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DATE: **OCTOBER 12, 2017**

MEMO TO: **TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)**

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SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON SENATE BILL 1 – IMPLEMENTATION**

RECOMMENDATION:

- Information Only

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The Road Repair and Accountability ACT (Senate Bill 1) will provide more than $760 million annually in new funding for transit projects statewide. Senate Bill 1 funds will support the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), the State Transit Assistance (STA) Program (including the State of Good Repair Program), and the Commuter Rail and Intercity Rail Program. It should also be noted that SB 862 "Cap and Trade" also provides funding for transit projects under the TIRCP program and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP).

Transit Apportionments Including State of Good Repair (SGR)

SB 1 provides for both an increase in the STA apportionments which based on the STA rules can be used for transit capital and operations, as well as a new State of Good Repair set-aside with funds also apportioned using the STA formula. Caltrans has just released draft guidelines for the SGR funds which can be used as follows:

- Transit capital projects or services to maintain or repair a transit operator's existing transit vehicle fleet or transit facilities, including the rehabilitation or modernization of the existing vehicles or facilities.
- The design, acquisition and construction of new vehicles or facilities that improve existing transit services.
- Transit services that complement local efforts for repair and improvement of local transportation infrastructure.

These funds are distributed to the transit operators based on the STA formula. Based on the provisions of AB 1113 which passed this year, the STA transit operator apportionment will include all operators that are eligible to receive TDA Article 8 funds, which in Ventura County is expected to include Gold Coast, Metrolink, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Camarillo. The estimated SGR apportionments are anticipated to be available at the end of October. One important provision of the draft guidelines is that transit operators must provide a list of FY 17/18 projects by January 19, 2018, with a board resolution approving the list. The list does not need to be constrained to the apportionment, but must show costs at least as much as the apportionment. Should an agency miss this deadline, it will permanently lose part of its apportionment. Caltrans must approve the eligibility of the projects on the list, and the list can be amended in the future, subject to Caltrans approval.

The draft SGR guidelines are posted at http://www.dot.ca.gov/drmt/spstasgr.html.

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)

As stated last month, the TIRCP draft guidelines have been posted at:
http://calsta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2017/08/TIRCP-2018-Formal-Draft-Guidelines.pdf

Applications for this program are proposed to be due January 12, 2018. As mentioned on this month's VCTC agenda as well as the VCTC/Port of Hueneme Joint Meeting agenda, VCTC has been in discussions with LOSSAN regarding a possible application for the Leesdale Siding Extension between Oxnard and Camarillo. As was discussed at the last TRANSCOM meeting, there could be other applications submitted by Ventura County transit operators.