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MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE CALTRANS CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR FTA SECTION 5310 SMALL URBAN AND RURAL FUNDS FOR ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

RECOMMENDATION:

- Information only.

BACKGROUND:

As reported at the March TRANSCOM meeting, Caltrans announced a call for projects for Small Urban and Rural Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funds. In Ventura County, projects serving Camarillo, Simi Valley, Santa Paula, Fillmore, and the rural portions of the unincorporated areas are eligible to receive these funds. The program provides capital and operating assistance grants for projects that meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities

DISCUSSION:

Separate applications are required for 1) Operations and Mobility Management Projects and 2) Vehicle Purchase Projects. These two categories of projects also have separate project selection processes.

- 1) **Operations and Mobility Management Project Applications:** Caltrans is responsible for scoring Operations and Mobility Management Project applications. Five (5) applications have been submitted in this category. They are summarized in the table below:

Name of Organization	Type of Project	FTA and TDC Funds Requested
City of Camarillo	Operating Assistance	\$258,000
County of Ventura Health Services Agency	Operating Assistance	\$ 75,000
Gold Coast Transit District	Operating Assistance	\$304,000
One Step A La Vez	Mobility Management	\$164,000
Ventura Transit System	Operating Assistance	\$207,920

- 2) **Vehicle Purchase Project Applications:** The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is responsible for reviewing, scoring, and developing a prioritized list of projects for applications which are requesting funds to purchase vehicles. Only one project was submitted from Ventura County in this category. Ventura Transit Service Inc. submitted an application requesting \$392,000 to purchase eight wheel chair accessible vans.

After further review with Caltrans staff, it was determined that the Ventura Transit Service Inc. project was ineligible to receive the funds under the current 5310 Program guidelines, because the application was submitted under the “Traditional 5310 Program” for which private for-profit companies are ineligible.

NEXT STEPS:

The Statewide Review Committee (SRC) will develop a prioritized list of 5310 projects. Caltrans will then determine the cutoff point (score) for funding, hold a public hearing, and forward the final list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for final review and award.