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Date: April 28, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Carlyle S. Workman, Public Works Manager

Subject: **Measure R Fund Funding Agreements between the City of Lancaster and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority SR-138 (SR-14) Capacity Enhancement Projects**

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to approve and sign all Funding Agreements and any other documents pertaining to the implementation and payment of funds for all Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Measure R funded SR-138 (SR-14) Capacity Enhancement projects.

Fiscal Impact:

\$65 Million; 95% of expenditures reimbursed quarterly with 5% retainage released upon completion of scope of work and final audit of expenditures. Sufficient funds are available in Capital Improvements Budget Accounts Nos. 210-15BR004-924, 210-15BR005-924, 210-15BR006-924, and 210-15BR007-924 for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.

Background:

The March 2012, California Transportation Commission's (CTC) adoption of the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) provided an additional \$82.2 million to fund the SR-138 widening from Pearblossom Highway to SR-18. As a result, Measure R funds can fund additional projects that can enhance capacity in other locations along the SR-138 corridor.

LACMTA staff has been working with the North County Transportation Coalition (NCTC), consisting of the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, the County of Los Angeles and the City of Santa Clarita to evaluate and develop a priority list of projects on the SR-138 corridor following LACMTA Board's eligibility requirements for highway operational improvements.

At its June 28, 2012 meeting, LACMTA Board approved a motion to include the SR-138 Capacity Enhancements as a subregional "equity" fund.

At its September 19, 2012 meeting, LACMTA Board approved additional SR-138 project list and funding allocations for the Measure R SR-138 Capacity Enhancements. Eleven (11) projects were identified for a cumulative total of \$200 million. This amount is expected to fully fund the projects.

Three (3) of the eleven (11) bridges to receive Measure R funding are in the City of Lancaster and include the interchanges at Avenue J, Avenue K, and Avenue L. In addition, the list includes the Avenue M interchange improvements that fall within the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, and County of Los Angeles; and the Avenue G interchange improvements that fall within the City of Lancaster and County of Los Angeles.

In total, these five (5) bridges have been allocated \$65 million dollars *to fund all phases* of the projects from project initiation documents through construction of interchange improvements as well as local street improvements for up to a mile east and a mile west of the interchanges. Each interchange project is programmed separately and will have separate funding agreements with LACMTA. Distribution of funds is as follows:

Interchange	Total Allocation	Funding Period
Avenue M	\$20 Million	2013 to 2019
Avenue K	\$15 Million	2013 to 2017
Avenue G	\$15 Million	2013 to 2020
Avenue J	\$10 Million	2014 to 2020
Avenue L	\$5 Million	2015 to 2020
Total	\$65 Million	2013 to 2020

This is a one-time only grant of the Measure R Funds programmed over multiple years. Funds are released on a reimbursement basis. LACMTA will withhold 5% of expenditures as retainage pending an audit of expenditures and completion of the scope of work, with the remaining 95% of expenditures reimbursed quarterly.

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