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MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMIN DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

DISCUSSION:

At the November meeting the Committee expressed interest in scheduling a discussion of the Cap-and-Trade program, which this past year was extended through 2030 by the passage of AB 398 (E. Garcia).

Staff has prepared the attached table showing the significant transportation-related programs that are funded through Cap-and-Trade.

Three of the categories shown, the Low-Carbon Transit Operations, High-Speed Rail, and Transit and Intercity Rail Capital, are only for transit projects. The Low-Carbon Transportation program provides capital funds primarily for zero emission vehicle technology, both for transit vehicles and other vehicle types. Details on the various Low-Carbon Transportation program categories can be found at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>.

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program provides funds on a competitive basis primarily for projects that involve affordable housing. Funds can also be used for improving transportation connections between housing and transit, although typically the only projects funded focus on the construction of affordable housing. Priority is given to projects in Disadvantaged Communities as defined by the Air Resources Board, with the currently-defined Ventura County areas being downtown, southern, and eastern Oxnard, and downtown and western Ventura. Thirty-five percent of the funds are earmarked for Transit-Oriented Development which to qualify must be located near a fixed-guideway transit line such as a rail line or busway, with peak hour headways no greater than fifteen minutes, and seven day per week service, and staff is aware of no location in this county that would qualify for a Transit-Oriented Development. The latest version of the guidelines for this program can be found at http://sgc.ca.gov/Grant-Programs/AHSCResources/AHSC_16-17_Guidelines_2017-10-24.pdf.