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MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

RECOMMENDATION:

- Review and update project schedules.

DISCUSSION:

Under federal law, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds apportioned to California lapse if they are not used within three years. California apportions some of these funds to counties with the STBG funds thus distributed called Regional Surface Transportation Program (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 are the schedules of upcoming CMAQ/STP projects showing, in particular, the anticipated Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017/18 schedules. These schedules were updated by TTAC this past November. Staff requests that agencies with CMAQ or STP projects inform staff regarding the statuses of these projects and in particular whether the anticipated obligation dates shown in FFY 2017/18 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. Caltrans requires complete project authorization requests to be submitted no later than June to be obligated during the current fiscal year.