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MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: APPROVE 2016/17 FINAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve the final Program of Projects (POP) for federal transit operating, planning and capital assistance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that the public be provided an opportunity to review transit projects proposed to be funded with federal dollars. As the designated recipient of federal transit funds, the VCTC is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a POP which lists projects to be funded with federal funds in each of the urban areas of Ventura County. Since 2003, VCTC has prepared the POP using separate programs for the Oxnard/Ventura, Thousand Oaks/Moorpark, and Camarillo urbanized areas, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Later, VCTC also began to prepare the POP for Simi Valley based on a decision by Caltrans to delegate to VCTC the Designated Recipient status for Simi Valley.

The proposed FY 2016/17 POP was put together using the same methodology that was first developed for the FY 2003/04 POP, to provide a distribution of revenues and expenses between the four urbanized areas in the County. A draft of this POP was reviewed and approved by TRANSCOM at its May, 2016 meeting, and by the VCTC on June 3, 2016.

DISCUSSION

The attached Program of Projects table shows the recommended projects for each of the urbanized areas. The most significant change from the draft is that the capital funds to be provided in lieu of a portion of VCTC's FY 2017/18 Metrolink operations share are now programmed for Preventive Maintenance rather than Capital Rehabilitation. As discussed in another item of this agenda, by programming funds to Preventive Maintenance starting in FY 2017/18, VCTC will facilitate SCRRA's ability to continue accessing other non-federal revenues that can go towards operations in place of a portion of VCTC's member agency share.

There is also an item in the agenda programming the remaining of the reserved Proposition 1B Transit Capital funds. However, since the final apportionment of those funds to Ventura County is \$33,333 less than estimated, the final project for Gold Coast Transit is \$33,333 less than VCTC has previously committed. However, due to prior-year 5307 apportionments being slightly higher than anticipated, there is a carryover of 5307 funds, so to offset the \$33,333 Proposition 1B shortfall for Gold Coast, the Gold Coast Preventive Maintenance line item in the FY 2016/17 POP has been increased by \$33,333.

The final POP also includes the \$2,500,000 in new CMAQ projects which were approved by TRANSCOM at the last meeting. In addition, at the request of Camarillo, that city's Transit Planning line item was increased to \$85,000.

Subsequent to the TRANSCOM meeting, staff will publish the POP for public notice, and will present the POP to the VCTC for Public Hearing and approval at the October 7th meeting.