



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
Thursday, September 17, 2015, 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Item #4 AUGUST 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – PG. 3**
 - Approve the August 20, 2015 meeting minutes.
- Item #5 CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATES**
 - Receive updates from Caltrans Local Assistance staff, to include updates on Environmental processes.
- Item #6 STATUS OF FEDERAL STP AND CMAQ PROJECTS – PG. 5**
 - Review and update project schedules.
- Item #7 2016 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)
SUBMITTAL – PG. 6**
 - Approve 2016 STIP submittal to the California Transportation Commission.
- Item #8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- Periodic Highway Construction Updates
- Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
- Congestion Management Program
- ATP Cycle Two Project Approval
- Bicycle Wayfinding Project

2017 Program Updates

Item #9 ADJOURNMENT

In consideration of our host, the City of Camarillo, please exit this meeting quietly through the Exit door located directly right of the Administrative Conference Room, not back through front section of Camarillo City Hall. Thank you.

**MINUTES OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 20, 2015**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Tom Mericle called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present. Self-introductions were performed and the following people attended the meeting:

Fred Bral	Caltrans	Mazen Dabboussi	Caltrans
Mine Struhl	Caltrans	Morris Zarbi	Caltrans
Robert Wong	Caltrans	Quint Chemnitz	Caltrans
Bill Golubics	Camarillo	Thang Tran	Camarillo
Austin Noustrap	Gold Coast Transit	Matt Miller	Gold Coast Transit
Dave Klotzle	Moorpark	Soher Abdelmalik	Oxnard
John Ilasin	Santa Paula	Kamran Panah	Simi Valley
Mike Tohidian	Thousand Oaks	Tom Mericle	Ventura
Ben Emami	Ventura County	Jonathan Pichardo	Ventura County
Sujin Beck	Ventura County	Ben Cacatian	VCAPCD
Ellen Talbo	VCTC	Kara Elam	VCTC
Peter De Haan	VCTC		

2. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

3. Announcements

The League of Cities is recommending a resolution to Cities pertaining to funding for local streets and roads. VCTC recently hired a Program Analyst and the recruitment for VCTC's Capital Project Management position is still in progress.

4. July 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes – Action

Mike Tohidian moved to approve the July 16, 2015 meeting minutes. Dave Klotzle seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Caltrans Local Assistance Updates

Local Assistance provided updates on project delivery, noting the following:

- All Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014/15 projects have been delivered.
- The 2015 Highway Bridge Program (HBP) survey is due no later than September 16, 2015.
- The FFY 2015/16 Resident Engineers (RE) Academy sessions have been scheduled in both District 5 and 11 and the DBE training has been scheduled in both District 5 and 12.
- There is a new Joint Stewardship and Oversight Agreement between Caltrans and FHWA, which could influence the oversight on the Highway 101 project.

6. Caltrans Environmental Procedures Common Pitfalls

Mine Struhl handed out a short report on the duration of time the Environmental Department spent processing Ventura County's Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) documents from 2010 until 2014. Her staff consists of three planners supporting over 125 agencies (Ventura and LA County) projects. Quint Chemnitz presented information on types of delays projects might face within the environmental processes and gave guidance on how agencies can advance projects in the environmental stage. TTAC requested that the Area Engineers provide updates on projects in the environmental stage within the monthly "Caltrans Local Assistance Update".

7. Update on Federal Highway Trust Fund

The Senate passed a six year authorization bill in July 2015 called the "Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act", which appears to ensure the same level of funding. Included in the DRIVE Act would be a new freight program containing over \$2 billion per year, which would benefit Southern California. The House of Representatives should be focusing on passing a long-term bill in fall 2015. The current extension passed by Congress expires on October 29, 2015.

8. ATP Application List

Staff provided a summary list of thirteen ATP projects submitted by six Ventura County agencies. The CTC will score projects in September 2015. Once the CTC scores are posted online, VCTC will apply their adopted ten point policy to projects and send the projects to SCAG for scoring. Caltrans requests that projects exceeding 5 million be scored first. Staff will continue to update TTAC as the ATP process progresses.

9. Status of Federal STP and CMAQ Projects

Staff thanked Caltrans Local Assistance, the Environmental Department and SCAG for assisting with ensuring necessary projects got obligated.

10. Future Agenda Items

The City of Oxnard will potentially provide a presentation on their Hueneme Road Project in October. Discussions regarding the ATP Cycle Two Project Approval and the Bicycle Wayfinding Project will occur at future meetings. The Congestion Management Program item will occur as soon as possible.

11. Adjournment – Action

Dave Klotzle moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. Cliff Finley seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.



Item #6

September 17, 2015

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: STATUS OF FEDERAL STP AND CMAQ PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Review and update project schedules.

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. It is important for VCTC to have an accurate schedule of STP and CMAQ projects to ensure that our region does not lose funds.

VCTC also uses this project schedule to ensure that the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) includes all of the projects which are ready-to-go and to manage the county's Obligation Authority (OA). The 2015 FTIP is now federally-approved and VCTC has also gotten approval of amendments for the projects on this list. Furthermore, projects that were approved by the Commission's CMAQ and STP programming actions earlier this month are also in the process of being amended into the TIP.

