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To: Federal Legislation Committee Members

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.W.*

Subject: **Government Affairs by the Numbers – FY 17**

For your information, a “Government Affairs by the Numbers” report is provided annually as a way to quantify the City’s legislative efforts. Attached are two documents:

- Government Affairs by the Numbers – FY 17
- Overview of State, Federal and County Successes

Funds Long Beach receives for projects, and/or saves from State or federal cuts are the result of collaborative efforts by the Mayor and City Council, the Federal and State Legislation Committees, the City’s legislative advocates DBHK, and Dentons, City staff, and our Long Beach federal and State delegations. Information presented here does not include competitive grant funds that were awarded in FY 17; rather the report reflects dollar amounts the City acquired or protected through legislative advocacy.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs at (562) 570-6506.

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS BY THE NUMBERS

FISCAL YEAR 2017

Federal Issues

East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Army Corps Work Plan Funding FY 17	\$	275,000
East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Army Corps Work Plan Funding FY 18	\$	194,000
TOTAL:	\$	469,000

State Issues

Drafted Amendments to SB 188 (Jackson) Oil Pipelines	\$	8,000,000
SB 1 Statewide Transportation Investment Package	\$	11,000,000*
Amendments to AB 503 (Lackey) Parking Violations Indigent Payment Plan	\$	1,250,000
SB 649 Small Cell Permits (over a period of 10 years for existing permits)	\$	1,360,000
TOTAL:	\$	21,610,000

County Issues

Measure M: Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (Metro) Sales Tax	\$	6,700,000*
Measure A: Los Angeles County Park Bond	\$	1,400,000+
Measure H: Homeless Prevention	\$	2,900,000
TOTAL:	\$	11,000,000+

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 33,079,000+

* To begin FY 18



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

OVERVIEW OF STATE AND FEDERAL SUCCESSES

FISCAL YEAR 2017

Federal Successes

East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study

In FY 17, the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study (Study) received \$275,000 in federal work plan funding for FY 17. The City was also notified that \$194,000 in federal funding will be allocated for the Study in FY 18. During FY 17, the Study reached several significant milestones: 1) the successful onboarding of a hydrodynamic modeling consultant; 2) collection of all outstanding data needed for modeling purposes; 3) cost estimation of individual measures completed; 4) wave modeling completed; 5) hydrodynamic modeling completed; and 6) the reconciliation of the feasibility study schedule. Federal funds were key to achieving these successes and the amount secured for FY 18 will support the continuation of this Study.

State Successes

SB 1 Statewide Transportation Investment Package

In FY 17, the passage of SB 1 created the Roadway Maintenance and Rehabilitation (RMR) Program to address the backlog of maintenance on State and local roadway systems by increasing funding for transportation through a series of gasoline tax and diesel increases and vehicle registration fee increases. Once the new RMR revenue mechanisms are fully in place, the City is projected to receive \$11 million in RMR funding annually and indefinitely in addition to the existing Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) funding. For FY 18 Long Beach is expected to receive \$2.8 million in RMR funding; in addition to the City's existing \$10.7 million HUTA allocation.

SB 649 Telecommunication and Small Cell Siting

In FY 17, the telecommunication and cable industry proposed legislation to eliminate local government's discretionary permitting authority for small cells and cable infrastructure. Historically, Long Beach has used our local land use authorities to ensure telecommunications equipment deployed in the City meets the aesthetic standards of our communities. SB 649 proposed to define "small cells" as equipment up to 21 cubic feet, much larger than equipment currently permitted in the City, and cap annual fees at \$250; Long Beach currently charges a one-time application fee of \$5,000 and an annual fee of \$1,500 per small cell. In effect, SB 649 would have significantly reduced operational costs for the telecommunications industry, while deregulating deployment of equipment. The City formed a coalition of local government entities to oppose this bill, as well as provided neighborhood groups, the California Film Commission and other stakeholders with information that could be used through their advocacy networks. Ultimately, the Governor vetoed SB 649.

