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP for the FY 2021-22 financial audit, and Councilmember Fisch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Cecilia Estolano (Executive Director) advised the Board and staff to refer to the agenda packet for a list of activities conducted by the WSCCOG staff since the last board meeting related to the Transportation, Housing, and Homelessness working groups.

### **5. TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

Riley O'Brien (WSCCOG Analyst) provided a presentation on the list of priority projects for the remaining allocation of WSCCOG's Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP) funding. The WSCCOG staff asked the Board to provide input and guidance to staff on finalizing the list of projects under SEP. Councilmember Fisch and Vice Mayor Gold both agree that the proposed considerations are the right steps towards prioritizing the projects for SEP funding. Vice Mayor Gold, Councilmember Fisch, Mayor Himmelrich, and Mayor Pro Tem Sepi Shyne support allocating SEP funding for bus rapid transit projects and bus improvements. Mayor Himmelrich and Mayor Pro Tem Sepi Shyne support the D Line extension to Santa Monica and the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, but understand the limited funding available under SEP. The WSCCOG staff will return to the Board with a recommendation in December.

### **6. HOUSING UPDATES**

Winnie Fong (WSCCOG Project Director) recommended that the WSCCOG hold off on providing comments to SCAG on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reform. Fong informed the Board that SCAG will finalize its draft recommendations to the Regional Council for consideration in 2023. SCAG will conduct another outreach process in which the WSCCOG will have an opportunity to review SCAG's draft recommendations and provide input on behalf of the Westside member cities. Fong also provided updates on SCAG's Program to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) under the Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0. WSCCOG staff will also work with the cities staff to identify projects for the REAP 2.0 Subregional Partnership Program.

## **7. DISCUSSION**

The cities of Santa Monica, West Hollywood, and Culver City provided a summary of current efforts related to behavioral and mental health. Maggie Willis from City of Santa Monica informed the Board that the City will be working with Initium Health to develop a comprehensive behavioral health strategy, which includes community engagement, site analysis, and a operational and financial analysis for a behavioral health center.

Corri Planck from City of West Hollywood reported that the City is currently developing a behavioral health crisis response unit to respond to mental health-related emergency calls. The City is also partnering with the County's Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Alternative Crisis Response (ACR) and Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) teams in this effort. Didi Hirsh Mental Health Center was selected as the County's call center provider for 9-8-8 and West Hollywood looks forward to opportunities for more infrastructure to support the dispatch and deployment of the crisis response units in various cities. The City of West Hollywood also funds various social service organizations to support its continuum of care and behavioral health, including a Mental Evaluation Team (MET) embedded in the Sheriff's station with a specially trained deputy and a DMH clinician.

Councilmember Fisch reported that the City of Culver City is developing its own Mobile Crisis Intervention Team that will start 40 hours a week. The City's certified housing element also included a goal to pursue two more sites for Project HomeKey. Other services in Culver City includes outreach services with St. Joseph's Center and the 24-hr Exodus Recovery Psychiatric Health Facility.

Fernando Morales reached out to the DMH to provide a presentation to the WSCCOG cities about the County's pilot program Hollywood 2.0, which provides comprehensive, community-based care and services to people experiencing mental illness and homelessness in the Hollywood community.

Councilmember Sharona Nazarian from the City of Beverly Hills mentioned that the region should also look at substance abuse and intervention with mental health care, as well as ensuring there is enough trained staff and sufficient resources to support the proposed regional facility. Vice Mayor Gold then directed WSCCOG staff to develop a work plan on next steps and coordinated efforts.

## **8. LEGISLATION**

Jeff Kiernan from the League of California Cities provided information about Redondo Beach's homeless court program that may be of interest to the Westside cities. Kiernan highlighted several legislative updates, which included a mental and behavioral health package signed by the Governor.

## **9. RECEIVE AND FILE**

Estolano encouraged the cities to look at the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Zero-Emission Infrastructure Funding for opportunities to support cities' local programs.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Fisch announced that Culver City recently broke ground on the new Project HomeKey project that will include both transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. Fernando Morales announced that this may be the last WSCCOG board meeting for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl while she is in office and that he will provide more clarity to the WSCCOG staff in the coming weeks on the transition to the new Supervisor and District team staff.

## **11. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next WSCCOG board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Josh Kurpies announced in the Zoom chat that Assemblymember Bloom will be hosting a student loan forgiveness webinar on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **13. ADJOURN**

The WSCCOG Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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**DATE:** December 5, 2022

**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

**SUBJECT:** Proposed WSCCOG Project Priority and Funding Allocation for the Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP)

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**Recommended Action**

Approve the proposed allocation of at least 62.5% (approximately \$100 million) of the WSCCOG’s projected \$160 million in Metro Subregional Equity Program (SEP) funds for bus rapid transit (BRT) and bus infrastructure improvements, and up to 12.5% (approximately \$20 million) of projected SEP funds to support predevelopment activities for the D Line (Purple) extension to Santa Monica.

**Background**

In 2016, Metro established and programmed \$1.2 billion to the Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP) to provide equivalent funding to each of the other subregions after the Metro Board allocated funding to a San Fernando Valley transit project. Within this program, the WSCCOG is allocated approximately \$160 million. In May 2020, the Metro Board of Directors directed staff to develop guidelines for a uniform process by which subregional councils of governments (COGs) can elect to use the SEP funding. In October 2021, the WSCCOG Board voted to allocate 25 percent (\$40 million) of the WSCCOG SEP funding to the Northern Extension of the Crenshaw/LAX Line (Crenshaw North). The WSCCOG Board also directed staff to work with the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group (TWG) to suggest allocations for the remaining 75 percent (\$120 million) of SEP funds.

