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MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

 Recommend approval to program \$1,255,000 of Proposition 1B Transit Capital Funds to purchase Replacement Paratransit Vehicles for Gold Coast Transit.

BACKGROUND:

Proposition 1B, approved by the voters in 2006, includes \$3.6 billion statewide for transit capital projects, to be distributed to transit operators and regional agencies by formula. The Ventura County Transportation Commission's (VCTC) total apportionment is approximately \$39.5 million. Much of this funding was programmed through recommendations from the VCTC Transit Investment Study and the selection criteria recommended by the study. To date, Proposition 1B Transit grants have funded approximately \$3.8 million in rail and rail station improvements and \$35.7 million in bus, paratransit, and transportation facility projects.

At the October 5, 2012 meeting, the VCTC reserved \$13,890,000 for future bus replacement projects and the construction phase of the Gold Coast Transit facility. This reserve list included \$2,630,000 to purchase 24 paratransit vehicles for Gold Coast Transit. Of this amount, Gold Coast Transit has submitted allocation requests for Phases 1 and 2 of the project totaling \$1,341,667, leaving \$1,288,333 for future replacement paratransit vehicle purchases. All of the other projects on the reserve list have been programmed.

DISCUSSION:

Recently, Gold Coast Transit informed staff that they are ready to purchase the remaining paratransit vehicles on the reserve list. The remaining balance of Ventura County's share of Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Program (PTMISEA) funds is \$1,255,000 which is \$33,333 lower than staff's previous estimate. Therefore, it is recommended that TRANSCOM recommend VCTC approve programming the remaining \$1,255,000 Proposition 1B Transit Capital funds, depleting Ventura County's portion of the Proposition1B Transit Capital Program, and offset Gold Coast Transit's \$33,333 project balance by using 5307 carryover funds as shown on the Program of Projects (POP), described in another item in this agenda.