Amendments to SB 188 (Jackson) Oil Pipelines

In FY 17, SB 188 initially sought to prohibit the State Lands Commission and local trustees of granted public trust lands from entering into any new lease, lease renewal, or other conveyance, extension, or modification that authorizes a lessee to engage in new or additional exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas. This bill had the potential to compromise the City's oil operations. Without amendments drafted by the City to exempt State water drilling, the bill had the potential to cost current oil operations \$8 million in net present value (NPV). While the City's amendments were accepted by the author of the bill to protect Long Beach's interests, the legislation ultimately failed to advance at the end of the legislative session.

Amendments to AB 503 (Lackey) Parking Violations Indigent Payment Plan

In FY 17, AB 503 initially sought to prohibit local government from filing with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for an itemization of unpaid parking penalties and service fees for collection with the registration of a vehicle until the agency provided an indigent payment plan that would reduce all owed fees by 80 percent. The bill would have enabled outstanding parking citations to qualify as indigent so long as they self-declared under penalty of perjury. Through a series of proposed amendments from major cities including Long Beach, San Francisco, and San Diego, the City of Long Beach was able to secure amendments if were not included, would have cost Long Beach approximately \$1.25 million in lost revenue from parking collection fees and annual administrative costs. The Governor signed this bill into law as Chapter 741, Statutes of 2017.

County Successes

Measure M: Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan

In FY 17, voters approved Measure M. Measure M imposes a new half-cent sales tax and will extend indefinitely the half-cent sales tax imposed by Measure R that was originally set to sunset 2039. Beginning in FY 18, the City of Long Beach is projected to receive approximately \$6.7 million in Local Return revenues per year for funding streets and roads improvement, storm drains, Green Streets, Active Transportation Projects, Complete Streets, and public transit access to recreational facilities from Measure M. In addition to Local Return investment projects, Long Beach Transit expects to receive up to \$9 million in additional annual bus operational revenues from the Funding Allocation Plan. Beyond Local Return projects, there is the potential for Metro to invest more Measure M revenues into Long Beach for the following projects: (1) Shoemaker Bridge in 2026; (2) Wardlow Grade Separation; and (3) a feasibility study for purposes of connecting the Blue Line to the Green Line.

Measure A: Los Angeles County Park Bond

In FY 17, voters approved the countywide parks funding measure, Measure A. Measure A is a one-and-a half cents per square foot parcel tax on developed property in which funding is used to protect and maintain local neighborhoods, city and county parks, outdoor areas, beaches, rivers, watersheds, and local water resources. Measure A is expected to raise \$94 million annually for the County of Los Angeles and is meant to replace funding under Proposition A which is set to expire in 2019. In FY 17, \$1.4 million is expected to be distributed to Long Beach for critical rehabilitation of existing public infrastructure projects identified in the 2016 Need Assessment of 5 planning areas: (1) West Long Beach, (2) East Long Beach, (3) North Long Beach, (4) Central Long Beach, and (5) South Long Beach. These funds are in addition to annual \$347,000 for maintenance and service on any previous Proposition A project or new park.

Measure H: Homeless Prevention

In FY 17, voters approved Measure H in March 2017. Measure H is a ¼ cent sales tax that sunsets in 2027. Measure H funds will be used to address homelessness in a coordinated effort and in support of County departments. The City of Long Beach is formally recognized as a local Continuum of Care by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which made Long Beach uniquely qualified to receive direct Measure H allocations. The allocations are based on the recommendations of the Measure H Revenue Committee and can only be used in furtherance of five specific Measure H Strategies. A direct allocation of \$1.8 million has been made for FY 17 for the key strategies and an allocation of \$2.6 million is expected in FY 18. The five key strategies for which Long Beach has received funding are: (1) Homeless prevention for single adults; (2) Rapid rehousing; (3) Housing location and navigation through the Coordinated Entry System; (4) Outreach services; and (5) Enhancing the emergency shelter system. In contrast to Long Beach's direct allocation of funding, all other non-continuum of care cities were allocated \$2 million to share countywide.