In 2022, the WSCCOG staff worked with TWG to develop a data-driven and subregional-focused approach to allocating the remainder of SEP funds. The WSCCOG staff led the following process:

- 1. Compiled a list of projects from WSCCOG-approved documents**
  - a. [2020 WSCCOG Mobility Study](#)
  - b. [2021 Metro Unfunded Strategic Project List \(SPL\)](#)
  
- 2. Used the evaluation criteria and scores from the 2020 WSCCOG Mobility Study**
  - a. Access - The number of residents and jobs within 1/2 mile of the project
  - b. Time Savings - The potential to improve travel time for those who use the proposed project to travel
  - c. Mode Shift - The potential to shift travel from single-occupancy vehicles to the project mode
  - d. Safety - The potential to improve roadway safety as a result of project implementation

### **3. Gathered feedback on WSCCOG member cities priority projects**

- a. Based on stated priorities and feedback from the TWG, the WSCCOG staff sorted each project into ten project categories.
- b. WSCCOG staff weighed and sorted the projects by the scores across the WSCCOG Mobility Study criteria framework.
- c. Based on the total scores across all four criteria, WSCCOG staff identified three highest-scoring project categories: (1) the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, (2) the D Line (Purple) extension to Santa Monica, and (3) bus rapid transit (BRT) and related bus infrastructure.

### **4. Solicit input from the WSCCOG Board**

- a. WSCCOG staff presented to the WSCCOG Board on October 13, 2022 on the proposed SEP allocation process and the TWG's preference to use SEP funding to:
  - i. Support a subregional network
  - ii. Fund projects without other reliable funding sources
  - iii. Serve as match and/or gap funding
  - iv. Fund shovel-ready projects
  - v. Encourage favorable countywide decisions
- b. WSCCOG Board Members from Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, and Beverly Hills expressed support for prioritizing the BRT and related bus infrastructure category.
- c. Board Members from Santa Monica and West Hollywood also expressed support for funding the D Line (Purple) extension to Santa Monica and the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.
- d. WSCCOG staff will work with the TWG to develop a final SEP allocation recommendation for the WSCCOG Board in December 2022.

### **SEP Programming Funding Forecast**

On October 31, 2022, Metro released an updated Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) 5-year cash flow for FY 2022-23 through FY2026-27, which forecasted that the SEP funds will be available to the COGs starting in FY 2023-24 in anticipation of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law transportation investments (refer to [Attachment A](#)). The current MSP 5-year cash flow identified a total of \$5,351,171 in available SEP funding for the WSCCOG by FY 2026-27. This funding availability is an opportunity for the WSCCOG to act now and identify programming plans under SEP to ensure that the subregion is prepared to access the funds when feasible.

### **Proposed Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the WSCCOG allocate at least 62.5% (approximately \$100 million) of the WSCCOG's SEP funds for bus rapid transit (BRT) and bus infrastructure improvements, and up to 12.5% (approximately \$20 million) of projected SEP funds to support predevelopment activities for the D Line (Purple) extension to Santa Monica. The TWG members prioritized and allocated more funding to BRT and bus infrastructure under the programming plans because of the following:

- Strong performance across the four benefit criteria (access, time savings, mode shift, safety)
- Relatively high shovel-readiness compared to rail projects

- Potential for matching funds and support from partner agencies to leverage near-term investments (e.g., D Line (Purple) extension to Westwood, 2028 Olympics, etc.)
- Potential to incentivize Metro to contribute near-term countywide BRT funds to the Westside BRT corridors (e.g., Venice Blvd, La Cienega/Jefferson)

In summary, the project priorities and proposed funding allocations for the WSCCOG SEP Funds are listed in the table below:

**Table 1: Proposed WSCCOG SEP Funding Allocation**

<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Northern Extension of the Crenshaw/LAX Line	\$40 million	25.0%
BRT and Bus Infrastructure Improvements	\$100 million	62.5%
D Line (Purple) Extension to Santa Monica	\$20 million	12.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$160 million</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Next Steps**

The SEP will go through a subregional program development process similar to the subregional MSP (refer to the Metro-approved SEP guidelines in [Attachment B](#)). Once the WSCCOG Board approves the programming plans under SEP, the WSCCOG staff will work with the member jurisdictions to identify and develop specific project details based on timing and readiness, and then submit the SEP funding requests to the WSCCOG Board and Metro Board of Directors for consideration and approval in a timely manner. Therefore, WSCCOG member jurisdictions that plan to submit funding requests for specific projects under SEP should begin discussions with the WSCCOG staff and TWG several months in advance of submitting the initial request.

**Attachments**

- A. Metro Measure M MSP 5 Year Cash Flow - Updated October 2022
- B. Metro Measure M SEP Guidelines - Approved May 2022

Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs 5-Year Cashflows (October 2022)											
In Year of Expenditure Dollars											
Program	Sub-region	Ground-breaking Start Date	Unallocated Balance [a]	FY 2022 FY 2023	FY 2023 FY 2024	FY 2024 FY 2025	FY 2025 FY 2026	FY 2026 FY 2027	2022 New Total Plus Unallocated Balance	Project Development Funding Maximum [b]	Project Development Funding Unexecuted Balance
Modal Connectivity Program and Complete Streets Proj.	av	FY 2018	\$ 3,995,372			\$ 2,369,575	\$ 2,429,762	\$ 2,492,693	\$ 11,287,402	\$ 112,850	\$ 36,460
Transit Projects	av	FY 2018	\$ 1,858,497			\$ 3,015,929	\$ 3,092,534	\$ 3,172,630	\$ 11,139,590	\$ 143,633	\$ 46,406
Subregional Equity Program	av	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 802,676	\$ 802,676	\$ 802,676	\$ 802,676	\$ 3,210,702	\$ -	\$ -
Active Transportation Projects	av	FY 2033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Arroyo Verdugo Projects to be Determined	av	FY 2048									
Goods Movement Projects	av	FY 2048									
Highway Efficiency, Noise Mitigation and Arterial Proj.	av	FY 2048									
Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Total									\$ 25,637,694	\$ 256,483	\$ 82,865
Active Transportation, 1st/Last Mile, & Mobility Hubs	cc	FY 2018	\$ 160,140				\$ 2,586,133	\$ 2,653,114	\$ 5,399,386	\$ 120,113	\$ 120,113
Subregional Equity Program [d]	cc	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,964,883	\$ 1,964,883	\$ 1,964,883	\$ 1,964,883	\$ 7,859,532	\$ -	\$ -
Los Angeles Safe Routes to School Initiative	cc	FY 2033									
BRT and 1st/Last Mile Solutions e.g. DASH	cc	FY 2048									
Freeway Interchange and Operational Improvements	cc	FY 2048									
LA Streetscape Enhancements & Great Streets Prog.	cc	FY 2048									
Public Transit State of Good Repair Program	cc	FY 2048									
Traffic Congestion Relief-Signal Synchronization	cc	FY 2048									
Central City Area Subregion Total									\$ 13,258,918	\$ 120,113	\$ 120,113
Active Transportation Program	gc	FY 2018									
I-605 Corridor 'Hot Spot' Interchange Improvements [c]	gc	FY 2018	\$ 57,055,809				\$ 14,915,370	\$ 15,301,678	\$ 87,272,858	\$ 558,666	\$ 198,666
Subregional Equity Program	gc	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,040,134	\$ 2,040,134	\$ 2,040,134	\$ 2,040,134	\$ 8,160,535	\$ -	\$ -
Gateway Cities Subregion Total									\$ 87,272,858	\$ 558,666	\$ 198,666
Active Transportation, Transit, and Tech. Program	lvm	FY 2018	\$ -				\$ 2,566,085	\$ 2,632,547	\$ 5,198,632	\$ 119,182	\$ -
Highway Efficiency Program	lvm	FY 2018	\$ 38,750,509				\$ 10,665,292	\$ 10,941,523	\$ 60,357,323	\$ 495,350	\$ 325,532
Subregional Equity Program	lvm	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,140	\$ 142,140	\$ 142,140	\$ 142,140	\$ 568,562	\$ -	\$ -
Modal Connectivity Program	lvm	FY 2048									
Traffic Congestion Relief and Improvement Program	lvm	FY 2048									
Las Virgenes Malibu Subregion Total									\$ 66,124,517	\$ 614,532	\$ 325,532
Active Transportation Program	nc	FY 2018	\$ 1,814,886				\$ 3,175,530	\$ 3,257,777	\$ 8,248,193	\$ 147,488	\$ 147,488
Transit Program [b]	nc	FY 2018	\$ 9,952,503				\$ 7,072,772	\$ 7,255,957	\$ 24,281,233	\$ 328,495	\$ 328,495
Subregional Equity Program	nc	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 961,538	\$ 961,538	\$ 961,538	\$ 961,538	\$ 3,846,154	\$ -	\$ -
Multimodal Connectivity Program	nc	FY 2033									
Arterial Program	nc	FY 2048									
Goods Movement Program	nc	FY 2048									
Highway Efficiency Program	nc	FY 2048									

**Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Programs 5-Year Cashflows (October 2022)**

In Year of Expenditure Dollars

Program	Sub-region	Ground-breaking Start Date	Unallocated Balance [a]	FY 2022 FY 2023	FY 2023 FY 2024	FY 2024 FY 2025	FY 2025 FY 2026	FY 2026 FY 2027	2022 New Total Plus Unallocated Balance	Project Development Funding Maximum [b]	Project Development Funding Unexecuted Balance
<b>North County Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 36,375,580</b>	<b>\$ 475,983</b>	<b>\$ 475,983</b>
South Bay Highway Operational Improvements [b]	sb	FY 2018	\$ 32,179,617					\$ 13,574,069	\$ 45,753,686	\$ 279,333	\$ 30,850
Transportation System and Mobility Impr. Prog. 2057	sb	FY 2018	\$ -					\$ 4,319,022	\$ 4,319,022	\$ 195,533	\$ -
Transportation System and Mobility Impr. Prog. 2032	sb	FY 2018	\$ 53,134,521					\$ 24,145,390	\$ 77,279,911	\$ 1,093,122	\$ 441,106
Subregional Equity Program [e]	sb	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,086,957	\$ 1,086,957	\$ 1,086,957	\$ 1,086,957	\$ 4,347,826	\$ -	\$ -
<b>South Bay Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 127,352,620</b>	<b>\$ 1,567,988</b>	<b>\$ 471,956</b>
Active Transportation Prog. (Including Greenway Proj.)	sg	FY 2018	\$ 1,134,098					\$ 2,850,555	\$ 3,984,653	\$ 129,052	\$ 56,393
Bus System Improvement Program	sg	FY 2018	\$ 2,986,514					\$ 678,703	\$ 3,665,218	\$ 30,727	\$ 28,227
First/Last Mile and Complete Streets	sg	FY 2018	\$ -					\$ 2,443,332	\$ 2,443,332	\$ 110,616	\$ 24,139
Highway Demand Based Prog. (HOV Ext. & Connect.)	sg	FY 2018	\$ 13,608,898					\$ 2,850,555	\$ 16,459,452	\$ 129,052	\$ 102,552
Subregional Equity Program [f]	sg	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,663,880	\$ 1,663,880	\$ 1,663,880	\$ 1,663,880	\$ 6,655,518	\$ -	\$ -
Goods Movement (Improvements & RR Xing Elim.)	sg	FY 2048									
Highway Efficiency Program	sg	FY 2048									
ITS-Technology Program (Advanced Signal Tech.)	sg	FY 2048									
<b>San Gabriel Valley Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 33,208,173</b>	<b>\$ 399,446</b>	<b>\$ 211,310</b>
Active Transportation 1st/Last Mile Connections Prog.	w	FY 2018	\$ 4,420,667					\$ 4,342,297	\$ 13,217,727	\$ 201,678	\$ 106,689
Subregional Equity Program [g]	w	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 1,337,793	\$ 5,351,171	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Westside Subregion Total</b>									<b>\$ 13,217,727</b>	<b>\$ 201,678</b>	<b>\$ 106,689</b>

Notes:

- [a] - Includes amounts needed for project development funding.
  - [b] - Project development funding (0.5%) amount based on Measure M funding only.
  - [c] - Includes Measure M only.
  - [d] - SEP does not include funding for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Westside Purple Line Extension Section 1 Project, or Eastside Light Rail Access (Pedestrian) Project.
  - [e] - SEP does not include funding for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project.
  - [f] - SEP does not include funding for Gold Line to Pomona Project (FY26 & FY27).
  - [g] - SEP does not include funding for Westside Purple Line Extension Section 1 Project.
- Forecasts assume inflation.

