



**VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)**

VCTC Large Conference Room
751 East Daily Drive, Suite 420, Camarillo, CA

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

(Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda)

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT

ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

Under the Brown Act, the committee should not act on or discuss matters raised during the Public Comment portion of the agenda which are not listed on the agenda. Committee members may refer such matters to staff for facts or to be placed on the subsequent agenda for consideration.

ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM 5 CALTRANS UPDATE

Recommended Action:

- For discussion.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan, Programming Director

ITEM 6 MEETING MINUTES

Recommended Action:

- Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan, Programming Director

ITEM 7 VCTC PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) REGIONWIDE CALL FOR PROJECT NOMINATIONS FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) AND CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING

Recommended Action:

- Recommend the Commission approve the VCTC project prioritization framework and submit to SCAG

Responsible Staff: Geiska Velasquez, Program Manager

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ITEM 8 HWY 101 PROJECT UPDATE

Recommended Action:

- Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan, Programming Director

ITEM 9 PORT OF HUENEME NORTH TERMINALSHORESIDE POWER PROJECT COST INCREASE

Recommended Action:

- Approve programming of \$4,000,000 in CMAQ funds to cover the unanticipated additional cost to award the contract to complete the Port of Hueneme North Terminal Shoreside Power Project.

Responsible Staff: Geiska Velasquez, Program Manager

ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Project Nominations Package for STBG/CMAQ
- Active Transportation Plans Roundtable
- Transportation Emergency Response (Fire and Flood Seasons)
- Construction Project Updates (upon completion)
 - County of Ventura - El Rio Sidewalk Project (2025)
 - VCTC - Highway 101 Planning Update
 - City of Oxnard - Rice Street Grade Separation Project (2025)

ITEM 11 ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025, AT 1:30 P.M., in the Ventura County Transportation Commission Large Conference Room located at 751 East Daily Drive, Suite 420 in Camarillo.



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1:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura (Chair)
James Campero, City of Camarillo
Debbie O’Leary, City of Oxnard
Jonathan Royas, City of Santa Paula
Justin Link, City of Simi Valley (Vice Chair)
Masoud Razavi, City of Thousand Oaks
Susim Gedam, Port of Hueneme
Anitha Balan, County of Ventura

MEMBERS ABSENT: City of Fillmore
City of Moorpark
City of Ojai
City of Port Hueneme

EX OFFICIO PRESENT: Robert Wong, Caltrans District 7
Ventura County Air Pollution Control District
Gold Coast Transit District

EX OFFICIO ABSENT: California Highway Patrol

VCTC STAFF PRESENT: Peter De Haan, Programming Director
Caitlin Brooks, Transportation Manager
Amanda Fagan, Transportation Director
Andrew Kent, Transportation Manager
Geiska Velasquez, Programming Manager

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- ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Hereford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT**
Debbie O’Leary announced the groundbreaking for the Rice Street Grade Separation project. Peter De Haan announced FHWA funding uncertainty.
- ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**
- ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**
Item 9 to be taken prior to Item 5.
- ITEM 9 CALTRANS COMPLETE STREETS ACTION PLAN**
Ryan Johnson, Caltrans, provided an update on the Caltrans Complete Streets Action Plan including purpose, accomplishments, highlighted actions, showcase projects, and actions, tracking/reporting, dashboard, newsletter.
- ITEM 5 CALTRANS UPDATE**

Robert Wong updated the committee on upcoming meetings, training, and workshops.

ITEM 6 MEETING MINUTES

The committee received the minutes and recommended edits.

ITEM 7 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

The committee received the 2025 meeting schedule. The committee discussed amending the bylaws to accommodate holding one (1) meeting each quarter rather than a minimum of six (6) meetings per year.

ITEM 8 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

ACTION

Hereford moved, seconded by Razavi that Link act as the committee Chair for the 2025 calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION

Hereford moved, seconded by Balan, that Razavi act as the committee Vice chair for the 2025 calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 10 2025 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONWIDE CALL-FOR-PROJECTS FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY FUNDS UPDATE

Geiska Velasquez updated the committee on SCAG's regionwide CFP for STBG Program and CMAQ funds including 1) background, 2) future workshops, and 3) project selection milestone schedule dates.

ITEM 11 VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MODEL (VCTM) UPDATE

Jennifer Emerson-Martin, Iteris, presented the committee with the VCTM update including 1) the project approach, 2) project schedule, and 3) upcoming data collection requests.