Staff is planning to provide updated tables under separate cover prior to the Committee meeting. This time, the list will include projects currently on the "Shelf List" based on the assumption that those projects will be programmed when the Fiscal Year 2016/17 funds are authorized.



Item #7

September 17, 2015

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: 2016 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) SUBMITTAL

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve 2016 STIP submittal to the California Transportation Commission.

BACKGROUND:

State law requires the adoption and submittal of a five-year State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by December 15 of each odd-numbered year. The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is the agency responsible for developing the STIP for Ventura County working cooperatively with Caltrans. The STIP is comprised of a five-year list of capital improvement projects to be funded from VCTC's share of STIP Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds for the period starting July 1, 2016 (FY16/17) and ending June 30, 2021 (FY20/21).

The 2016 STIP for Ventura County is due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on December 15, 2015. The CTC is responsible for reviewing and approving STIP submittals. The CTC is scheduled to publish the 2016 STIP staff recommendations on February 19, 2016, and adopt the 2016 STIP on March 17, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

In this STIP cycle, the projected funding for the first three years (FYs 16/17, 17/18, and 18/19) is substantially less than previously forecasted, due to the unanticipated drop in the price of gasoline which has caused a reduction in the price-based excise tax on gasoline that is the primary STIP funding source. As a result, these years are substantially overprogrammed, and virtually all of the funding being added in the last 2 years (FYs 19/20 and 20/21) will be needed

to make up the shortfall from the first three years. As a result, the CTC will be forced to delay many projects by one or two years each.

Typically, the CTC publishes county share amounts for each county to program its share of new capacity, but given the current situation with zero new programming capacity, there are no county programming targets.

PROPOSED 2016 PROGRAM

Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM)

PPM is utilized annually by VCTC to fund planning and programming activities performed by VCTC staff and consultants, and can be programmed up to a maximum of 5% of the county share. Given that there is no new programming capacity, VCTC cannot add PPM funds, but it may respread PPM funds across the first four years which represent the county share period. Also, there is the option to leave the first three years of the program at the same level as in the 2014 STIP, and program the last two years at zero in the hop that these funds can be programmed during the 2018 STIP process. Given the dependence of STIP revenues on the uncertain price of gasoline, staff is conservatively recommending that the currently available PPM funds be respread across the four year period of availability.

Programmed PPM Amounts (\$1,000)					
FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	Total
\$550	\$550	\$550	\$0	\$0	\$1,650

Proposed Changes (\$1,000)					
FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	Total
(\$137)	(\$137)	\$(138)	\$412	\$0	\$0

Proposed PPM Amounts (\$1,000)					
FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	Total
\$413	\$413	\$412	\$412	\$0	\$1,512

Route 101 & Route 118 Project Approval and Environmental Documents (PAED)

The adopted 2014 STIP includes a total of \$17 million in FY 17/18 for two projects nominated by VCTC to provide for preliminary planning work on the priority projects as identified in the VCTC Comprehensive Transportation Plan. However, this past May the Commission voted to provide the \$17 million from Surface Transportation Program funds instead, to allow the projects to move forward without waiting until 2017. Therefore, VCTC's 2016 submittal will remove these projects from the STIP, and the \$17million become an unprogrammed Ventura County share balance. Although VCTC has no other projects ready to be nominated for the STIP at this time, by starting the planning work on the 101 and 118 freeway corridors using STP funds it is likely that VCTC will be ready to nominate some construction projects on those corridors for the 2018 STIP if the state has programming new capacity.

Existing 2016 STIP RIP Funding Summary
(\$1,000)

Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Total	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
					Prior	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	R/W	Con	E&P	PS&E	R/W Sup	ConSp
VCTC	--	9002	Planning, Programming & Monitoring	2,474	824	550	550	550	0	0	0	2,474	0	0	0	0
VCTC	101	4625	Rt 101 HOV lanes environmental	14,000	0	0	14,000	0	0	0	0	0	14,000	0	0	0
Caltrans	--	3565	Rt 118 widening environmental	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	0
			<i>TOTAL</i>	19,474	824	550	17,550	550	0	0						

Proposed Changes in Funding
(\$1,000)

Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Total	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
					Prior	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	R/W	Con	E&P	PS&E	R/W Sup	ConSp
VCTC	--	9002	Planning, Programming & Monitoring	0	0	-137	-137	-138	412	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VCTC	101	4625	Rt 101 HOV lanes environmental	-14,000	0	0	-14,000	0	0	0	0	0	-14,000	0	0	0
Caltrans	--	3565	Rt 118 widening environmental	-3,000	0	0	-3,000	0	0	0	0	0	-3,000	0	0	0
			<i>TOTAL</i>	+17,000	0	-137	-17,137	-138	412	0						

**VCTC-adopted 2016 STIP RIP
Funding Summary**
(\$1,000)

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Caltrans	--	3565	Rt 118 widening environmental	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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