DATE: **APRIL 20, 2017**

MEMO TO: **TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

FROM: **PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT: **STATUS OF FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CMAQ) / SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBP) PROJECTS**

RECOMMENDATION:

- Review and update project schedules.

DISCUSSION:

Under federal law, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)[1] Program and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funds apportioned to California lapse if they are not used within three years. California apportions CMAQ and part of the STBG program to counties with the apportioned portion of the STBG still referred to as Regional STP. AB 1012, which became law in October 1999, applies the three-year lapsing rule to CMAQ and STBG funds in each county. It is important for VCTC to have an accurate schedule of STBG 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 Obligational Authority (OA).

Attached is the schedule of upcoming CMAQ/STBG projects showing, in particular, the anticipated Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016/17 schedule. This schedule was updated by TTAC this past October. Since there was no March TTAC meeting, staff emailed Committee members requesting updated information. Attached for the Committee's review are the resulting updated CMAQ and STP project schedule tables. Staff requests that agencies with CMAQ or STBG projects inform staff regarding whether the anticipated obligation dates for transit projects shown in FFY 2016/17 remain correct. 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.

---

[1] Formerly Surface Transportation Program (STP)