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**IX.i SUBREGIONAL EQUITY PROGRAM**

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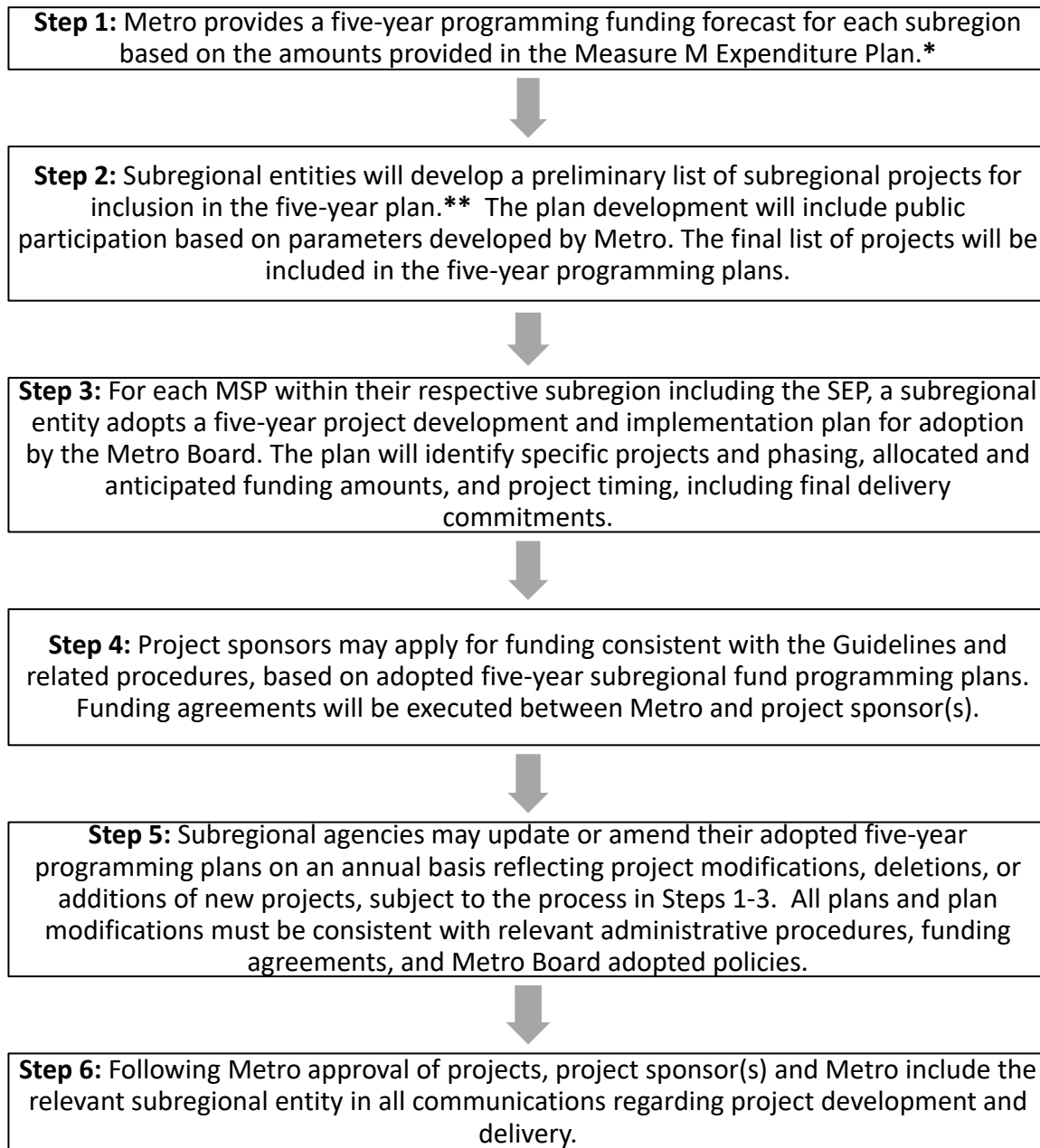
**INTRODUCTION**

The Subregional Equity Program (SEP) is a MSP on row 68 of the Measure M Expenditure Plan. It has Guidelines separate from the MSP Guidelines because the amount of Local, State, Federal, Other and Measure M funding is not specified, a total amount of spending for each subregion is identified, and any spending can be for either transit or highway modes as defined in the Ordinance, which includes first/last mile, active transportation, and complete streets improvements. Projects that subregions submit for this program are subject to the definitions provided in the Ordinance and these Guidelines, and are limited to capital projects.

**Process**

The SEP will go through a subregional program development process similar to the other subregional MSP. The amount of SEP funding available will be consistent with the most recent Long Range Transportation Plan or Short Range Transportation Plan financial forecast presented to the Metro Board, subject to any changes in Metro's financial capacity during the intervening period from the most recent financial forecast and the distribution of SEP funding amounts. Additional funding capacity may be incorporated into the SEP from one-time funding such as the federal infrastructure bill. It will be adjusted for inflation in accordance with the Ordinance and Board motion 36.1 (Board file #2019-0598). The source of Local, State, Federal, Other and Measure M funding for the SEP, both transit and highway, will be identified in the financial forecast. Administrative and procedural details for the process may be developed upon the adoption of these Guidelines, in the event it facilitates the functioning of the program. Generally, the development process will follow the steps provided in the following table:

**Table IX.i: Subregional Equity Program Project Development Process**



*\*Metro will announce the funding forecast by year concurrently with the announcement of the other MSP funding forecasts, and the amounts will extend five years from the date of the announcement and cover the same time period as the other MSP funding forecasts.*

*\*\* Coordination with Metro staff is required to ensure project eligibility, as determined by Metro and the applicable State or federal grant criteria. Administrative review procedures developed specific to each MSP program area (Highway, Transit modes as defined in the Ordinance, which includes first/last mile, active transportation, and complete streets improvements) will be applied to projects submitted and include plan requirements and eligible use of funds within each MSP program area.*

Resources to support the steps listed in Table IX.i can be drawn from SEP funds (subject to any restrictions on amounts funded from State or federal grants), not to exceed 0.5% of the amounts for any single year determined in Step 1 of Table IX.i. Any additional resources to support the steps in Table IX.i must be drawn from resources under the control of the subregion or its constituent cities.

