



# City of Sierra Madre Agenda Report

*Gene Goss, Mayor*  
*Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem*  
*John Capoccia, Council Member*  
*Denise Delmar, Council Member*  
*John Harabedian, Council Member*

*Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk*  
*Michael Amerio, City Treasurer*

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Elaine I. Aguilar, City Manager *EA*

INITIATED BY: James Carlson, Management Analyst *SC*

REVIEWED BY: Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works

DATE: October 25, 2016

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-65 SUPPORTING MEASURE M  
ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION BALLOT**

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## **SUMMARY**

At the previous City Council meeting, Council Member Capoccia requested that this item be on tonight's agenda. Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution 16-65 supporting ballot Measure M (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax increase) on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

## **ANALYSIS**

### **Background**

On November 4, 2008, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure R, which established a one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax for transportation projects, transit operations, and maintenance. Measure R will sunset on June 30, 2029. The City typically uses these funds for street projects. However, among the regional projects funded by Measure R were initial studies and environmental studies to connect northernmost point of State Route 710 to the southernmost point of the 210 freeway.

Per City Council direction, City staff has participated in discussions regarding the alternative projects to the initial "710 Gap Closure" efforts. Sierra Madre participates in the Connected Cities and Communities, which is comprised of the cities of Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena plus the National Resources Defense Council, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the No 710 Action Committee. Through these and other regional efforts, both the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the Southern California Association of Governments have issued strong opposition to "SR-710 North Project". The proposed ballot Measure M specifically excludes funding for the SR-710 North Project.

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### Revenue Allocation

If approved by the voters, Measure M is anticipated to provide over \$121 billion dollars between 2018 and 2057. Funding would be allocated to the following four subfunds accordingly:

- Transit, Operating and Maintenance – 27%
- Transit, First/Last Mile (Capital) – 37%
- Highway, Active Transportation, Complete Streets (Capital) – 19%
- Local Return/Regional Rail – 17%

Local Return allocations are determined based on each jurisdiction's population and each jurisdiction will be eligible for transportation projects defined by the Local Return Guidelines that will be developed between November 2016 and July 2017. Sierra Madre's allocation is estimated to be \$158,163 per year. This is in addition to Measure R funds, as well as in addition to Prop A and Prop C funds which are also transportation related. When Measure R expires in 2039, an additional one-half percent (.05%) sales tax will be added to Measure M to cover the funding source. Measure M does not have a specified sunset date and will not be terminated until a future vote repeals the tax.

Measure R currently provides the largest share of the City's street rehabilitation funds. Measure M will be roughly the same amount, effectively doubling the funding available for rehabilitation of streets which there is not scheduled public transportation operations. Prop C funds, also from Metro, are limited to specific types of rehabilitation and can only be used on streets traveled by public transportation.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

There are no financial impacts adopting the resolution.

### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCESS

This item has been noticed through the regular agenda notification process. Copies of the report are available via the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), at the City Hall public counter, and the Sierra Madre Public Library.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. The City Council may adopt Resolution 16-65 supporting ballot Measure M (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax increase) on the November 8, 2016.
2. The City Council may choose not to adopt Resolution 16-65 supporting ballot Measure M (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax increase) on the November 8, 2016.
3. The City Council may direct staff to provide additional information.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution 16-65 supporting ballot Measure M (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax increase) on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Attachments (1):

Attachment A: Resolution 16-65

## RESOLUTION NO. 16-65

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA  
MADRE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING BALLOT MEASURE M (LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITY ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX INCREASE) ON THE  
NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION BALLOT**

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2016, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board approved Ordinance #16-01 to authorize a one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax increase and the associated Expenditure Plan that excluded the SR-710 North Project for a sales tax ballot measure (Measure M) to be placed on the November 8, 2016 Election Ballot for consideration by the voters of Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS**, Los Angeles County needs additional funding for regionally significant projects such as the Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Connector to the Metro Gold Line, Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension, and the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure M provides much needed funding to, among other things, ease traffic congestion; expand rail and rapid transit system; repave local streets, repair potholes, make public transportation more accessible, convenient, and affordable for seniors, students and the disabled; earthquake-retrofit bridges; embrace technology and innovation; create jobs, reduce pollution, and generate local economic benefits; and provide accountability and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure M will provide \$29.9 billion for Bus and Rail Operations; \$22.5 billion for Local Street Improvements; \$2.4 billion for State of Good Repair; \$2.4 billion for Programs for Students, Seniors, and the Disabled; \$2.4 billion for Bike and Pedestrian Connections to Transit; and \$1.9 billion for Regional Rail; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure M will provide additional Local Return funding to the City of Sierra Madre through the San Gabriel Valley Subregion for transportation projects within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 20, 2016 the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) voted to remove the SR-710 North Project from the SGVCOG priority list of projects; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2016, the Southern California Association of Governments' Draft 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy identified the SR-710 North Project's Tunnel Alternative as the "worst-case scenario"; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 7, Paragraph H of Ordinance #16-01 states that “No Net Revenues generated from the Sales Tax shall be expended on the State Route 710 North Gap Closure Project,” so no proceeds from Measure M may be used to fund construction of the SR-710 North Project Tunnel Alternative; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has joined the Connected Cities and Communities comprised of the cities of Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena plus the National Resources Defense Council, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and No 710 Action Committee, which has developed the “Beyond the 710 Initiative”, a community-based transportation initiative that attempts to accurately identify the transportation needs of the region to connect people to employment centers, universities, creates more open space, and housing opportunities in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City Sierra Madre supports the proposed Measure M (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One-Half Percent Sales Tax Increase) on the November 8, 2016 Election.

The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

Approved and Adopted on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number No. 16-65 was duly adopted by the Sierra Madre City Council following a roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Gene Goss, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk