



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2022

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

**FROM: KINDON MEIK, CITY MANAGER
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**SUBJECT: CONSIDER USE OF MEASURE M FUNDS FOR A REGIONAL
BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROJECT**

MEETING

DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2022

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Provide direction on the use of Measure M funds towards a regional broadband connectivity project.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2022, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG) created a task force to research and discuss a regional broadband project that would benefit the five-member cities. As part of that process, it was determined that the South Bay Cities COG initiated a project in 2017 that utilized Measure M monies to develop a fiber optic master plan and then used Measure M funds towards the installation of fiber optic cable connecting the fifteen cities in that region. Based on this model, the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG will consider the use of Measure M monies to implement a similar broadband project at its October 18, 2022 meeting.

If approved, the project would establish fiber optic connectivity by first connecting each of the cities. This initial build out would enhance public sector communications,

emergency services, public works activities, transportation, and other essential functions of government. Subsequent broadband projects would build off the established fiber optic infrastructure thus benefiting local businesses and residents with increased bandwidth and internet connectivity (see p. 17 in the Digital Infrastructure Design Proposal submitted by Magellan Advisors). The initial broadband infrastructure connecting participating cities will be critical for future technology applications in both the public and private sectors.

REQUESTED ACTION:

The anticipated cost of the regional broadband initiative is between \$11,000,000 to \$12,000,000. Total cost of the project will be determined during the design phase and will take into account city participation, existing infrastructure, and other variables. Measure M funds are expected to cover the cost of the project in its entirety. As its contribution, Calabasas would allocate up to \$4,000,000 in Measure M funds currently designated for the Mulholland Highway Phase II project. The City would request Measure M funds be designated towards the Mulholland Highway Phase II work during future funding cycles.

At this time, staff requests direction from the Council on the use of Measure M funds for the regional broadband project.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The City currently has \$16,000,000 in Measure M funds allocated for the Mulholland Highway Phase II project. Up to \$4,000,000 of that total amount would be re-allocated to the regional broadband initiative. General Fund monies would not be used on planning or construction phases of the fiber optic project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Proposed map of broadband project

Attachment B: Digital Infrastructure Design Proposal submitted by Magellan Advisors