### **Advancing Funds**

#### Metro Staff Recommendation

The amount of SEP funding that has not already been expended or allocated by the Board to another use can be advanced if recommended by Metro staff and adequately noticed to and approved by the respective subregion pursuant to Motion 38.1 (Board file #2020-0356). This motion calls for “Subregional governing body approval of any funding recommendation and use” and “Written notice to the respective Subregional governing body and representative Board offices at least 120 days before Metro recommends the use of SEP funding to ensure adequate time for subregions to understand and approve any funding recommendations.”

Beginning June 17, 2021, Motion 48 (Board file #2021-0435) amends the “Measure R and Measure M Unified Cost Management Policy” to eliminate the SEP from consideration to address project funding shortfalls during construction. Subregions may still choose to make SEP eligible for selected Measure M projects before they enter the construction phase.

SEP funding can also be advanced and included in the five-year funding forecast described in Table IX.i. This can occur if Measure M or other local, State, federal, or other funding is made available during the five-year period due to a reduction in funds programmed for a capital project resulting from a decrease in project cost, cancellation or defunding of the project, or provision of other local funds to supplant the funds, as identified and requested by a subregion. In addition, if new local, State, federal, or other funding, that is not already programmed by Metro for another use, is made available, this could be included in the five-year SEP funding forecast and credited against the balance available.

#### Request by Subregion

The programming of SEP funds can be considered for acceleration if requested by a subregion and in compliance with existing Board policies, including the Measure M Early Project Delivery Strategy (EPD) from November 2017 (Board file #2017-0686) and the MSP inter-program borrowing provisions in the Measure M Final Guidelines. The EPD requires scoring of proposals to accelerate funds based on factors including the amount of local match and the status of the project in its development process, so long as the acceleration does not negatively impact the funding of other Measure M projects and programs. Metro staff will evaluate the financial



impact of any proposed SEP programming and consider the potential use of debt to finance the SEP that may reduce the immediate cash flow requirement. Metro will accept all proposals by subregions, provide recommendations, and submit the proposals and recommendations to the Metro Board for consideration, which could involve an amendment to the Measure M ordinance.

The subregions may also request SEP funding to deliver a project by borrowing, or exchanging, from another MSP that has programmed funding in earlier years, in accordance with the “Cashflow Management” section of the Measure M Final Guidelines. Metro staff will be available to provide technical assistance to the subregions in preparing any proposal to borrow SEP funds.

### **Supplemental Funds Requirements**

If project sponsors are able to fully fund projects identified in their five-year plans, consistent with procedures established within these Guidelines with SEP funds, the project sponsor may proceed to request disbursement of those funds. However, if the project requires supplemental Metro support or funding, including Metro staff resources, then the project must comply with all requirements attached to Metro-sponsored or controlled fund sources and policies, as appropriate. For example, if a project using SEP funds is matched with discretionary fund programs managed by Metro, the project is subject to all evaluation criteria, reporting requirements or other provisions of that discretionary program. There is no minimal amount of additional Metro investment that would prevent additional Measure M policy requirements. The only exception to this rule is use of Local Return funding from sales tax measures A, C, R or M. Once the Metro supplemental funding request is made, staff will notify project sponsors of policy implications.

Projects and programs utilizing additional assistance or funding are encouraged to comply with the Metro Board adopted Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program and the Prohibition against Discrimination or Preferential Treatment by State and Other Public Entities.

### **READINESS**

The timing of the actual distribution of funds will be determined based on project readiness. The Timely Use of Funds principle applies to the MSP and SEP and require establishing project readiness to be able to access program funds.

Project readiness will apply to separate phases of a project. Readiness thresholds will be determined for planning, environmental, right of way, and construction, and will be defined as appropriate for each funding category as determined by Metro (i.e., Highway, Transit, Active Transportation, etc.).

## **PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

The SEP funds are subject to the cash flow parameters within these Guidelines. Project sponsors must notify Metro by the last day of February of each year of the amount of subregional funding they plan to use, by project, in the subsequent fiscal year, which for Metro begins July 1. This is needed for Metro budget purposes, and the cash flow expenditure estimate provided may differ from the initial Metro funding forecast or amounts programmed in the funding agreements between Metro and the subregions. When notice is not provided, funding availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis in the subsequent fiscal year.

Per the Cashflow provisions in Section VI, the Metro Board will consider tools that allow for expediting projects within and among subregional programs. Subregional project sponsors can elect to borrow from one MSP fund amount (including the SEP) to accelerate a project in another MSP fund of a different type that may not be available until a later year. This type of inter-program borrowing within the MSP requires approval from Metro and the affected subregion.

## **AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

Use of Measure M funds will be subject to audit and oversight, and all other applicable state and local laws.

## **REVISIONS TO PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

These program guidelines may be revised by the Metro Board of Directors at any time.



**DATE:** December 5, 2022

**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

**SUBJECT:** Westside Regional Behavioral Health Center Feasibility Work Plan

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**Recommended Action:**

Approve the proposed work plan to explore the feasibility of establishing a Westside regional behavioral health center.

**Background**

On September 25, 2022, the WSCCOG convened a special meeting with a presentation by Karen Linkins, Chief Strategist of Mind OC/Be Well OC, on Orange County’s unified system for mental health care services and infrastructure. On October 13, 2022 at the WSCCOG Board meeting, the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood confirmed their interest in exploring a regional facility for behavioral health services in the Westside subregion. The WSCCOG Chair directed the WSCCOG staff to draft a work plan on coordinating efforts among the member jurisdictions.

**Proposed Work Plan**

The WSCCOG staff worked with the WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group to identify the next steps and critical path to studying the feasibility of a regional facility for behavioral health (inclusive of both mental health and substance use services). Below is a proposed list of activities for the WSCCOG and cities:

**1. Ongoing Engagement with the WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group**

The WSCCOG staff will engage with the WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group to implement the activities outlined in the work plan as the Working Group members are currently involved closely with the programs and services related to behavioral and mental health in the Westside region. The Working Group will also invite other key stakeholders (including other city departments, first responders, County Department of Mental Health, hospitals, and service providers) to participate in discussions and the planning process.