ITEM 12 COMMUNITY TRAFFIC CALMING & PEDETRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROJECT

Caitlin Brooks presented the Community Traffic Calming & Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program including the background, educational campaign, and the scope of work.

ITEM 13 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The committee discussed scheduling future agenda items including VCTM updates, SCAG guidelines, and Rice Street Grade Separation Project.

ITEM 14 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Link adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 19, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.



Item #7

March 19, 2025

**MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

FROM: GEISKA VELASQUEZ, PROGRAM MANAGER

**SUBJECT: VCTC PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK FOR THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)
REGIONWIDE CALL FOR PROJECT NOMINATIONS FOR SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) AND CONGESTION
MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING**

RECOMMENDATION:

- RECOMMEND THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE VCTC PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK AND SUBMIT TO SCAG

BACKGROUND:

The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program are Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) programs that provide flexible funding for transportation. The STBG program provides funding to best address state and local surface transportation needs. The CMAQ program provides funding for transportation projects or programs that improve air quality and relieve congestion and must generate an emissions reduction and be located in, or offer a benefit to, a nonattainment or maintenance area.

In past years VCTC was provided per state law with a county apportionment for these funds and would recommend to SCAG the projects to be programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). As of July 1, 2023, SCAG is responsible for conducting a regionwide request-for-project nominations process for selection of STBG/CMAQ-funded projects.

VCTC is responsible for the coordination and submission of a local Project Prioritization Framework, and subsequently a project nomination package, to SCAG from eligible entities in Ventura County. SCAG will then review the project nominations packages submitted by VCTC and the other County Transportation Commissions (CTC's) against the program criteria and develop a list of prioritized projects for approval by the SCAG Regional Council. Projects approved by SCAG for STBG and CMAQ funding will then be programmed in the 2027 FTIP, and a contingency list will be maintained by SCAG for any cost savings or future funding opportunities.

Staff are seeking committee and VCTC approval of the Project Prioritization Framework (Attachment A) that will serve as the basis for the project nomination process for STBG and CMAQ funding in Ventura County. SCAG will initiate a call for project nominations on March 31, 2025, consistent with the guidelines approved on March 6, 2025, and included for reference here in Attachment B.

This item supports the 2023 VCTC Strategic Plan Tier 2 Top Priorities including integrating the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), encouraging local partners to plan and prioritize building new bike lanes (and seeking funding for this purpose), and coordinating efforts to prioritize and submit grant applications for goods movement.

DISCUSSION:

The CMAQ and STBG Program Guidelines (Attachment B) establish the structure for project selection and allocation of funds within the SCAG region. The guidelines were developed by SCAG in consultation with CTCs in the region, including bi-weekly meetings to review each section of the guidelines prior to region-wide circulation. There will also be three workshop opportunities for Ventura County eligible applicants on the guidelines and application process. Two will be held virtually by SCAG and one will be hosted in person by VCTC staff. This will be an opportunity to ask any VCTC Project Prioritization Framework specific questions in addition to the SCAG presentation.

This call-for-project nominations will primarily make funding available from apportionments for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2026-27 and FFY 2027-28. STBG and CMAQ funding are subject to the Timely Use of Funds with obligation and/or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Transfer deadlines for these apportionment years being September 30, 2029, and September 30, 2030, respectively. The current federal surface transportation authorization, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, is in effect through September 2026. Therefore, funding availability for the call for project nominations is subject to a subsequent congressional reauthorization or continuing resolution.

Table 1, Project Selection Milestones, outlines the tentative dates and deadlines for key milestones for the call-for-project nominations process and will be updated as necessary with future communication to this committee.

Table 1: PROJECT SELECTION MILESTONES	Scheduled Date
SCAG GUIDELINE ADOPTION	March 6, 2025
SCAG HOSTED ONLINE WORKSHOPS	March 12, 2-4 p.m. March 18, 10 - noon
PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK TO TRANSCOM	March 12, 2025
PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK TO TTAC	March 19, 2025
VCTC HOSTED IN PERSON SCAG WORKSHOP AT THE CAMARILLO LIBRARY	March 25, 2025, 1:00-3:00pm
PROJECT PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK TO VCTC	April 4, 2025
SCAG APPLICATION PORTAL OPEN TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	March 31, 2025
APPLICATIONS SUBMISSION DEADLINE	May 16, 2025 at 5pm
PROJECT NOMINATION RECOMMENDATIONS TO TRANSCOM	June 11, 2025
PROJECT NOMINATION RECOMMENDATIONS TO TTAC	June 18, 2025
PROJECT NOMINATION RECOMMENDATIONS TO VCTC	July 11, 2025
REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARDS FUNDING	November 6, 2025
IMPLEMENTATION INTO THE 2027 FTIP	December 2025

The funding availability for this call for project nominations per the SCAG guidelines, is set by program target percentages. The Ventura County region STBG target percentage is 4.3%, or roughly \$27M, and the CMAQ target percentage is 3.3% or roughly \$20M.

