

Subject	SR4 East Widening: Somersville to SR160 – Appropriation of Measure J Funds
Summary of Issues	<p>The “Policy to Advance Measure J Projects” requires the Authority and the sponsor to enter into a cooperative agreement, prior to commencement of the project phase being advanced. Since the Authority is the project sponsor and implementing agency for the SR4 East widening project (between Somersville to SR160), a cooperative agreement is not applicable. However, a resolution needs to be in place to track advanced Measure J funds for the project and carry out the Authority’s policy to repay the advance and any associated costs from the “SR4 East Widening” category in Measure J.</p> <p>Resolution 07-08-PJ would appropriate \$24.8 million for project development (environmental clearance and design) and right-of-way clearance activities for the project.</p>
Recommendations	Staff recommends approval of Resolution 07-08-PJ appropriating \$24.8 million for project development and right-of-way activities for the SR4 East Widening project from Somersville to SR160.
Financial Implications	Measure J expenditure plan sets aside \$125 million under the “SR4 East Widening” funding category. Sufficient funding is expected to be programmed in the Measure J Strategic Plan to accommodate the \$24.8 million request.
Options	The Authority could defer any action pending further deliberations.
Attachments (See APC Packet dated 6/7/07)	A. Resolution #07-08-PJ
Changes from Committee	<i>None</i>

Background

The Authority is using a mix of Measure C (\$15.4M) and federal earmarks (\$1.6M) to complete the design on State Route 4 (east) widening from Somersville to State Route 160. In addition, staff will be seeking allocation of STIP funds (\$10M) and RM2 funds for right-of-way clearance activities. These combined sources are however, insufficient to complete the design and right-of-way activities. With the unavailability of other funding sources for the project (including Congestion Mobility Improvement Account which can be used only for construction and ECCRFFA) Measure J advancement is needed to fully fund the design and complete the right of way clearance activities. Staff estimates cashflow needs from Measure J will not exceed \$24.8M over the next two years (FY08 and FY09).

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