



CITY OF POMONA

COUNCIL REPORT

August 3, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Meg McWade, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE “EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUSTAINABLE MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT”

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Pomona and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvements Project (SMIP) for Capital Improvement Project (CIP), “Transit Improvement Program – Gold Line,” FD428 CIP Project Fund | CC2590 CIP | Worktag: Project 68559 in the amount of \$2,200,000 for a total agreement amount of \$3,800,000; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 and related documents, and any additional amendments, cooperative agreements, or related documents needed to complete this project within funding limits established in the FY 2026-27 CIP Budget, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Approval of the proposed action will amend the existing MOA between the City and the SGVCOG for SMIP Phase 1 improvements within the City of Pomona (City). Amendment No. 1 updates the Project Scope of Work and Funding Allocation to include additional City-requested improvements along Arrow Highway, including full pavement rehabilitation, median modifications, and supplemental traffic analysis services. The amendment also revises the funding plan and clarifies the respective responsibilities of the City and SGVCOG related to project funding, reimbursement eligibility, and construction implementation.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Amendment No. 1 will authorize SGVCOG to contribute up to \$12,305,000 in secured regional, state, and grant funding sources toward eligible Phase 1 project costs, including Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Cycle 2 and 3 funds, Metro Active Transportation funds, and Congestion Relief Program (CRP) funding.

Funding for the City’s contribution of a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,800,000, of the over \$16M project, was adopted as part of the FY 2026-27 CIP Budget Capital Improvement Project (CIP), “Transit Improvement Program – Gold Line,” FD428 CIP Project Fund | CC2590 CIP | Worktag: Project 68559 in the amount of \$2,200,000.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On February 27, 2023, the City Council approved an exchange of \$4,200,000 in Proposition A Local Return Funds for \$3,150,000 in Foothill Transit General Funds to support the City’s matching obligations associated with the SMIP Phase 1 Project.

On November 6, 2023, Council approved a MOA between the City and the SGVCOG to allocate \$595,000 of funds received from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA/METRO) through the Measure M MSP, as well as, up to \$1,600,000 of the City’s General Purpose (Prop A Exchange) Funds for “Transit Improvement Program, Gold Line,” Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68559.

On September 8, 2025, City Council discussed potential Class 4 Bike Path alternatives along Arrow Highway and North Garey Avenue regarding easements and parking between Fair Avenue and Lordsburg Court (First/Last Mile Improvements).

On November 12, 2025, City Council had a follow-up discussion regarding Class 4 Bike Path on Arrow Highway related to light rail “A” (Gold) Line and First Last Mile Improvements and gave direction to move forward with Alternative 4 (bike lane on south side of street preserving parking where possible) which requires up to an additional \$2.2 Million in City contribution to project.

DISCUSSION:

The SMIP is a regional partnership between the Cities of Pomona, Claremont, Azusa, Covina, La Verne, and San Dimas under the leadership of the SGVCOG.

The SMIP provides First/Last Mile transportation improvements and active transportation enhancements intended to improve connectivity to Metro rail stations, employment centers, schools, and recreational destinations throughout the eastern San Gabriel Valley.

Within the City of Pomona, the SMIP Phase 1 improvements have been subject to a robust community engagement and City Council review process. The project includes multimodal corridor improvements along Arrow Highway and adjacent corridors. Proposed improvements include pavement rehabilitation, bicycle infrastructure, ADA-compliant access improvements, pedestrian enhancements, traffic safety improvements, landscaping, and related transportation infrastructure.

Based on prior City Council approvals, SGVCOG and City Staff have prepared Amendment No. 1 to revise the original MOA in order to:

- Update the Scope of Work to include additional City-requested improvements and design services including paving of Arrow Highway along with the bike lane;
- Revise the project Funding Allocation and expenditure plan;
- Clarify the parties' respective funding obligations and cost responsibilities; and
- Establish updated provisions related to funding availability, reimbursement eligibility, and construction implementation.

Approval of Amendment No. 1 will allow SGVCOG to continue advancing project design, environmental clearance, plans/specifications/estimates and future construction activities for the City's SMIP Phase 1 improvements, in coordination with the participating partner agencies. As mentioned previously, the City's full contribution to this project has been budgeted in the amount of \$3.8M and no additional appropriation is required from the City for the approximately \$16M Project. The goal is to complete this project in advance of the Summer 2028 Olympics.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment No. 1 – Amendment No. 1 to MOA with SGVCOG