



Measure O Bond Oversight Committee

INFORMATION CALENDAR

April 20, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Measure O Bond Oversight Committee
 Submitted by: Igor Tregub, Chairperson, Measure O Bond Oversight Committee
 Subject: FY 2021 Measure O Bond Oversight Committee Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

On March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 69,331-N.S. which placed limitations of the meetings of City legislative bodies, including all boards and commissions. On October 22, the City Manager authorized commissions to meet to adopt a Work Plan. At its February 1, 2021 meeting, the Measure O Bond Oversight Committee (MOBOC) adopted its Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Work Plan (Attachment 1).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On February 1, 2021, the MOBOC adopted the attached work plan through the action detailed below.

Action: M/S/C (Carr/Lustig) to accept the proposed workplan as drafted in the supplemental item from Commissioner Tregub, amended to state that the Commission will advise the Council on affordable housing development funds and funding available on upcoming proposals that could be funded under Tranches 2, 3, or 4 of Measure O dollars.

Vote: Ayes: Calavita, Carr, Costantini, Cutler, Lee-Egan, Lustig, Marthinsen, and Tregub. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Daniels (unapproved).

BACKGROUND

In 2016, the City Council adopted direction to commissioners to submit a work plan annually. The plan for FY20/21 was halted due to the suspension of regular commission meetings due to COVID-19.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable direct environmental sustainability impact associated with the adoption of this work plan. The financing of affordable housing, however, increases the chances of affordable housing being constructed, and, when sited in proximity with transit and amenities, has been found to reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The commission is working on several priorities in alignment with this work plan, and may bring them to the Council for action in the future.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Fiscal impacts will depend on the actions recommended and the Council's decision.

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Attachment 1: FY 2021 Work Plan



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Appendix 1: Measure O Committee Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Work Plan

Committee Charge and Overview

The Measure O Oversight Committee is a newly established advisory body to the Berkeley City Council, subject to the rules and procedures established by the City of Berkeley's Commissioner's Manual (the City uses "commission" broadly to encompass all appointed Council bodies including committees and panels). The role of a commission, including this one, is to advise the City Council. The City Council is responsible for accepting, rejecting, or modifying commission recommendations. The Council must weigh the effect of any given recommendation, not only on the particular area of interest but on all other City goals and programs. Ultimately, it is at the Council's discretion to accept, amend or reject any of this committee's recommendations.

This committee was established by Council in response to the voter adopted Measure O affordable housing bond. The adopted resolution accompanying the measure states that all Measure O related bond expenditures will be subject to oversight by this committee to confirm that Bond expenditures are consistent with the intent of this Measure. Council may seek additional input on funding applications and commitments of Measure O funds at their discretion.

Committee Work Plan

There is not a clear timetable for when regular commission schedules will be re-established. The frequency of meetings will be determined by the conditions the City of Berkeley is experiencing under the pandemic and its emergency proclamation.

The following items are proposed as part of committee's work plan with the caveat above. If conditions improve, there will be more frequent commission meetings, which will help the commission adhere to this workplan.

- I. **Advise the Council on affordable housing development funds and funding availability on upcoming proposals that could be funded under Tranches 2, 3, or 4 of Measure O dollars.** Examples of such projects include:
 - A. Ashby and North Berkeley BART Station Areas and Future Housing Funding Notices of Funding Availabilities (NOFAs)
 - B. NOFA for Berkeley Unified School District Educator Housing

Prioritization justification: Required for budgetary, fund allocation, council-adopted mission statutory reasons (language of 2018 Measure O Bond), and/or request for advisory review by the City Council.

II. Provide oversight and guidance to Council on the funding allocation and utilization of Measure O dollars for projects recommended for funding under Tranche 1 dollars and/or forward-commitments of Tranche 2 dollars. Examples of such projects include:

- A. 1740 San Pablo Avenue – BRIDGE Housing
- B. 2527 San Pablo Avenue – Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)
- C. 2012 Berkeley Way – Berkeley Food & Housing Project (BFHP) / BRIDGE Housing
- D. BFHP Hope Center PSH (2012 Berkeley Way) – BFHP/BRIDGE
- E. BRIDGE Berkeley Way (2012 Berkeley Way) – BRIDGE
- F. Jordan Court (1601 Oxford) – SAHA
- G. Maudelle Miller Shirek Community (2001 Ashby) – Resources for Community Development

Prioritization justification: Required for budgetary, fund allocation, and statutory reasons (language of 2018 Measure O Bond)

III. Respond to outstanding Council referrals to Measure O Committee

- A. Strategic Plan Project – Increase Affordable Housing: Measure O Implementation – Implement plan to expand affordable housing options with Measure O funding as defined by Council
- B. 12/8/20 Referral – Reserve Funds for Affordable Housing in the Adeline Corridor – Set-aside at least an initial allocation of \$50 million of local funds for affordable housing (e.g., Measure O, Measure U1, Measure P, Housing Trust Fund) for the Adeline Corridor, and in particular, for the Ashby BART subarea
- C. Any other referrals that may be approved by the City Council during the course of FY2021.

Prioritization justification: Council-adopted mission and/or request for advisory review by the City Council.