Timeline: WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group will convene monthly

Desired Outcome(s): Complete the tasks outlined in the work plan and include relevant stakeholders in the discussions and planning process.

**2. Update Landscape Scan on Current Services and Programs**

The WSCCOG staff drafted a high-level landscape scan to identify current and future local efforts related to behavioral crisis and mental health services in the Westside subregion. The findings will inform ongoing discussions with the Homelessness Working Group and potential partners in building out the vision of a Westside regional facility. WSCCOG staff will continue to update this information to help identify potential gaps in services that could be housed at the regional facility and/or other sites, such as Project HomeKey.

Timeline: Update on an as-needed basis

Desired Outcome(s): Continue updating the document as new information develops.

**3. Initiate Discussions with Legal Counsels Regarding Service Planning Areas (SPA)**

The County of Los Angeles health, social, mental, and homeless services are organized by Service Planning Areas (SPA). The cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica are located within the SPA 5 region whereas West Hollywood is located in SPA 4. This poses a challenge for West Hollywood to access services if a proposed regional facility is in a different SPA region. The WSCCOG staff will initiate a meeting between the County Counsel and the WSCCOG legal counsel to understand the potential barriers for the City of West Hollywood to access services outside of the SPA 4 region and discuss solutions and possible exemptions so that the City can participate in the WSCCOG's coordinated efforts and feasibility study for a Westside regional facility.

Timeline: Start discussions in January 2023

Desired Outcome(s): Determine the challenges, solutions, and exemptions for West Hollywood to access services at a proposed regional facility outside of the SPA 4 region.

**4. Brief the Westside Subregion Elected Officials**

The WSCCOG staff will brief the incoming new WSCCOG Boardmembers representing the County (Supervisorial District 3) and the City of Los Angeles (City District 5 and 11), as well as the State and Federal legislators representing the Westside subregion, on the work plan and discuss potential partnership and coordinated efforts with member jurisdictions.

Timeline: Start discussions in January/February 2023

Desired Outcome(s): Inform the representatives of the latest information and develop partnership in coordinated efforts.

**5. Engage with the County, Philanthropic Organizations, and Potential Partners**

The WSCCOG staff will start engaging with the County Department of Mental Health, philanthropic organizations, hospitals, and other organizations to forge strategic partnerships, as well as identify grant and funding opportunities for a request for proposal to solicit consulting firms and organizations with subject matter expertise to develop a comprehensive behavioral health strategy and operational plan for a Westside regional facility.

Timeline: Start discussions in February/March 2023

Desired Outcome(s): Secure partnerships and funding sources.

**6. Draft a Request for Information and Qualifications (RFIQ) for a Westside Regional Behavioral Health Center Feasibility Study**

The following activities will require a third-party consultant and/or organization to develop a comprehensive behavioral health strategy and operational plan for a Westside regional facility. WSCCOG staff recommends issuing a Request for Information and Qualifications (RFIQ) to solicit potential individuals and/or consultants to conduct the following tasks to understand the costs and feasibility of starting and operating a regional facility:

○ Phase 1:

- Identify, assess, and evaluate potential sites (both publicly and privately owned) throughout the Westside subregion for a 24/7 regional behavioral health center. Siting considerations may include proximity to other services, zoning and land-use regulations, accessibility to first responders, ownership and current use, and other criteria deemed relevant.

- Phase 2:
  - Identify operational needs and potential gaps in services through stakeholder community engagement.
  - Identify programmatic details such as scale and population to be served in the Westside subregion, staffing structure, services to be provided, bed capacity, length of stay, and desired outcomes.
  
- Phase 3:
  - Develop a comprehensive budget, including acquisition of a potential site(s), one-time and recurring capital, operating, and service/programmatic expenses. The financing plan should identify City, local, state, federal, and private sources and propose a financial plan for ongoing services and operations funding.
  
- Other Services:
  - Identify partnerships with public agencies and healthcare service providers.
  - Identify public, private, and philanthropic funding sources to acquire property and/or construct the facility.
  - Explore and draft interagency cooperative agreements among member jurisdictions and partners.

The WSCCOG staff will develop and issue the RFIQ and work with the member jurisdictions to develop an evaluation process to review and score the proposals.

Timeline: Develop a draft scope of work in February 2023 to begin engaging with potential funders; Finalize and issue the RFIQ as the WSCCOG once funding is secured.

Desired Outcome(s): Secure funding and consultant; Begin procurement process.

## **7. Consider Recommendations from the Westside Regional Behavioral Health Center Feasibility Study**

The WSCCOG Board will review the findings and recommendations from the feasibility study and direct the WSCCOG staff to develop a plan to implement the next steps.

Timeline: TBD

Desired Outcome(s): Identify next steps after the feasibility study.



**DATE:** December 5, 2022  
**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board  
**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff  
**SUBJECT:** 2023 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule

**Recommended Action**

Approve the proposed 2023 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule.

**Background**

The WSCCOG by-laws state that regular meetings of the board shall be held no less than four times a year. The WSCCOG staff proposes to continue convening the regular board meetings bi-monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. starting in February as indicated in the schedule below for 2023.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Host City <sup>(1)</sup></b>
Thursday, February 9, 2023	12:00 p.m.	City of Beverly Hills
Thursday, April 13, 2023	12:00 p.m.	City of Culver City
Thursday, June 8, 2023 <sup>(2)</sup>	12:00 p.m.	City of West Hollywood
Thursday, August 10, 2023	12:00 p.m.	City of Beverly Hills
Thursday, October 12, 2023	12:00 p.m.	City of Culver City
Thursday, December 14, 2023	12:00 p.m.	City of West Hollywood

**Notes:**

- (1) WSCCOG will rotate the location of the Regular Board meetings between member jurisdictions. Meeting locations will be confirmed and announced in early January 2023.
- (2) WSCCOG Annual Meeting - Election of new COG Governing Board Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary); appointment of Committee Members; and adoption of the annual budget.

