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Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Restoration Projects Additional Funding Request

Measure M2 includes a program to deliver comprehensive mitigation for the environmental impacts of freeway projects in exchange for streamlined project approvals from the state and federal wildlife agencies. On a parallel path, the Orange County Transportation Authority has developed a similar approach to work with the State Water Resources Control Board and the United States Army Corps of Engineers regarding state and federal clean water permitting requirements to facilitate expedited implementation of the Measure M2 freeway projects. A request for funding authorization to advance the streamlined permitting process is submitted for Board of Directors consideration and approval.

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an amount up to \$805,000 to fund the expedited clean water permitting requirements.
- B. Authorize staff to amend the fiscal year 2017-18 budget to include the recommended funding amount.