

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AFFIRMING THE BOARD'S SUPPORT FOR THE METRO LONG BEACH-EAST LOS ANGELES CORRIDOR MOBILITY INVESTMENT PLAN (CMIP OR INVESTMENT PLAN)

WHEREAS, the Long Beach-East Los Angeles (LB-ELA) Corridor comprises 18 incorporated cities and three unincorporated communities that are diverse, with unique development and growth histories. Approximately 1.2 million residents (12% of LA County's population) live within the LB-ELA Corridor. Though the Corridor overall is an important economic driver for the region, the benefits and burdens of that historical development have not always been equitably distributed; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021, the Metro Board and Caltrans initiated a more comprehensive approach to re-engaging impacted communities and regional stakeholders along the LB-ELA Corridor to develop a more multimodal, equitable, and sustainable approach to addressing the transportation and community challenges created by the heavy movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the LB-ELA Corridor Task Force (Task Force) was formed for this purpose and included representation from the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, and was supported by a Community Leadership Committee (CLC), comprised of community members from all 18 incorporated cities as well as the unincorporated communities along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors created an Ad-Hoc Task Force Committee of its own members and developed recommendations which were included in the Investment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Metro project team, with input from the Task Force, CLC, and Corridor communities, identified public health as a priority consideration and outcome in developing the Investment Plan; and

WHEREAS, several communities in the project area have historically faced significant health disparities (such as high asthma and cardiovascular disease rates) and experienced disproportionate pollution burdens (such as PM2.5 and Diesel PM emissions) compared with other communities in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has developed an Investment Plan for the Metro Board's consideration to deliver much-needed investment for the communities directly impacted by the movement of people and goods through the I-710 South Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Plan implements projects and programs designed to realize multimodal strategies and reflects the collective vision and aspirations of the communities and stakeholders it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Plan represents the consensus support of Metro stakeholders who live and work along the LB-ELA Corridor; and

WHEREAS, there is no corridor-wide expansion of the I-710 Freeway or displacement in the Investment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Plan hopes to achieve a multidimensional, multimodal investment strategy to improve regional and local mobility and air quality while fostering economic vitality, social equity, environmental sustainability, improved public health, safer travel for all users, and access to opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Plan identifies and funds initial implementation-ready project priorities to prepare for leveraging and implementation; Identifies longer-term project priorities and funds planning / pre-implementation phases leading to leveraging and implementation; plans, develops, identifies, and refines remaining projects, programs, strategic initiatives, and equity needs to advance the corridor's Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles; identifies projects recently funded and seeking funding by other sources; and features 15 Community Programs and 5 Modal Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments as follows:

SECTION 1. All of the recitals above are true and correct and are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

SECTION 2. That the Gateway Cities Council of Governments support the Investment Plan, including the following priorities for the residents and cities of the Gateway Cities subregion, including:

- Five Modal Programs centered around the following modes of transportation: Active Transportation, Arterial Roadways/Complete Streets, Freeway Safety and Interchange Improvements, Goods Movement, and Transit;
- The delivery of projects valued at \$13.6 billion that will be funded through sources *other* than the Corridor's Measure R/M funds, including a series of multimodal transportation projects since initiating the Task Force in

September 2021, from local bicycle lanes to major port infrastructure projects;
and

- An investment of \$743 million in Measure R and M funding dedicated to the LB-ELA Corridor to catalyze more than \$2.46 billion in local, state, and federal investment in priority projects and programs; taken together, the total investment generated from Measures R and M funding is expected to be over \$3.2 billion; and
- The \$743 million in Measure R and M funding includes \$449 million for initial project funding, including \$40 million for community programs, and \$293 million for modal programs; and
- The projects and programs recommended for initial funding as listed in Table 8-2 of the Investment Plan (pages 183-184), which are in various stages of project development, from planning through implementation.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions, and it shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of March, 2024


Ariel Pe, President

ATTEST:


Hector De La Torre, Secretary