



VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

AGENDA

The meeting will be via ZOOM Webinar

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

9:00 AM

In light of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 and the Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health committee panelists will participate in the meeting from individual remote locations, which is in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting remotely. Persons who wish to address the TTAC committee on an item to be considered at this meeting are asked to submit comments in writing to the committee at vvega@goventura.org by 4:30PM, Wednesday June 17, 2020. Due to the current circumstances if you would like to participate in a verbal public comment on any item on the agenda during the meeting, please email your public comment to vvega@goventura.org. Any public comment received will be read into the record during the public comment portion of this meeting. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Government Code Section 54954.2, if special assistance is needed to participate in the TTAC meeting, please contact VCTC staff (805) 642-1591 ext. 118. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to meeting time will assist staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

- ITEM 1** **CALL TO ORDER**

- ITEM 2** **INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ITEM 3** **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *Any member of the public may address the Committee for up to two minutes on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Committee that is not scheduled for a public discussion before the Committee.*

- ITEM 4** **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

- ITEM 5** **APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES**

- ITEM 6** **CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATES**

- ITEM 7** **101 COMMUNITIES CONNECTED DRAFT STUDY**
Receive Information and a presentation on the Final Draft of 101 Communities Connected (US-101 Multimodal Corridor Study).

- ITEM 8** **US 101 PROJECT APPROVAL / ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (PAED) STATUS REPORT**
Receive and File.

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ITEM 9

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Congestion Management Program – New VMT Standard
- Periodic Highway Construction Updates
- Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
- SCAG Go Human Program

ITEM 10

ADJOURNMENT

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Thursday, June 18, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA-ZOOM
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Matsuoka, City of Camarillo (Chair)
Justin Link, City of Simi Valley (Vice Chair)
Sean Corrigan, City of Moorpark
Tai Chau, City of Santa Paula
Mike Tohidian, City of Thousand Oaks
Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura
Dave Fleisch, County of Ventura
Cameron Spencer, Port of Hueneme

Robert Wong, Caltrans
Ben Cacatian, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPD)

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

VCTC STAFF PRESENT: Amanda Fagan, Planning and Policy Director
Judith Johnduff, Program Manager
Peter De Haan, Programming Director

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matsuoka called the regular TTAC meeting to order at 9:05am VIA-ZOOM.

ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Peter De Haan, VCTC, announced that at the last Caltrans Project Management Quarterly Meeting, there was a Caltrans presentation on the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). Roger So of Caltrans showed a map of projects currently under planning, and his point was that Caltrans is incorporating wherever possible "complete streets components" into their SHOPP Projects, and the best time to do so is when the project is in the planning stage. He asked that he be given any ideas for complete street elements, but in a later conversation Peter was told that Caltrans would like VCTC to coordinate a response on behalf of the entire County.

ITEM 3 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Items 7 and 8 will be taken before Items 5 and 6, respectively.

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

ACTION:

Vice Chair Link moved, seconded by Tohidian that the Committee approve the May 21, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6 CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Mr. Robert Wong, Caltrans, announced Fred Bral has retired.

ITEM 7 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CYCLE (ATP) CYCLE 5 PROGRAM | REGIONAL PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY

Ms. Judith Johnduff, VCTC, reminded the Committee at the last meeting, a recommendation was made to staff to consider slightly adjusting the criteria points for project selection. There were two attachments provided, in Attachment 1, provides the recommended 20-point award criteria and Attachment 2, is the ATP Cycle 5 Fact Sheet.

ACTION:

Fleisch made a motion to amend staff's recommendation to the 20 Point Criteria Methodology as follows:

- 1. For Construction Projects – Up to 15 points will be awarded for project readiness:**
 - a. Five (5) points will be awarded if the project is identified in an approved, adopted Bicycle, Pedestrian or Active Transportation Plan listed, OR**
 - b. Ten (10) Points will be awarded if the project is identified in a plan listed, and the conceptual design has been completed, OR**
 - c. Fifteen (15) Points will be awarded if the project is identified in a plan listed, and the Conceptual design has been completed, and the ATP Cycle 5 application shows the preconstruction phases fully funded by the Local Agency.**

Title of Construction Projects identified in an adopted Plan below:

City of Camarillo Bikeway Master Plan (2017)
City of Moorpark Bicycle Transportation Plan (2008)
Moorpark College Facilities Master Plan (2015)
Ojai Complete Streets Master Plan (2017)
City of Oxnard Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2011)
Oxnard Corridor Transportation Improvement Plan – A Livable Oxnard (2016)
Santa Clara River Trail Master Plan (2011)
Simi Valley Bicycle Master Plan (2009)
Simi Valley Green Community Action Plan (2010)
City of Thousand Oaks Active Transportation Plan (2019)
Thousand Oaks Boulevard Specific Plan (2012)
City of Ventura Bicycle Master Plan (2011)
County of Ventura Transportation Strategic Master Plan (2012)
Safe Routes to Schools Master Plan 12/11/2018
Prioritized List for Construction of Pedestrian Facilities (2020)
Ventura County Prioritized List for Construction of Category B Bike Lanes (2017)
VCTC Bicycle Wayfinding Plan (2017)

- 2. For Planning Projects: 15 points will be awarded if the project is to prepare a Citywide, Areawide or Corridor Specific Active Transportation Plan,**

AND

3. For Any Project with a Safe Routes to Schools Component: Projects will be awarded 5 points if the Safe Routes to Schools box is checked in the Cycle 5 Application.

Link seconded the motion, and the motion passed as amended with no objections.

