



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

Thursday, August 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

**Camarillo City Hall, Administrative Conference Room
601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, CA**

- Item #1 CALL TO ORDER**
- Item #2 PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- Item #3 APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2014 MEETING MINUTES – PG. 3**
- Item #4 CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATES**
Receive updates from Caltrans Local Assistance Staff.
- Item #5 PENDING FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUND INSOLVENCY– PG. 6**
Receive and file updates on the pending Federal Transportation Fund insolvency.
- Item #6 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT SCORES– PG. 7**
Recommend approval of project scores for SCAG's Regional ATP Program.
- Item #7 HOT LANES STUDY UPDATE– PG. 10**
Review and provide comment on initial Route 101 High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane's financial feasibility analysis.
- Item #8 CMAQ/STP PROJECT STATUS UPDATES– PG. 11**
Review and provide information on status and obligation date of projects, prior to the meeting.
- Item #9 PROPOSITION 1B PRESENTATION– PG. 14**
Receive and file presentation on Proposition 1B projects in Ventura County.
- Item #10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Periodic Highway Construction Updates

Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
VCTC/CTC Programming Procedures Revision
Highway Monitoring Cameras Demonstration Project
Route 1 Re-routing to Rice Avenue, Oxnard
Congestion Management Program
Bicycle Wayfinding Project
Route 101/23 Presentation

Item #11 ADJOURN

In consideration of our host, the City of Camarillo, please do not exit this meeting through the Main Lobby. We appreciate you exiting this meeting, quietly, through the Exit door nearest to the Administrative Conference Room. Thank you.

**MINUTES OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 17, 2014**

Item # 1 Call to Order

Chair Ken Matsuoka of Camarillo called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The following people were present:

Fred Bral	Caltrans
Robert Wong	Caltrans
Morris Zarbi	Caltrans
Ravi Gbate	Caltrans
Bill Golubics	Camarillo
Ken Matsuoka	Camarillo
Thang Tran	Camarillo
Claire Johnson-Winegar	Gold Coast Transit
Al Gali	Moorpark
Lou Balderama	Oxnard
Cynthia Daniels	Oxnard
Chris Birkelo	Port Hueneme
Kamran Panah	Simi Valley
Mike Tohidian	Thousand Oaks
Tom Mericle	Ventura
Ben Emami	Ventura County
David Fleisch	Ventura County
Peter De Haan	VCTC
Stephanie Young	VCTC
Kara Elam	VCTC
J.C. Simmons	Thousand Oaks resident

Item # 2 Public Comments

Mr. J.C. Simmons, resident of Thousand Oaks and bicyclist, commented on a workshop he attended on June 2 at LA Metro on "Bicycle Design".

Item # 3 Approval of April 17, 2014 Minutes

Tom Mericle of Ventura moved to approve the April 17, 2014 minutes. A voice vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Item # 4 Caltrans Local Assistance Updates

Morris Zarbi of Caltrans discussed the Request for Authorizations (RFA) that have been received by him and entered into FADS (Federal Aid Data System) as follows:

- The City of Oxnard's Rose Avenue project has been approved by Caltrans Head Quarters and has been transmitted to FHWA to be obligated. The Rice Avenue Project (with cost adjustment request) has been received by Caltrans and is ready to be transmitted to FHWA for obligation.

- Two projects within the City of Simi Valley are ready to be transmitted to FHWA once the Right of Way (R/W) Certificates are approved by Caltrans.
- One HSIP project within the City of Thousand Oaks has been received; once the updated Encroachment Permit is received, this is ready to be transmitted to FHWA to be obligated.

Robert Wong of Caltrans mentioned that, while currently no change has been formalized, future oversight regarding awarding of Consultant contracts and sanctions for construction findings that result in violations could occur. There was discussion regarding the possibility that DBE goals will become contract-specific in the future, not an average goal applicable to all contracts. Fred Bral of Caltrans provided status of the RFA received by him, as follows:

- The Port of Hueneme Shoreside Power project has been submitted to Caltrans HQ for approval to be transmitted to FHWA for obligation.
- The City of Camarillo's Ventura Road project is awaiting verification of R/W Certification.

David Fleisch of Ventura County suggested agencies be sent the previous 2013/14 project list with the new 2014/15 project list (to help determine unobligated projects annually) and reconfirmed that Caltrans is requesting that all agencies incorporate sustainability factors into their respective General Plans, when updated.