Eligible applicants for STBG and CMAQ funds in Ventura County include cities, counties, transit agencies, federally recognized Tribal governments, and VCTC. Eligible projects must be eligible for STBG or CMAQ funds, as detailed in 23 USC Sec. 133, 149, et al. Consistent with SCAG Connect SoCal 2024 goals and strategies and Federal Performance Measure Goals, proposed projects should be used for activities related to the following primary project categories and have a clear transportation nexus as indicated in the Guidelines (Attachment B, page 6).

The VCTC Project Prioritization Framework presented here, outlines how project nominations submitted within the county will be prioritized for funding as part of the final SCAG selection. This framework will be posted to the VCTC website upon approval of the Commission, and will be presented at the March 25, 2025, workshop as well.

The SCAG application portal will be open to eligible applicants beginning March 31st, and will close on May 16, 2025. Ventura County applicants may ask VCTC staff for review or technical assistance during that time. Staff will then review, score and develop project nomination recommendations for approval by the Commission and submission to SCAG as part of the final STBG/CMAQ programming selection.

The Transit Operators Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM) approved this item for VCTC consideration on March 12, 2025.



Project Prioritization Framework for the Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Call-for-Project Nominations

Per the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2025 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program guidelines, County Transportation Commissions (CTCs), such as the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), must develop a Project Prioritization Framework outlining how projects nominations submitted within Ventura County will be prioritized for funding as part of the final SCAG selection.

This Call-for-Project Nominations will primarily make funding available from apportionments for obligation in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-27 and FFY 2027-28. STBG and CMAQ funding are subject to the Timely Use of Funds with obligation or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) transfer deadlines for these apportionment years being September 30, 2029, and September 30, 2030, respectively.

All applicants must submit project nomination via the SCAG online portal by May 16, 2025. VCTC will evaluate and score Ventura County project nominations based on the following prioritized criteria.

VCTC Project Prioritization Framework:

1) Applicant and Project Eligibility (20 Points Available)

- a) VCTC will screen applicants and projects for eligibility with federal and regional requirements. Projects must be eligible for STBG and/or CMAQ funds, as detailed in 23 USC Sec. 133, 149
 - i) Eligible Project Nominations will receive a Score of **20 points** and categorized by eligibility.
 - ii) Ineligible Projects will receive a **Score of 0** and not be recommended for funding this cycle.

2) Deliverability and Readiness (20 Points Available)

- a) VCTC will evaluate potential implementing agencies and whether they have sufficient capacity and technical expertise to meet required federal deadlines and will evaluate project nominations for potential deliverability issues which will lose points if an agency consistently fails to deliver without adequate justification. VCTC will otherwise prioritize project delivery as such:
 - i) STBG/CMAQ projects currently programmed in the 2025 FTIP but have never been through a SCAG call-for-projects process that are applying to retain the project in the 2027 FTIP will receive **20 points**.
 - ii) Projects funded in a prior STBG/CMAQ Call-for-Projects that need additional funding to fully deliver the project and follow the federal aid process will receive **20 Points** for deliverability.
 - iii) Projects funded in the Active Transportation Program (ATP) that need additional funding to fully deliver the awarded project following the federal aid process will receive **17 points**.
 - iv) Projects that have fully funded or completed all project development phases, including PAED and PS&E, that need funding for construction and/or implementation **in or prior to FFY 2026-27** following the federal aid process, will receive **14 points**.
 - v) Projects that have fully funded or completed all project development phases, including PAED and PS&E, that need funding for construction and/or implementation **in or prior to FFY 2027-28** following the federal aid process, will receive **11 points**.



- vi) Projects requesting the full spectrum of project delivery including PAED, PS&E, and CON to obligate and/or transfer in or prior to end of **FFY 2026-27** will receive **8 points**.

3) Transit Coordination (10 Points Available)

- a) VCTC will prioritize project nomination applications with demonstrated attention to Transit related development, coordination, and connections throughout Ventura County.
 - i) Project nominations that are Transit in nature (bus purchases, etc.) will receive **10 points**
 - ii) Projects with a connection to Transit, and/or a benefit to Transit Riders will receive **5 points**.