**Hybrid Meetings**

AB 361 Brown Act teleconferencing meeting during the state of emergency is still in place through the end of 2023, which the WSCCOG staff will continue to monitor for updates. The WSCCOG will continue to hold the regular board meetings in a hybrid format via in-person and virtually on Zoom, until further notice. If the Governor lifts the state of emergency, this will impact the WSCCOG’s hybrid meetings moving forward.



**DATE:** December 5, 2022

**TO:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

**FROM:** Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report

### **2023 WSCCOG Board Appointments**

WSCCOG staff will be coordinating future elections and call for candidate notices for the following committees in 2023:

<b>Committee/Council</b>	<b>Current Representative</b>	<b>Term Ending</b>	<b>Note</b>
SCAG Energy & Environment Committee	Vice Mayor Julian Gold (City of Beverly Hills)	12/31/2022	Currently accepting letters of interests
SCAG Transportation Committee	Councilmember Lindsey Horvath (City of West Hollywood)	12/31/2022	Currently accepting letters of interests
League of California Cities COG Regional Director	Councilmember Phil Brock (City of Santa Monica)	12/31/2022	Councilmember Göran Eriksson's term will begin on January 1, 2023
SCAG Regional Council District #41	Councilmember Alex Fisch (City of Culver City)	05/04/2023	Requires the First Notice for the call for candidates to be posted at least 30 days in advance of the election
Metro Westside/Central Service Council	David Feinberg (Santa Monica Big Blue Bus)	06/30/2023	Requires WSCCOG's nomination to be submitted to Metro by mid-April 2023

### **WSCCOG Recent Activities**

Below is a summary of WSCCOG activities between October 14, 2022 and December 5, 2022:

- **Administrative Activities**
  - WSCCOG staff began engaging with the City of Beverly Hills and Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP for the WSCCOG's FY 2021-22 audit including providing relevant documents and information to the auditor. WSCCOG staff also continued working with the City of Culver City to support in setting up the financial infrastructure as part of the Treasurer transition process.

- WSCCOG staff participated in the following meetings: SCAG Subregional Executive Directors Meeting; COG Executive Director monthly meetings; Metro CEO and Subregional Directors meeting.
- **Transportation Initiative**
  - WSCCOG staff convened the Transportation Working Group in October and November. Refer to [Attachment A](#) for agenda items that were discussed in the meeting.
  - On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Metro hosted Meeting #6 of the I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) Advisory Committee in which Metro staff identified candidate projects for Metro’s application to Cycle 3 of the California Transportation Commission’s Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) grant program. WSCCOG staff attended this meeting and advocated for the inclusion of WSCCOG priority projects. In mid-November, Metro staff announced three projects for inclusion in the agency’s SCCP Cycle 3 application due on December 2, 2022. One of these projects, the I-405 Corridor Community Bus Service Improvement Program, would provide \$5.2 million for bus infrastructure improvements, including bus boarding islands, bus shelters, and real-time information at bus stops along Venice Blvd in Los Angeles and adjacent to Culver City. As this project is consistent with WSCCOG-approved plans and policy goals, WSCCOG staff submitted a letter in support of the SCCP funding request. WSCCOG staff will continue to monitor the SCCP application process and advocate for the inclusion of priority projects as candidates for Metro’s planned 2024 application for SCCP Cycle 4 funding.
- **Homelessness Initiative**
  - WSCCOG staff convened the Homelessness Working Group in October and November. Refer to [Attachment B](#) for agenda items that were discussed in the meeting.
- **Housing Initiative**
  - WSCCOG staff convened the Homelessness Working Group in October for ECONorthwest to present a preliminary draft of the funding matrix on housing development resources.
  - WSCCOG staff continued working on the WSCCOG Fair Housing study by reviewing the cities’ updated certified and draft housing elements to gather fair housing goals and identify potential needs and gaps in services.
  - WSCCOG reviewed the cities’ certified and updated draft housing elements to identify areas of support and potential activities eligible for REAP 2.0 funding Subregional Partnership Program. WSCCOG staff met with SCAG staff in November to review the proposed activities and will continue to work with staff on the application, which is due in mid-February 2023.



## WSCCOG Transportation Working Group

### **Agenda for Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

1. Presentation
  - a. Caltrans District 7 - Sustainable Transportation Grants
2. WSCCOG Updates
  - a. Metro Bike Share August Industry Forum Recap
  - b. October WSCCOG Board Meeting Recap
  - c. Subregional Equity Program (SEP) Allocation
  - d. SEP and MSP 5-Year Cash Flow Forthcoming
3. County and Regional Updates
  - a. I-405 Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCCP) Cycles 3 and 4
  - b. Active Transportation Network Prioritization
4. Funding Opportunities
  - a. SCAG Grant Opportunities Overview
  - b. Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant
  - c. Federal Bridge Investment Program

### **Agenda for Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

1. WSCCOG Updates
  - a. Review Updated SEP and MSP 5-Year Cash Flow
  - b. Subregional Equity Program (SEP) Allocation Draft Staff Recommendation Discussion
2. Funding Opportunities
  - a. Due November 30 - SCAG REAP 2.0 County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program
  - b. SCAG Grant Opportunities Overview
  - c. Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Grants
3. County and Regional Updates
  - a. Metro I-405 Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCCP) Cycle 3 Candidates
  - b. Venice Blvd transit supportive infrastructure
  - c. C/K Line station platform expansion and electrical upgrades
  - d. Venice Blvd support letter

## WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group

### **Agenda for Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

1. WSCCOG Fair Housing Study
2. Behavioral Crisis and Mental Health Facility
  - a. Meeting recap and discussion about work plan development
  - b. Be Well OC Presentation and Recording
  - c. Potential Presentations to this Working Group related to Mental Health
    - i. [Hollywood 2.0 DMH Pilot Program](#)
    - ii. [Care Solace](#)
3. County CEO-HI
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Convening Presentation and Survey
4. LAHSA
  - a. Legislative Summary - [LAHSA Summary Analysis](#)

### **Agenda for Wednesday, November 17, 2022**

1. [Winter Shelter Program](#) Update
  - a. Miguel Fernandez, LAHSA's Associate Director of Interim Housing
2. [Hollywood 2.0 Pilot](#) Presentation
  - a. Latina Jackson, Deputy Director-DMH Countywide Engagement Division (postponed to next meeting)
3. WSCCOG Subregional Behavioral Health Facility Discussion



TO: WESTSIDE CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES  
 RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 12/02/2022 MEETING (as prepared NOV 28)

### 2022 CAL CITIES LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND NEW LAWS IMPACTING CITIES

On November 14, Cal Cities held our annual New Laws briefing for our members. This event is held in conjunction with the release of our 2022 Legislative Report that includes our Legislative Year in Review. Below are links to the Briefing Book, a recording of the webinar, and the webinar slide deck for your review and information.