Item # 5 Revision to Oxnard CMAQ Funds

Stephanie Young of VCTC presented this item; the Staff recommendation is to shift \$131,000 from the Victoria Avenue Bus Stop project to the Oxnard Boulevard Bike Path project. Tom Mericle of Ventura moved to approve the recommendation. David Fleisch of Ventura County seconded the motion; a voice vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Item # 6 Assignment of Active Transportation Program

Stephanie Young of VCTC presented this item; the Staff recommendation is that TTAC approve scores for ATP project applications, as well as a letter of support of ATP project applications in Ventura County intended for Caltrans. David Fleisch of Ventura County moved to approve the recommendation. Tom Mericle of Ventura seconded the motion; a voice vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Item # 7 Future Call for Projects

Peter De Haan of VCTC presented this item; no action was required or requested of the TTAC. Discussion was had regarding previous criteria for calls for highway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian and enhancement projects that include Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding categories; CMAQ is the only remaining funding category available for inclusion in future calls for projects. Discussions continued regarding the inclusion of a transit capital replacement schedule within the scope of VCTC's Short Range Transit Plan (S RTP), which is in progress and would assist VCTC in projecting out bus replacement needs. David Fleisch of Ventura County made a motion to recommend two sets of criteria for the future call for projects; one for capital projects and one for highway projects. Ken Matsuoka of Camarillo inquired as to if a subcommittee was required to write the Draft criteria; TTAC agreed that a subcommittee is not necessary and Staff may write up the two sets of Draft criteria, bring the criteria to the next Transit Operators Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM) meeting as well as back to TTAC, then present the criteria to the Commission, for approval. Tom Mericle of Ventura seconded the motion, as amended. A voice vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Item # 8 Pending Federal Transportation

Peter De Haan of VCTC presented this informational item; no action was required or requested of the TTAC. Discussions were had regarding the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) alerting States that the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) account would fall below a prudent balance in mid-summer and reduced reimbursements could occur as soon as August 1. Transit project reimbursements (from a separate account) could become restricted in Fall 2014. Caltrans has assured VCTC their cash flow is good and full reimbursements will continue.

Item # 9 Hot Lanes Study Update

This item was tabled for the next TTAC meeting as VCTC's Consultant, CDM Smith, was still in progress compiling all of the latest data for a comprehensive update.

Item # 10 Route 101 Widening Presentation

Ravi Ghate of Caltrans presented this item, which was an oral and Microsoft Power Point presentation on progress made on the Route 101 Widening Project. The project is a joint effort between Caltrans, SBCAG and VCTC, and includes HOV Lanes, sound walls, access ramps, a pedestrian undercrossing at La Conchita and a Coastal bike trail on southbound side of Route 101. Completion is projected for 2016.

Item # 11 Future Agenda Items

The HOT Lanes Study Update and a Proposition 1B presentation will occur at the next meeting. Caltrans 101/23 Project Update presentation will occur at September or Octobers meeting.

Item # 8 Adjournment

Chair Ken Matsuoka adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.



Item #5

August 21, 2014

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PENDING FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUND INSOLVENCY

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2008 the federal government has used \$54 billion from the general fund to maintain the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) account which funds the highway and transit programs through separate subaccounts. The latest of these transfers to the HTF occurred in 2012 and was intended to keep the fund solvent until the end of MAP-21 in September. However, the funds have been drawn down faster than anticipated and as a result for several months the Department of Transportation has been stating that the fund would drop below the prudent balance in mid-summer, with August 1st recently being identified as the date that highway program reimbursements would be restricted.

On July 31st, the Senate acted to pass HR 5021, which extends the MAP-21 authorization through May 31, 2015, and provides \$10.8 billion in one-time transfers to keep the fund solvent for approximately the same amount of time. Two days earlier, the Senate had passed an amended version of HR 5021 which would have only continued the program through December 31st, but the House voted to not concur in the Senate amendments and with time running out the Senate then passed the House bill without amendments. Funding sources for the \$10.8 billion include increased tax revenues from companies that will be allowed to temporarily reduce contributions to their pension funds, as well as a one-year extension of higher Customs Service fees, from 2023 to 2024.



Item #6

August 21, 2014

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: STEPHANIE YOUNG, PROGRAM ANALYST
SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT SCORES

RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend approval of project scores for SCAG's Regional ATP Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and by Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to fund projects that increase and promote bike and pedestrian trips. The initial call for projects includes three years of apportionments (FY 2012/13 through FY 15/16) to be allocated over two years (FY 14/15 and 15/16). Per the ATP guidelines, agencies applied to Caltrans for funding from the statewide portion of ATP funds by May 21, 2014. Caltrans has assigned scores to each of the projects based on the guidelines (Attachment A). The funding cut off for statewide funding was 81.5 points and none of the Ventura County projects scored high enough to qualify for that funding. Meanwhile, VCTC staff is in discussions with other regional agencies regarding a possible response to the Caltrans scoring process. Staff is interested in any comments from TTAC.

