



DATE: September 13, 2018

MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: STATUS OF FEDERAL CMAQ PROJECTS / PROGRAMMING OF CMAQ SHELF LIST AND/OR COST INCREASES

RECOMMENDATION:

- Review updated project schedule.
- Consider increasing the FY 2018/19 CMAQ program to minimize a rescission of funds.

DISCUSSION:

Under federal law, 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 funds in each county. It is important for VCTC to have an accurate schedule of CMAQ projects to ensure that our county 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. VCTC provides this information to Caltrans which uses it to manage the state's Obligation Authority (OA).

An additional issue for FY 2018/19 is that the federal FAST Act provides for a rescission based on the unobligated apportionment balance at the end of FY 2018/19. As a result, VCTC should consider how to reduce the Ventura County unobligated balance to minimize the impact of the rescission on the county.

VCTC sent the attached notice to agencies on August 28th, requesting information on the status of their CMAQ projects, along with information on possible strategies to increase the amount to be obligated in FY 2018/19 if necessary to minimize the rescission. There are currently no transit projects scheduled to be obligated in FY 2018/19, as all previously-approved transit projects have either been obligated or the funds have been transferred to FTA. The only transit projects on the Shelf List are for Gold Coast Transit. Based on the response to the notice, VCTC will provide TRANSCOM with information on the anticipated obligation of CMAQ and possible strategies to program additional funds to be obligated in FY 2018/19. This information will also go to the September 20th TTAC meeting.



Ventura County Transportation Commission

August 28, 2018

MEMO TO: CITY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS
COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR
GOLD COAST TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGER

FROM: DARREN M. KETTLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *DK*

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR STATUS UPDATE FOR CMAQ AND STP PROJECTS /
POSSIBLE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR CMAQ SHELF LIST & COST
INCREASES

VCTC requests your assistance to provide the project status and fund obligation schedule for projects programmed for the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and the Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP). This information is particularly critical this year because the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, passed in 2015, includes a provision to rescind a portion of unobligated CMAQ apportionment balances remaining unobligated at the end of FY 2018/19. To minimize the effect of this rescission on Ventura County it will be necessary to lower the CMAQ balance as much as possible. Furthermore, projected STP and CMAQ obligation schedules assist Caltrans in managing statewide obligation authority.

Based on the CMAQ project schedule information provided to VCTC, if there appears to remain a significant unobligated CMAQ balance, VCTC will, in consultation with TTAC and TRANSCOM, consider possible steps to lower the CMAQ balance, possibly including: (1) funding projects or project phases on the attached Shelf List that can obligate funds by September 30, 2019, the end of federal FY 2018/19; or (2) increasing funding for approved or Shelf List projects provided that the increased funds can be obligated by September 30, 2019.

So that VCTC can address these issues, please provide the following information to VCTC staff by **September 10, 2018**:

1. On the enclosed spreadsheets, update the information for your projects shown in the "Planned Obligation Date" and "Current Project Status" columns.
2. If your agency is recommending the programming of additional CMAQ funds that can be obligated by September 30, 2019, provide a letter, signed by yourself, specifying the requested funds, including funds on the Shelf List that can be obligated by the deadline, or additional CMAQ funds needed by approved CMAQ project scopes or CMAQ shelf list scopes. (Please note that your agency will still need to provide the local match amount committed to the project in your original application.)

Staff expects to come to the September TTAC and TRANSCOM meetings with the updated tables of STP and CMAQ project statuses and a recommendation for addressing the pending CMAQ rescission.

Should you have any question please contact Peter De Haan at (805) 642-1591, extension 106 or pdehaan@goventura.org.

RECOMMENDED CMAQ / TDA ARTICLE 3 SHELF LIST PROJECTS

TRANSIT

Project Name:	Agency:	Committee Score:	CMAQ Funds:
Midlife Engine Replacement and Service Life Extension – 12 buses	Gold Coast Transit	65	1,451,095
Ventura Road Transit Service Operations for 3rd of 3 years	Gold Coast Transit	75*	1,218,047

* Ventura Road 3rd year funds placed lower as funds are not needed for two years.

Total: \$2,669,142

BIKE/PEDESTRIAN/TRAFFIC FLOW

Project Name:	Agency:	Committee Score:	CMAQ or TDA Article 3 Funds:
Sespe Street Bike Lanes	Ventura County	55	114,572
Rice Road Bike Lanes	Ventura County	53	1,156,202
Springville Bike Trail Phase 2	Camarillo	52	1,372,215
Los Feliz Drive Sidewalk	Thousand Oaks	52	711,780

Total: \$3,354,769