4) Community/Stakeholder Engagement (5 Points Available)

- a) VCTC will prioritize project nomination applications with demonstrated community support for a total of 5 Points. Community support may be determined through a variety of means, including (but not limited to):
 - i) Responses to public outreach, including comments received at public meetings or hearings, feedback from community workshops, survey responses, etc, will receive **5 points**.

5) Implementation of Regional and Transportation Plans (5 Points Available)

- a) VCTC will prioritize project nomination applications with projects identified in the Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).
 - i) Project nominations implementing projects identified in Ventura County CTP in Scenario A, B, or C will receive **5 points**.

6) Older Adult, Disabled, and Limited Mobility Consideration (5 Points Available)

- a) VCTC will prioritize project nomination applications with demonstrated attention to the needs of the community members experiencing significant mobility limitations.
 - i) Project nominations with demonstrated attention to the needs of individuals with mobility disabilities will receive an additional **5 points**. This may be determined through a variety of means, including (but not limited to): ADA elements of the project nomination, documented outreach to groups in this category, letter of support from an agency serving this community.

VCTC Prioritized Project Nominations:

VCTC will develop a Project Prioritization Nomination package based on this Project Prioritization Framework for SCAG’s consideration. The following point distribution to be applied to VCTC scored projects and provided to SCAG for review and scoring according to the 2025 Guidelines Appendix E.

VCTC Project Prioritization Nomination	Points to SCAG
Highly Recommended (Scoring higher than 50 on VCTC Prioritization)	50 Points
Recommended (Scoring between 40-50 on VCTC Prioritization)	40 Points
Contingency List (Scoring between 20-40 on VCTC Prioritization)	20 Points
Not Recommended (Scoring below 20 on VCTC Prioritization)	0 Points



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Item #8

March 19, 2025

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON US 101 HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV)/EXPRESS
BUS WIDENING PROJECT APPROVAL / ENVIRONMENTAL
DOCUMENT (PAED) PHASE

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

At last month's Commission meeting, VCTC staff and its consultant Project Manager provided an update on the status of the PAED work on the US 101 Improvement Project, which is being managed by VCTC. Staff will make this presentation at today's TTAC meeting. Attached for the Committee's information is the Commission staff memo.



Item #14

February 7, 2025

MEMO TO: VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON US 101 HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV)/EXPRESS BUS WIDENING PROJECT APPROVAL / ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (PAED) PHASE

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file presentation.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Commission completed the first Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), which identified US 101 as a priority for improvement. The CTP included the need for capacity enhancements and/or operational improvements to US 101, and its importance to local commerce and freight movement. Additionally, through nearly every public participation activity during the development of the CTP, community members identified connectivity between cities, communities, and important destinations as being high priority.

Upon identification of the need for this project, efforts began on the US 101 Improvement Project, leading to the completion by Caltrans staff of the Project Study Report – Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) in December, 2013. The PSR-PDS determined the initial purpose and need for the project, including identifying corridor deficiencies, corridor and system coordination, conceptual cost estimates and the initial four alternatives that would meet the established purpose and need. In Spring 2018, the Commission entered into an agreement with WSP USA Inc. to perform the engineering and environmental work associated with the US 101 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Widening, Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) phase.

The PAED itself is a highly complex effort that has defined the scope of improvements to reduce congestion and provide environmental clearance for those improvements along approximately 27 miles of US 101 from State Route (SR) 23 in Thousand Oaks to SR 33 in Ventura. The PAED has looked at a range of alternatives that include High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, auxiliary lanes, ramp improvements, and bridge widenings, as well as the environmental impacts and mitigations for that work.

The PAED is overseen by a Project Development Team (PDT) that has held meetings to review work completed and provide guidance to the WSP project team. During Summer 2019, the project conducted a series of four (4) public scoping meetings, one in each of the corridor cities, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Oxnard, and Ventura, to receive public comment. Subsequent to this

scoping process, the project team moved into the Alternatives Analysis portion of the project. A wide variety of project alternatives were studied in this process, applying both quantitative and qualitative criteria to the alternatives, with the objective of identifying the two alternatives that best fit the purpose and need of the project for an in-depth study and environmental review.

To facilitate public involvement in the development of this project, the project team created a website, www.OurFuture101.org, which provides information on the project, its current status, and opportunities for public involvement.

