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MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT (CMAQ) / SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP)
PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Review and update project schedules.

DISCUSSION:

Under federal law, Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds apportioned to California lapse if they are not used within three years. California apportions CMAQ and part of the STP program to counties with the apportioned portion of the STP still referred to as Regional STP. AB 1012, which became law in October 1999, applies the three-year lapsing rule to CMAQ and STP funds in each county. It is important for VCTC to have an accurate schedule of STP and CMAQ projects to ensure that our county does not lose funds. VCTC also uses this project schedule to ensure that the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) includes all of the projects which are ready-to-go. VCTC provides this information to Caltrans which uses it to manage the state's Obligation Authority (OA).

Attached is the schedule of upcoming CMAQ/STP projects showing, in particular, the anticipated Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016/17 schedule. This schedule was updated by TTAC this past April. It should be noted that the Federal Fiscal Year is defined as the period from October 1st to September 30th, and the obligation date is defined as the date that the federal government issues the authorization for a project phase to proceed.

At this time there appears to be no problem with funds lapsing for Federal Fiscal Year 2016/17. There are also sufficient CMAQ projects in the pipeline to obligate the required funds in FFY 2017/18. VCTC anticipates that the environmental work on the Route 101 project will require obligation of several million in additional funds in FFY 2017/18; however, that amount will be insufficient to obligate the required STP funds in next year so VCTC will need to look to "loaning" apportionment to another county, thus resetting the deadline for those funds.