



**VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (VCTC)
TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)**

**THURSDAY, January 13, 2011, 1:30 P.M.
Camarillo City Hall
Camarillo**

- Item #1** CALL TO ORDER
- Item #2** INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Item #3** PUBLIC COMMENTS
- Item #4** PROPOSITION 1B PROGRAM
- Item #5** WORKSHOP: REGIONAL TRANSIT STUDY
 - a. Overview of Today's Meeting
 - b. Status of Study - Key Findings to Date
 - c. Discussion: Priorities for a Future System
 - d. Next Steps - Main Areas of Focus
- Item #6** ADJOURN



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MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 1B PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

- Revise previously-approved Proposition 1B Transit Capital program (Attachment) to delete \$1,000,000 the Gold Coast Transit Facility Remodel, delete the \$500,000 Ojai Facility Improvement, reduce the Metrolink Track Rehabilitation project by \$709,972, and add \$1,443,552 for the Metrolink Car Purchase.
- Reprogram the unexpended Proposition 1B Transit Capital balance of approximately \$230,000 for the Coordinated Paratransit Information System project to the Metrolink Car Purchase.
- Program VCTC's \$709,972 Proposition 1B Safety and Security Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/11 apportionment for the Metrolink Grade Crossings Rehabilitation project.

DISCUSSION:

Proposition 1B Transit Capital Funds Status

Proposition 1B, approved by the voters in 2006, includes \$3.6 billion for transit capital projects, to be distributed to transit operators and regional agencies by formula. The Transit Investment Study completed by VCTC developed a list of projects to be funded by the Proposition 1B Capital Account, as well as a methodology for prioritizing additional projects. At the March, 2010 meeting, TRANSCOM approved a list of \$10,042,300 of transit capital projects for Proposition 1B funding. This list was approved at the March Commission meeting, and was revised at the September meeting to contain \$8,998,750 of projects based on the latest project readiness information and to fully utilize an unexpended FTA CMAQ grant balance. Staff has now been informed that the most recent State General Obligation bond sale contains \$8,232,330 in revenue that is available for VCTC projects, based on VCTC's unobligated FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09 apportionments. These funds are only available to VCTC if claimed now; otherwise VCTC must await future bond sales, if successful, to receive funds.

Staff has now been informed of two additional projects that are not ready to go, namely the \$500,000 for the Ojai Facility Improvement, which Ojai intends to pursue in a future year, and the \$1,000,000 for the Gold Coast Facility Remodel, the funding for which Ojai intends to use in the future for its new facility. As a result, VCTC has \$7,498,750 in ready-to-go projects on its approved list, \$733,580 less than the currently-available funds. If not claimed now, there is a chance VCTC would not receive these funds in the future if the State is not successful in future bond sales. In addition, by law VCTC has until May 1st to identify ready-go-go projects to use these funds, or else the funds will be permanently removed from VCTC's apportionment.

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VCTC has completed work on one previously-programmed Proposition 1B project, the Coordinated Paratransit Information System. It appears that the project will have an unexpended balance of approximately \$230,000, which is available to reprogram.

Proposition 1B Transit Safety and Security Funds Status

Proposition 1B also includes \$1 billion in funds for transit safety and security projects, which are distributed to transit operators and regional agencies by formula. VCTC has received payment for all of the prior-year apportionments from this funding category, but an additional \$709,972 is now available for FY 2010/11.

Metrolink Car Purchase

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) has recently exercised an option to purchase additional rail cars from its contract for safety-enhanced coaches, and discussions are underway to replace large numbers of the existing Metrolink fleet, potentially leading to multi-million dollar costs for the SCRRA member agencies. In view of this potential large countywide liability, staff believes it is prudent at this time to program the available funds for this project, including the \$733,580 balance of Proposition 1B Transit Capital funds, the \$709,972 in Proposition 1B Safety FY 2010/11 Safety and Security funds, and the approximately \$230,000 Proposition 1B balance from the Coordinated Paratransit Information System. Since the only ready-to-go portion of the Car Purchase is the already-approved contract option, the project can only be eligible for the Proposition 1B Transit Capital Funds, since the Proposition 1B Safety and Security program requires approval of a Letter of No Prejudice prior to contract award. Therefore, staff recommends a swap in which \$709,972 of Proposition 1B Transit Capital funding previously programmed for Metrolink Track Rehabilitation will be used instead for the Metrolink Car Purchase, and the \$709,972 of Proposition 1B Safety and Security funds will be used instead for a Metrolink Grade Crossing Rehabilitation project which will qualify for the funds, thus keeping "whole" the Metrolink rehabilitation amount.

ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSTION 1B TRANSIT PROJECTS

Project Description	Recommended Funds	Responsible Agency
Metrolink Track Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000 \$290,028	SCRRA
Metrolink Sealed Corridor	\$500,000	SCRRA
Metrolink Car Purchase	\$1,443,552	SCRRA
Transit Center Expansion	\$1,250,000	T.O.Transit
Operations Center Bus Parking	\$150,000	T.O.Transit
Purchase 2 Replacement buses	\$571,601	T.O.Transit
Portable Lift and Shelter	\$65,000	T.O.Transit
CNG Storage Expansion	\$75,000	T.O.Transit
Contribution to SVT CNG Facility	\$250,000	Moorpark
VISTA Particulate Traps	\$90,000	VCTC
Automatic Stop Annunciators	\$500,000	Gold Coast
Facility Remodel	\$1,000,000	Gold Coast
ADA Call Back System	\$70,000	Gold Coast
Operator Training and Performance Monitoring System	\$250,000	Gold Coast
CNG Fueling Facility	\$1,017,149	Simi Valley
Purchase 3 Replacement Buses	\$1,410,000	Simi Valley
Three Dial-a-Ride Vehicles	\$300,000	Camarillo
Maintenance Facility Improvement	\$500,000	Ojai
TOTAL:	\$8,998,750 \$8,232,330	