Long Range Transportation Plan Update Kick-off

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Overview

BACKGROUND
1. About Metro
2. About Long Range Transportation Plans
3. Metro’s Existing 2009 LRTP

A NEW LRTP
1. Approach to the New LRTP
2. Overall Process
3. The Policy Advisory Council’s Role
4. Questions & Discussion
Metro’s Transportation Responsibilities

- Regional Planner
- Regional Funding Partner
- Regional Designer
- Regional Builder
- Regional Operator

...for Los Angeles County
What is a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)?

- A plan for Los Angeles County to fund, build, manage and operate major transit, highway and active transportation projects
- Forecasts long range needs and funding availability, and plans accordingly
- Minimum 20-year horizon, but the Measure M expenditure plan horizon year is 2057
- Performance-based
- The implemented plan is based on expected revenue (fiscally-constrained)
Transportation planning is a cooperative, performance-driven process by which long and short-range transportation improvement priorities are determined (FHWA and FTA, 2015).

- Plan and program transportation investments comprehensively and thoughtfully using a participatory process.
- Comply with federal and state law requirements.
- Different than SCAG’s Regional Transportation Plan but feeds into it, giving Metro flexibility.
- Understand the availability of resources to address trends, needs and wants and make decisions to prioritize accordingly and strategize to achieve goals.
Overview of the 2009 LRTP, As Amended

- 30-year planning horizon
- A tool for planning and funding capital projects, including Measure R
- Performance criteria emphasized ranking, selecting and prioritizing transportation projects
- Sustainability was a key guiding theme
- Focus was limited to multi-modal improvements within funding constraints
- Does not include recent State of Good Repair requirements
Why Does the LRTP Need an Update?

- Measure M sets the stage for a new, innovative LRTP because of its transformative scope and 40-year horizon
- Measure M established a new baseline from which to plan and program
- Adapt to ongoing population, demographic, employment, economic and fiscal changes
- Address evolving priorities
- Now is the time for Metro to be comprehensive and innovative
Approaches to the Update

• **Modular approach**—flexible and differentiated in recognition that agency staff, external partners and communities have varying levels of interests and responsibilities.

• **Comprehensive approach**—will integrate and strengthen connections between existing plans and programs into the LRTP comprehensively and add new features to fill in gaps or provide for new wants.

• **Dynamic approach**—will deliberately create areas of overlap between standalone modules to reinforce continuous integration and comprehensiveness, while allowing for the plan to address a continuum of timing milestones.
Key LRTP Update Objectives

• Define and support a transportation vision for the region
• Work with our diverse partner communities to do so
• Set critical investment priorities with funds that are still challenged when compared to need
• Conduct the process with analytic discipline and transparency
• Ask the key questions; discover the answers through a methodical and participatory update process
Module 1 – Vision
Module 2 – Introduction
Module 3 – Understanding Needs, Wants and Conditions of:
  – Our Communities
  – Our Partners
  – Our Metro Baseline
Module 4 – Values Framework
  – Goals and Policies
  – Performance Measures
LRTP Serve and Manage Modules

Module 5 – Transportation Network and Management Plan
  – A Plan for Mobility and Access
  – A Plan to Manage and Operate

Module 6 – Implementing the Plan
  – A Plan to Build
  – A Plan to Fund

Module 7 – Evaluation
  – Commitment to Implementation
  – Linked to Measure M Assessment Requirements
  – Ensures a Continuously Reinforcing Plan
Guiding Themes

• Public Engagement and Analytical Rigor
• Equity, Environment and Health
• Resource and Economic Development Considerations
• Innovations and Resiliency
A Modular Continuum

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Vision

Understanding Values Framework

Implementing & Evaluating the Plan Transportation Network & Management Plan

Near Term and... Long Range
And More: A New Strategic Plan

Metro Strategic Plan
Performance Metrics

Vision
Goals
Policies
Priorities

Long Range Transportation Plan
Performance Metrics
Overall Process FY2018 – FY2020

- Finalize work plan
- Determine project scope
- Assign resources
- Study, listen and learn: understanding
- Demonstrate understanding: values framework
- Create and evaluate alternatives
- Prioritize and strategize
- Select preferred plan
- Finalize LRTP and its implementation program
LRTP Update Leadership Team

- Policy Advisory Council
  - Stakeholder Advisors

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  - Project Director

- Subject Matter Experts
  - Topic Advisors

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  - Project Manager

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  - Deputy Project Manager

- Rena Lum
  - Deputy Project Manager

- Module Working Groups
  - Metro & Agency Technical Work

- Liaisons Working Group
  - Senior Leadership Team Liaisons

- Consultants
  - Specialized Expertise & Staff Support
PAC’s Role in the LRTP Update

- Advisory group accountable to the Board of Directors
- Help guide the LRTP Update process by:
  - Identifying, focusing and clarifying topics
  - Providing input on options
  - Suggesting priorities
- Promote public/stakeholder engagement
- PAC and staff roles are different
Discussion & Questions