



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
Thursday, September 18, 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 AUGUST 21, 2014 MEETING MINUTES – PG. 3**
- Item #4** **CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATES**
Receive updates from Caltrans Local Assistance Staff.
- Item #5** **REVISION TO SIMI VALLEY CMAQ FUNDS – PG. 5**
Approve shifting \$463,957 from the West Los Angeles Avenue Improvement Project to the West Los Angeles Avenue Widening in Simi Valley.
- Item #6** **POTENTIAL FUTURE CMAQ CALL FOR PROJECTS – PG. 6**
Discuss the potential future call for projects for CMAQ funds.
- Item #7** **LOCAL STP SHARES BASED ON FORMER VCTC POLICY – PG. 7**
Receive and file information on VCTC's former policy regarding local STP shares.
- Item #8** **PROPOSITION 1B PRESENTATION – PG. 8**
Receive and file presentation on Proposition 1B projects in Ventura County.
- Item #9** **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Periodic Highway Construction Updates

Regional Transportation Funding & Planning

Congestion Management Program

Highway Monitoring Cameras Demonstration Project

Route 1 Re-routing to Rice Avenue, Oxnard

Bicycle Wayfinding Project

VCTC/CTC Programming Procedures Revision

Route 101/23 Presentation

ATP Application Peer Review

Item #10 ADJOURN

In consideration of our host, the City of Camarillo, please exit this meeting quietly through the Exit door directly right of the Administrative Conference Room. Thank you.

**MINUTES OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 21, 2014**

Item # 1 Call to Order

Chair Ken Matsuoka called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The following people were present:

Fred Bral	Caltrans	Robert Wong	Caltrans
Mazen Dabboussi	Caltrans	Morris Zarbi	Caltrans
Bill Golubics	Camarillo	Ken Matsuoka	Camarillo
Thang Tran	Camarillo	Abdollah Ansari	CDM Smith
Claire Johnson-Winegar	Gold Coast Transit	Dave Klotzle	Moorpark
Jason Samonte	Oxnard	Will Berg	Port Hueneme
Craig Hoshijima	PFM	Kamran Panah	Simi Valley
Jim Brunner	Simi Valley	Cliff Finley	Thousand Oaks
Mike Tohidian	Thousand Oaks	Tom Mericle	Ventura
Ben Emami	Ventura County	Dave Fleisch	Ventura County
Ben Cacatian	VCAPCD	Darren Kettle	VCTC
Peter De Haan	VCTC	Stephanie Young	VCTC

Item # 2 Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Item # 3 Approval of July 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Tom Mericle of Ventura moved to approve the July 17, 2014 minutes. David Fleisch of Ventura County seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Item # 4 Caltrans Local Assistance Updates

Peter De Haan of VCTC gave updates he received at the recent California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting; Caltrans Local Assistance Division Chief Ray Zhang stated that Caltrans will be approving Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) goals on contracts exceeding 2 million dollars and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), along with Caltrans, determined that the FHWA will audit Caltrans Consultant Selection and Procurement Process Review program, rather than auditing individual, local agencies. Morris Zarbi of Caltrans advised that the Request for Authorization (RFA) submittals must include DBE goals prior to submission, approval and obligation, that all Ventura County RFA submittals have been transmitted to Caltrans Head Quarters; all the federal funds have been obligated. It was suggested that Mohammad Pasebani, Caltrans District 7 Construction Oversight Engineer, could attend a future TTAC meeting to provide insight to Ventura County Agencies regarding the DBE/Consultant contract issues encountered in other areas of the State.

Item #5 Pending Federal Transportation Fund Insolvency

Peter DeHaan of VCTC presented this informational item; no action was required or requested of TTAC. Discussion was had regarding the Senate recently passing HR 5021, which extends the MAP-21 authorization and provides additional one-time transfers to keep the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) solvent until May 31, 2015.