- [2022 Legislative Briefing Book](#)
- [New Laws Webinar Recording](#)
- [New Laws Slide Deck](#)

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION ADDRESSES CONCERNS OVER FORMATION OF COUNTY LAND BANK

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities and the California Contract Cities Association submitted a joint comment letter stating concerns over a proposed pilot land bank program by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The Division has also participated in advocating both the Metro Board and the County Board of Supervisors during their recent meetings in November and have asked for continued comment during the Metro Board meeting on December 1.

At the Metro Executive committee meeting on November 17, Supervisor Solis requested to amend the original motion to remove direction that Metro shall not formally partner with Los Angeles County on a programmatic level to acquire properties for or lead aspects of the County's Land Bank Pilot Program. It should be noted that Supervisor Solis made comments during the meeting that the program is not meant to "overly persuade" cities to participate and not intended to supersede local control – this was her first public comments in that direction. Ultimately, a final motion was passed unanimously to codify consistency with METRO's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy and specificizes that Metro property may only be included in the County's Land Bank Pilot Program so long as it is done in coordination with local jurisdictions.

Below is some additional history on this proposal and the Division's advocacy efforts:

### PROPOSED COUNTY LAND BANK PROGRAM

Land banks are public organizations that acquire, hold, and manage land to remove land from the speculative market and reserve them for future uses such as affordable housing.

In March 2022, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) directed the CEO's office to explore land banking models that would operate at a regional scale. While the county CEO's [report](#) proposes an initial pilot program for the Los Angeles River Master Plan, the office also recommends land banking as a long-term countywide strategy.

The Metro Board of Directors passed a similar [motion](#) in late June authorizing staff to explore the agency's "unique expertise in acquiring, holding and redeveloping land across the region" enabling Metro to partner with the county in the land bank program.

On September 27, 2022, a motion by Supervisor Hahn to study an opt-in model for the County's proposed land bank pilot program and include cities as part of a working group in the development of the interim and long-term land bank program failed on 2-3 vote.

### **CITY CONCERNS**

According to a BOS staff presentation, the county land bank program would not be subject to local land use regulations and zoning requirements.

The program proposes to facilitate the construction of affordable housing within the jurisdictional boundaries of incorporated and independently governed municipalities regardless of existing zoning and land use regulations, which are required in a city's Housing Element.

### **CAL CITIES PARTICIPATES IN MEETING WITH GOVERNOR NEWSOM ON HOMELESSNESS FUNDING**

On Friday, November 18, Cal Cities Executive Director Carolyn Coleman participated in a meeting with Governor Newsom and local government representatives on the Homeless, Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) funding. Below is [Cal Cities press statement](#) on that meeting:

#### **Cities need stable funding and local flexibility to deliver more innovation on homelessness**

*Recent investments are a solid first step — but more state action and funding needed*

**Sacramento** — League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman attended Gov. Gavin Newsom's convening with city, county, and state officials to discuss the latest distribution of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention funding to local governments. Following the meeting, Coleman released the below statement:

"We appreciate the renewed conversation around how all levels of government must come together to address the homelessness crisis in our state. Helping to ensure Californians don't have to live on the streets, under bridges, or in their cars — and providing the supportive services they deserve — is a top priority for city officials throughout the state.

In Friday's convening, city officials shared the work they are doing every day to provide emergency shelters and permanent housing, connect residents to supportive services, and save lives. Cities are making progress with what resources and funding they have, but more is needed.

Supporting homeless and unsheltered Californians is a responsibility shared by the state, cities, and counties. Tougher fiscal times may be in our future so now is not the time to cut back or delay much-needed homelessness funding any longer. Now is the time to double down on long-term investments to address homelessness and support our collective efforts.

We look forward to furthering our partnership with counties and the state to advance practical, data-driven, collaborative, and effective strategies that remove barriers, support all homeless and unhoused residents, and meet our shared goals.”

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALL-CITIES HOLIDAY RECEPTION**

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities is teaming up again with the CA Contract Cities Association and the Independent Cities Association for the All-Cities Holiday reception on **Thursday, December 8 from 6 – 8:30 PM**. This year the event will be held at the City Club LA at the City National Tower in downtown Los Angeles (555 Flower Street, Los Angeles).

No cost for members of the League of California Cities, CA Contract Cities Association, and the Independent Cities Association. \$100 for guests of members. Business attire required. Additional details and registration are [HERE](#).

### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE CAL CITIES NEW MAYORS & COUNCIL MEMBERS ACADEMY**

Join the League of California Cities for three days of educational content and networking at the 2023 New Mayors and Council Members Academy. There are two options for this year's academy: One in Sacramento, Jan. 18-20, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento, and the other in Universal City, Feb. 1-3, 2023, at the Sheraton Universal Hotel.

Designed for newly elected officials and veterans wanting a refresher course, this academy provides you with an introduction to the services of the League of California Cities, offers a basic legal and practical framework in which city officials operate, and fosters relationships with fellow elected officials. The opportunity for city leaders to learn from and network with each other provides invaluable support.

The academy will touch on current topics of importance to newly elected mayors and council members, including diversity, relationships between city council and city management, city planning, effective advocacy, financial responsibilities, and more.

Opportunities for elected officials to complete state-mandated AB 1234 ethics training and AB1661 sexual harassment prevention training will be offered and included in your registration fee. Additional details and registration for these events are [HERE](#).