DISCUSSION:

Project scores for the projects in the VCTC region are shown in Attachment A. Information on the Caltrans scoring process and results are available online from Item #20 of the CTC agenda, posted at:

http://www.catc.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/2014Agenda/2014_08/000_ETA.pdf

Because the Ventura County projects were not awarded ATP funding from the statewide call for projects, they are now eligible for the Ventura County portion of ATP, which is equal to \$3,389,000. Per the SCAG regional guidelines for ATP, VCTC can now add up to 10 points to the Caltrans-assigned scores to projects for being consistent with local

and regional plans within the county. At the April 4, 2014 meeting, the VCTC approved the following criteria for assigning extra points to Ventura County projects:

- 10 points for projects that have been approved by the VCTC in a prior Call for Projects and do not currently have funding programmed, and,
- 0 points for projects that have not been approved by the VCTC in a prior Call for Projects or have been approved in a prior VCTC Call for Projects but have funds already programmed.

The project that qualifies for an additional 10 points is the Santa Paula 10th Street Bike and Pedestrian Improvement project. This project had been previously awarded Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds in a VCTC Call for projects but does not have funding programmed due to the end of the TE program. The extra points have been added to the Santa Paula score in Attachment A, which moves the project to the top of the Ventura County projects with 70 points.

The Ventura County ATP funds will be distributed to projects based on their Caltrans-assigned scores, with 10 points added to Santa Paula's score. The first three projects would receive the full amount requested:

- Santa Paula 10th Street Bike and Pedestrian Improvements \$577,000
- Simi Valley Arroyo Simi Greenway \$1,197,000
- Ventura Westside Bike and Pedestrian Facility Improvements \$1,500,000
- Oxnard Boulevard Bike Lanes (Design only) \$57,000
- TOTAL: \$3,331,000

Per the CTC guidelines for ATP projects, it is unclear whether the CTC would approve programming the Oxnard Boulevard Bike Lanes since the ATP amount is for preliminary engineering and the project does not have construction funding programmed. Staff is seeking more information to determine whether providing funding for engineering only is an acceptable use of ATP funds.

After the above projects are funded, there will still be a balance of Ventura County ATP funds. Because these funds flow through SCAG, SCAG has a draft framework that addresses the use of remaining funds which will be presented at the SCAG CEO's meeting on Friday, August 15th. Per the framework, use of county balances in the SCAG region will be made in consultation with SCAG and with the other county transportation commissions in the region. Staff will provide more information at the TTAC meeting on Thursday.

ATTACHMENT A

Agency	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Total Fund Request	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	Score
Santa Paula	10th St (SR 150) Bicycle and Ped Improvements	635	577	577		70.0
Simi Valley	Arroyo Simi Greenway Bike Trail Phase 3	1,330	1,197	77	1,120	68.3
Ventura	Westside Ped and Bicycle Facility Improvements	1,500	1,500	200	1,300	67.7
Oxnard	Oxnard Blvd Bike Lanes	1,215	57		57	65.3
Ventura	Bike Bath Crossing Safety Beacons	426	377	35	342	64.0
Ventura Co	Las Posas Road Bike Lanes (South), Phase II	690	610		610	63.0
Thousand Oaks	Rancho Rd Ped/Bike Improv	1,027	909	109	800	61.0
Ventura Co	Santa Ana Rd Widening and Bike Lanes (Central)	1,300	1,150		1,150	54.0
Ventura Co	Camarillo Heights and Somis Schools ped improv	625	578		578	47.3
Oxnard	Vineyard Ave Bike Lanes	746	660	660		45.0
Thousand Oaks	City Ped & Bicycling Improv	1,656	1,466	176	1,290	40.0
Ventura Co	Rio Real School, Ped and street improv	400	365	365		36.3



Item #7

August 21, 2014

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: HOT LANES STUDY UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

- Review and provide comment on initial Route 101 High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes financial feasibility analysis.

BACKGROUND:

This past January VCTC awarded a contract to CDM Smith to evaluate the economic feasibility of HOT Lanes on Route 101. The contract was divided into two phases with the first phase to provide a sketch-level assessment to consider, on an order-of-magnitude basis, the financial feasibility. The second, phase, subject to further Commission approval, would provide a more detailed evaluation.