Item #6 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Project Scores

Stephanie Young of VCTC presented this item; Staff recommended the TTAC approve the scoring and funding of four ATP Projects for SCAG's Regional ATP Program. Discussion was had on the compressed timeframe this round of project selection, the CTC/Caltrans project scoring method, the possibility of the remaining balance of funds going into the regional account for distribution and the possible development of SCAG-only scoring criteria for this scenario, in the future. Peter De Haan of VCTC mentioned that if any Agency wants a breakdown of their projects scores by criteria, the point of contact is Teresa McWilliam of Caltrans. The selected ATP Applications will be available to review online soon; more information can be found here: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/index.html>. The next cycle of ATP Applications is due in March, 2015 (NOTE: After the meeting, Peter De Haan found what he said was in error; applications will become available March, 2015, not due by that date). Dave Fleisch of Ventura County moved to approve the recommendation, amending the motion in requesting that an item be placed on the October or November TTAC Agenda regarding development of a peer-review process, or County-wide approach, ahead of the next call for ATP Applications, which will be due in March 2015. Tom Mericle of Ventura seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Item #7 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Study Update

Peter De Haan of VCTC introduced this item; no action was required or requested of the TTAC. A TTAC subcommittee has been meeting monthly with CDM Smith, Consultant to VCTC, in order to analyze the financial feasibility of High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes as related to the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) alternatives within Caltrans 2013 Project Study Report-Project Development Support (PSR-PDS), specifically Alternative three (one standard HOV lane in each direction of the 27 mile Route 101 Highway corridor). Frank Furger of CDM Smith was teleconferenced into the meeting. Abdollah Ansari of CDM Smith and Craig Hoshijima of Public Financial Management (PFM) jointly presented this item, which consisted of an oral presentation as well as a Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation. Discussion was focused on funding sources, phasing strategies, concepts of operation and assumptions made based on the available traffic volume data (which varies between the TCR and Caltrans PSR-PDS and the traffic study done last year). A concise evaluation of HOT lane financial feasibility will be presented to the Commission at the September 12 meeting.

Item #8 Status of Federal STP and CMAQ Projects

Stephanie Young of VCTC presented this item; no action was required or requested of the TTAC. Discussion was had regarding the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects that are programmed for FY 2014/15 and ready to be obligated, as well as the upcoming approval of the 2015 FTIP. Stephanie Young of VCTC asked that all Agencies respond to her directly with their projects obligation or completion status.

Item #9 Proposition 1B Presentation

This item was tabled for the next TTAC meeting, due to exceeding the allotted TTAC meeting time frame.

Item # 10 Future Agenda Items

The Proposition 1B presentation and a TIP Amendment item will occur at the next meeting. Caltrans 101/23 Project Update presentation will occur at September or Octobers meeting. The ATP Application Peer Review item will occur at October or November's meeting. Congestion Management Program (CMP) and Bike Wayfinding Project updates will be presented as soon as possible.

Item # 8 Adjournment Chair Ken Matsuoka adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



Item #5

September 18, 2014

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: STEPHANIE YOUNG, PROGRAM ANALYST

SUBJECT: REVISION TO SIMI VALLEY CMAQ FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend shifting \$463,957 from the West Los Angeles Avenue Improvement Project to the West Los Angeles Avenue Widening in Simi Valley.

BACKGROUND:

The West Los Angeles Avenue Improvement Project was \$1,986,056 in CMAQ funds in the SAFETEA-LU Call for Projects. The project has been completed with cost savings of \$465,957. The City of Simi Valley would like to transfer these remaining funds to the West Los Angeles Avenue Widening Project. This project, which includes bike lanes and sidewalks, received CMAQ funding in the 2012 Mini Call for Projects. Per VCTC policy, since the widening project was approved in a previous call for projects, it is eligible to receive the CMAQ cost savings from the completed project.



Item #6

September 18, 2014

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: POTENTIAL FUTURE CMAQ CALL FOR PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Discuss potential future call for projects for CMAQ funds.

BACKGROUND:

VCTC has periodically done calls for projects for funds made available by the federal government for highway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian and enhancement projects. Typically, the timing of these calls has been based on the federal fund authorizations, so there was, for example, a call for projects associated with the passage of the SAFETEA-LU act for programming the six years' of funds included in that act. As the Committees may recall, after SAFETEA-LU expired there were several short term authorization extensions followed by MAP-21, a two-year act which expires September 30th. Congress has now approved the first MAP-21 extension, through May 31, 2015.

At the July TTAC meeting staff presented the current status of funds previously included in VCTC calls for projects, with the conclusion that at this time the only funds that could be available for a call would be the FY 14/15 CMAQ funds, which are currently estimated to be around \$9 million. VCTC is currently completing a Short-Range Transit Plan that will include an analysis of multi-year bus replacement needs, and CMAQ is anticipated to continue as the primary fund source for bus replacement, so at this time it is not known how much funding will be recommended for bus replacements. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan, however, assumed that CMAQ would continue to be programmed as in the past, with 50% going to transit and 50% to other projects, primarily bicycle and pedestrian.

After a discussion at the July meeting, TTAC recommended that a call for projects move forward with 50% of the CMAQ funds only, to be used for non-transit projects. Since there was no TRANSCOM meeting in August, the issue was put on the September 11th TRANSCOM agenda. At the TTAC meeting staff will report on the TRANSCOM discussion regarding this item.



Item #7

September 18, 2014

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: STEPHANIE YOUNG, PROGRAM ANALYST

SUBJECT: LOCAL STP SHARES BASED ON FORMER VCTC POLICY

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

DISCUSSION:

In the past, a portion of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds was distributed to local jurisdictions for projects such as road rehabilitation. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), adopted by the VCTC on September 6, 2013, reserves all future STP funds for highway improvements only. This policy has been used as the basis for recent state highway project planning work on the 118 and 101 freeways. STP, combined with STIP funding, is necessary to fund the construction of these projects.

At the July 17, 2014 TTAC meeting, members asked to see the distribution of STP for FY 14/15 had this policy not been adopted. The below table shows the amount of FY 2014/15 STP funds that each city and the county would have received based on prior policy. This table does NOT show an actual STP distribution since STP is no longer available for local streets and roads, per the policy the Board adopted when it adopted the CTP.

County	\$ 1,505,686
Camarillo	\$ 336,951
Fillmore	\$ 76,974
Moorpark	\$ 177,048
Ojai	\$ 38,287
Oxnard	\$ 1,018,823
Port Hueneme	\$ 111,715
San Buenaventura	\$ 549,314
Santa Paula	\$ 151,935
Simi Valley	\$ 636,884
Thousand Oaks	\$ 649,997
TOTAL	\$ 5,253,614



Item #8

September 18, 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.



Item #15

June 6, 2014

MEMO TO: VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 1B PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

In November, 2006, California's voters passed Proposition 1B, which authorized \$19.9 billion in bonds for transportation infrastructure, with the expectation that those bonds would be issued over a 10-year period. The ballot measure defined project categories to receive specified portions of the funds. Subsequent legislation established policies for selection of the projects within each of the defined categories, and for most of the funding categories regional agencies such as VCTC were given responsibility for prioritizing projects within their area and then nominating those projects to designated state agencies. This item provides a staff presentation of what has been accomplished by Proposition 1B in Ventura County. The following Discussion section provides a brief preview of the presentation that staff will give at the Commission meeting.

DISCUSSION:

At this time virtually all Proposition 1B funds have been programmed, and most of the projects are either complete or under construction. Funds have gone to a large variety of projects in the county, including transit facilities, buses, Metrolink rail cars and safety improvements, highway improvements, and local street rehabilitation. The presentation does not include one of the funding categories, air quality, since VCTC was not given a role in that area and did not track those projects. In the remaining categories Ventura County will receive approximately \$300 million in Proposition 1B funding for a variety of transportation investments, with the largest project by far being the Route 101 widening north of La Conchita. During this period of Proposition 1B expenditure there has also been the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act program which is now complete in this county but was responsible for \$60 million in Ventura County transportation investments.

Not only is the combined infusion of Proposition 1B and the federal recovery act funds nearing completion, but the federal transportation trust fund is expected to run out of funds sometime this summer. The impact of all of these funding reductions has been dubbed by some as a transportation

“fiscal cliff.” Even if the federal trust fund situation is resolved, without a significant new funding initiative Ventura County residents will soon notice a significant drop-off in transportation project spending. The effects of this “fiscal cliff” will be felt throughout California but in most urban areas with the exception of Ventura County the impact will be somewhat ameliorated due to the availability of local transportation measure funds.