At the July 2020 meeting, the Commission received an update on project status. This update included a description of the alternatives selected by the PDT for the complete evaluation. These alternatives are:

- Alternative 1: No Build
- Alternative 2: HOV/Express Bus Lane Using Standard Section with Auxiliary Lanes
- Alternative 3: HOV/Express Bus Lane Using Standard Section with Design Variations and Auxiliary Lanes

The Commission received subsequent reports on the project status at the May 2022 and May 2023 meetings.

DISCUSSION:

The WSP team and PDT have continued to work on the more detailed environmental and technical analysis of the two alternatives that the PDT selected for complete evaluation. Work on the project has continued to take longer than originally scheduled, due to a lengthened alternative evaluation timeline, longer than anticipated work product review by Caltrans, and the time required for Caltrans and VCTC to resolve several unanticipated environmental issues. However, the project team is now wrapping up work on the Draft Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Analysis, with the expectation that the document will be available for public review and comment in mid- to late-2025. The team is also working with Caltrans to update cost estimates for the project.

Staff has invited Ms. Melissa Brady, Project Manager for WSP, to give a project status presentation. This presentation will briefly review the history of the project to date and will address plans for public outreach during the review period for the draft environmental document. The presentation will also include information on some of the significant issues to be presented in the draft environmental document. These issues include:

- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis, with Caltrans and VCTC having worked jointly to develop a proposed plan to ensure that the project, combined with proposed mitigation measures, will not result in increasing VMT;
- US 101 Conejo Pass Wildlife Movement Study in partnership with the National Park Service;
- Possible Cultural and Historical Resources issues within Camarillo; and,
- New soundwalls being considered for inclusion in the project.



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Item #9

March 19, 2025

TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
FROM: GEISKA VELASQUEZ, PROGRAM MANAGER
SUBJECT: PORT OF HUENEME NORTH TERMINAL SHORESIDE POWER PROJECT COST INCREASE

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve programming of \$4,000,000 in CMAQ funds to cover the unanticipated additional cost to award the contract to complete the Port of Hueneme North Terminal Shoreside Power Project.

BACKGROUND

In the 2022 call for projects administered by VCTC for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding, the Port of Hueneme was awarded a total of \$10.4 million for the north terminal shore power project, which provides state of the art electrical infrastructure and electrical-grid-base connection allowing Roll-on/Roll-off ocean going vessels to shut down diesel auxiliary engines while at berth, connect into shore power, and effectively eliminate vessel diesel emissions while at berth. The project scored highly for the air quality improvement with implementation of the project. In 2024, in the call for projects administered by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the project received an additional \$1.5 million, fulfilling the Port's original \$11.9 million funding request to VCTC.

This project was obligated on time with a Request for Authorization (RFA) approval in September of 2024. Shortly after this authorization to proceed, the Port staff was immediately faced with a need for additional funding. The South Shore Terminal had been badly damaged during an extreme weather event. It has been determined that due to the history of such weather events causing disruptions in the critical power infrastructure of the Port, and the

detriments to the ability of the shore power to reduce emissions from docked ships at the terminal, additional considerations must be made to protect the investments of the electrical infrastructure. Therefore, to protect the CMAQ investment and complete the project, it is necessary that the Port add a building foundation, modular building, and other essential equipment, to the project at an estimated additional cost of roughly \$4.6 million.

DISCUSSION

In June of each year Caltrans requests that local agencies provide Requests for Authorization (RFAs) for any additional projects that are not under advanced construction or on hold and that could be obligated prior to September 30 of that year. This is in preparation for the “August Redistribution” of Obligation Authority (OA). In August of each year, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) redistributes OA (from states that have not used all their OA) to states that have used their OA, or will use all their OA by September 30 and have requested additional OA.

In anticipation of that effort Caltrans requested that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) survey the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) on expected obligation of these funds for this fiscal year, FY 24/25. The resulting OA plan identified that due to project delays the SCAG region is under authorizing its OA. In response SCAG called for the CTCs to identify any projects that could obligate addition funds in this fiscal year to assist the region and the State to closer reach their OA and retain it to California.

SCAG has offered their concurrence and approval of the advanced use of \$4 million in FY26/27 CMAQ programming capacity for immediate obligation in FY24/25 to fully deliver the Port of Hueneme North Terminal Shoreside Power Project and assist the region and state in delivering more OA.

VCTC staff recommend approving the advancing of this funding with the provision that the Port of Hueneme assumes any additional cost, including the required 11.47% match, and any additional costs above that. This \$4 million will count toward the roughly \$20 million VCTC CMAQ funding target in the upcoming SCAG call for projects.

The infrastructure added to the original project includes the modular building material, building foundation, lighting, fire systems, HVAC, cables etc, as well as construction management.