To help guide the study VCTC has convened a project TAC consisting of representatives of Caltrans, County Public Works Agency, and the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo and Thousand Oaks. The committee has been meeting regularly and reviewed various CDM Smith work products including a Concept of Operations document and sketch-level traffic volume and revenue forecasts. The final work product of the first phase is the economic feasibility analysis which looks at the ability to finance corridor improvements based on the available revenue from tolls as well as the funds for the project identified in VCTC's Comprehensive Transportation Plan. At TTAC it is expected that all of the work products will be ready for review.



Item #8

August 21, 2014

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: STEPHANIE YOUNG, PROGRAM ANALYST

SUBJECT: STATUS OF FEDERAL STP AND CMAQ PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Provide information on status and obligation date of projects prior to the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Under federal law, STP and CMAQ funds apportioned to California lapse if they are not used within three years. AB 1012, which became law in October, 1999, applies the three-year lapsing rule to CMAQ and STP funds in each county. Therefore, it is important for VCTC to have an accurate schedule of obligations. VCTC also uses this project schedule to ensure that the FTIP includes all of the projects which are ready-to-go and to manage the county's Obligation Authority (OA).

Projects scheduled to be obligated this fiscal year are shown in Attachment A. Spreadsheets showing the status of all incomplete STP and CMAQ projects have been distributed to agencies along with the agenda. Staff requests that agencies update the spreadsheets with their project updates **prior** to the meeting, if possible.

Please note that the obligation date shown in the tables is the anticipated date of FHWA issuing the E-76, not the date that the agency is ready to submit the authorization request. Bold font indicates staff comments.

ATTACHMENT A

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Projects (CMAQ)

August 2014 through FY 2014/15				
Balance as of August 1, 2014				\$ 12,000,662
Project Title	Agency	TIP ID	Planned Obligation (E-76 date)	Amou
Ventura Blvd Sidewalk CON	Oxnard	VEN120403	Aug-14	\$846,346
Fox Canyon Barranca Bike Bridge	Ojai	VEN130601	Aug-14	\$102,975
West LA Ave Bike Lanes CON	Simi Valley	VEN120417	Aug-14	\$2,080,455
Rose Ave Sidewalk CON	Oxnard	VEN120402	Sep-14	\$401,555
Bike Trail in Railroad ROW	Santa Paula	VEN111102	Sep-14	\$1,110,000
Sheridan Way/Ventura River Bike Trail PE	S.B. Ventura	VEN110304	Sep-14	\$44,265
Las Posas Bike Lanes	County	VEN130103	Nov-14	\$243,000
Arneill/Dunnigan Traffic Signal	Camarillo	VEN130106	Dec-14	\$200,000
Sheridan Way/Ventura River Bike Trail CON	S.B. Ventura	VEN110304	Apr-15	\$177,060
Hwy 126 Bike Path Gap Closure RW	S.B. Ventura	VEN031230	Jun-15	
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Bike facilities for NECSP	Oxnard	VEN130101	Jun-15	\$643,896
C Street Bike Facilities	Oxnard	VEN130102	Jun-15	\$306,075
			Total obligations in FY 14/15	\$6,899,279
			Remaining balance	\$5,101,383

Surface Transportation Program Projects (STP)

<u>August 2014 through FY 2014/15</u>				
<u>Total Available as of August 1, 2014</u>				\$ 16,303,978
		Planned Obligation (E-76 dat		
Project Title	Agency	(E-76 dat	TIP	Amount
Pancho Rd Improvements	Camarillo	Aug-14	07-VEN130105	\$1,500,000
Pavement Rehab	Moorpark	Sep-14	07-VEN54032	\$637,416
Sta Rosa Rd Widening Upland/Woodcrk CON	Camarillo	Nov-14	07-VEN040502	\$1,810,277
Route 23 Widening High/Third	Moorpark	Dec-14	VEN051213	\$1,500,000
Route 118 - Moorpark to e/o Spring	Moorpark	Dec-14	VEN031219	\$796,770
<u>Total to be obligated by 10/1/2015</u>				\$6,244,463
<u>Potential Lapse (AB1012)</u>				\$0
<u>Balance</u>				\$10,059,515



Item #9

August 21, 2014

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 1B PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

At the June meeting VCTC staff gave a presentation on the status and accomplishments of Proposition 1B, the statewide transportation bond measure authorized by the voters in 2006. Staff will be making the same presentation to TTAC. Attached for TTAC's information is the VCTC agenda item.