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TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

• Review and update project schedules.

DISCUSSION:

Under federal law, STP and CMAQ funds apportioned to California lapse if they are not used within three years. 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 and to manage the county's Obligational Authority (OA). (TRANSCOM only reviews the status of CMAQ projects since VCTC has not programmed any STP for transit projects.)

Attached is a draft schedule of upcoming CMAQ projects showing in particular the anticipated Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016/17 schedule. Staff requests the agencies with CMAQ projects inform staff regarding whether the anticipated obligation date for projects shown in FFY 2016/17 is correct. For transit projects that are administered by FTA, the "Planned Obligation" column should contain the date that funds are expected to be transferred to FTA for inclusion in a grant