

# **Lompoc City Council Agenda Item**



**City Council Meeting Date:** April 20, 2010

**TO:** Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** HEARING TO CONSIDER MEASURE "A" LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2010-2011 THROUGH 2014-2015

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council take the following actions:

- A) Hold a Public Hearing and take public input on the Measure "A" Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 through 2014-2015.
- B) Make any necessary changes to Resolution No. 5627(10) and the Measure "A" Local Program of Projects.
- C) Adopt Resolution No. 5627(10), adopting the Measure "A" Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 through 2014-2015.

## **BACKGROUND:**

As a result of the passage of Measure "A" by voters in 2008, local sales taxes throughout Santa Barbara County continued to include a one-half cent portion dedicated to transportation uses. The Measure "A" Transportation Sales Tax succeeds the Measure "D" Transportation Sales Tax, which provided local transportation funding over the past 20 years, and ended in March of 2010. The Measure "A" tax began April 1, 2010, and is to remain in effect for 30 years. Measure "A" expenditures are outlined in the Measure "A" Investment Plan (page 1 including table attached). The Investment Plan is comprised of three primary expenditure components: a North County Program, a South County Program, and the Highway 101 widening from Carpinteria to Santa Barbara. The North and South county programs include a number of named projects and programs as well as a Local Street & Transportation Improvement program. The Local Street and Transportation Improvement funds are allocated to local agencies to expend on uses such as maintaining, improving or constructing roadways, bridges, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities; alternative transportation improvements and programs; the operation of urban forestry and street tree programs; roadway drainage facilities; and a number of other related uses listed in the Measure "A" Ordinance and Investment Plan.

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Each local agency which is allocated Measure "A" funds must hold a public hearing and then adopt a five-year Local Program of Projects annually before such funding will be disbursed. The Local Program of Projects lists the projects, programs, and amounts of funding per fiscal year which the local agency proposes to fund through its share of Measure "A" Local Street & Transportation Improvement funds. Additionally, Measure "A" incorporated a new requirement that had not been a requirement of Measure "D," which provided the City of Lompoc spend at least 15% of its share of Local Street & Transportation Improvement funds on Alternative Transportation Expenditures. Those Alternative Transportation Expenditures must be shown on the Local Program of Projects. Eligible Alternative Transportation Expenditures are listed in the Measure "A" Investment Plan, and include: Maintenance, repair, construction and improvement of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, excluding maintenance of Class 2 bikeway facilities; Safe Routes to School improvements; Reduced transit fares for seniors and the disabled; Bus and rail transit services and facilities; Education and incentives designed to reduce single occupant auto trips.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City of Lompoc's proposed Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 through 2014-2015 is included as Attachment No. 1 to City Resolution No. 5627(10) (attached). As shown in the attached Local Program of Projects, the estimated Measure "A" apportionment for the City of Lompoc, received from SBCAG for FY 2010-2011, is \$1,886,591. The majority of the revenue will be spent on short-term maintenance of existing streets, sidewalks, and street trees. The program also has a small amount programmed for more substantial street upgrades that extend the useful life by 10 years or more (Overlays & Rehabilitation). Those public works projects are advertised and bid for construction by private contractors, and are not performed by the City's Street Maintenance Division. Those overlay and rehabilitation projects are individually brought back to the City Council for approval once the bids are opened, prior to construction.

Historically, Measure D has been the largest revenue source funding salaries and benefits for the Street and Urban Forestry Divisions. Due to that important funding, the General Fund contribution to Street and Urban Forestry Fund remains fixed at a very low level, \$390,518 per year. Staff anticipates Measure A will continue to provide the majority of funding for those important divisions and will help reduce the demands on the General Fund. However, estimated Measure A revenues are down approximately \$330,000 from previous Measure D years. Staff is analyzing the impact of the reduced revenues on these divisions and likely will be proposing reductions in the next budget.

The Santa Barbara County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) known as the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) adopted, and the voters approved, Ordinance No. 5 to implement Measure "A." Section 27 of Ordinance No. 5 stipulates that each local agency receiving Measure "A" revenues "shall annually maintain an expenditure of local discretionary funds for street and road purposes which

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is no less than that reported in the State Controller's Annual Report of Financial Transactions for Streets and Roads for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and adjusted annually by the percentage change in the amount of retail transaction and use tax receipts collected through the imposition of this measure." That expenditure is referred to as the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and the amount reported for the City of Lompoc is \$390,518. Annual certification the City of Lompoc will meet the MOE requirement must be included with the Local Program of Projects and is therefore included in Resolution No. 5627(10). City staff has accounted for the amount of funding necessary to meet the MOE in the current approved FY 2010-2011 City Budget.

**SUMMARY:**

The City of Lompoc proposes to expend its share of Measure "A" Local Street and Transportation Improvement funds for street maintenance and other street-related uses as shown on the attached Program of Projects. Resolution No. 5627(10) adopts this Program of Projects and certifies that the City will expend the required amount of discretionary funding in order to receive Measure "A" funds.

**Kevin P. McCune, P.E.**

**Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer**

**Attachments:**

1. [Resolution No. 5627\(10\)](#)
2. [2010-2011 Through 2014-2015 Five-Year Local Program of Projects](#)
3. [Measure "A" Investment Plan Page 1 including Table](#)

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

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**Larry A. Bean, P.E.**

**Public Works Director**

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**Laurel M. Barcelona**

**City Administrator**