ITEM 8 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Ms. Johnduff, VCTC, reviewed with the Committee, pursuant to federal legislation, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is now required to establish performance measures for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). SCAG is also required to adopt targets for these performance measures and monitoring progress in both the RTP and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). A table listing the FTIP Database Performance Measures, (developed by both SCAG and Caltrans) was provided in staff report. She also mentioned, each local agency with projects in the 2021 FTIP, will need to provide VCTC information on each project for each relevant performance measure. A worksheet will be sent to each agency, there will be prompts to input the required data. The information needs to be received by July 15.

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ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Matsuoka adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.



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August 20, 2020

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
FROM: CAITLIN BROOKS, PROGRAM MANAGER – TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
SUBJECT: 101 COMMUNITIES CONNECTED FINAL DRAFT

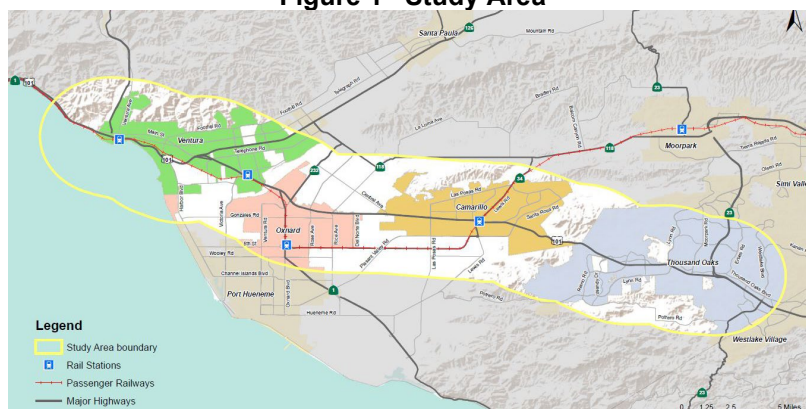
RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive information and a presentation on the Final Draft of 101 Communities Connected (US-101 Multimodal Corridor Study).

DISCUSSION:

In July 2019, with funding from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and Caltrans, VCTC kicked off the 101 Communities Connected Study (Study), a plan to improve mobility for everyone who travels the US-101 Corridor. The project has entered the final stage and we are soliciting feedback on the Final Draft from TTAC. The Study provides consensus-based recommendations for multimodal mobility enhancements to benefit the communities along US-101 in Ventura County. The study area includes the US-101 Freeway and the area generally up to three (3) miles on either side of the freeway as shown in Figure 1. The completion of this Study makes Ventura County eligible to compete for state funding to implement these recommendations, including funds from the SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) program.

Figure 1 –Study Area



US-101 Communities Connected seeks to foster a resilient, sustainable, and efficient transportation future for Ventura County to meet the many and diverse needs of the communities served by US Highway 101. This multi-modal corridor study analyzes demographic and economic data, considers existing and future land use, and inventories planned transportation infrastructure projects throughout the US-101 Corridor.

It provides a roadmap for collaboration across jurisdictions and development of funding priorities for future investments in infrastructure throughout the corridor to improve connectivity, reduce vehicle miles travelled, and better serve the residents, businesses, and visitors of Ventura County.

US-101 Communities Connected identifies a comprehensive list of proposed transportation improvement projects and evaluates those projects and programs in a multimodal context using the Caltrans Corridor Planning Guidebook and the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) guidelines. The study provides an overview of existing and future conditions, public input, documentation of projects and programs, and multimodal evaluation of the projects, funding availability, and how to move forward with implementing the projects and programs. The study is organized as follows:

- **Existing and Future Conditions Review** – Preparing a multimodal corridor Plan requires a keen understanding of existing and future land use patterns, travel markets and patterns, and the underlying multimodal transportation infrastructure in the study area. This analysis considers how existing and future users of transportation infrastructure and services will affect operation, maintenance, availability, and conditions of multimodal infrastructure.
- **Engage Public and Policy Makers** – Public outreach and participation are key parts of the US-101 Communities Connected Study. Comprehensive public involvement is crucial to the success of the project. Through interactive community workshops, digital engagement and targeted outreach, focused on disadvantaged communities, the outreach program accomplished the following goals:
 - Help to educate the public about the US 101 Communities Connected study, including its purpose and the important role it will play in Ventura County's transportation future.
 - Solicit input from the public and stakeholders, including special needs populations and disadvantaged communities, on transportation needs and priorities in the US-101 Corridor.
- **Identify Planned Projects and Programs** – A number of sources are reviewed to identify planned projects within the study area including, but not limited to, local agency Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs), the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), 2020 SCAG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), and Short-Range Transit Plans (S RTP), as well as coordination with local agencies to ensure an all-encompassing list.
- **Evaluation Framework** – A project evaluation framework is developed to determine how each project would perform relative to the goals and guiding principles of the project; and how it would benefit the overall corridor performance. The Study introduces the Communities Connected Index (CCI) as a tool to evaluate projects.
- **Funding Sources** - Funding for transportation improvements in California is available through a series of Federal, State, and local sources. Eligibility for each funding source differs by mode, scope, matching fund requirements and project phase. The Study summarizes relevant funding sources available for projects in the US-101 Communities Connected study area.
- **Moving Forward** - A roadmap for future improvements necessary to meet the corridor plan goals. The study identifies and prioritizes a list of planned infrastructure improvements that have potential to enhance mobility for everyone who travels the U.S. 101 corridor, including drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit riders.

VCTC received numerous comments from TTAC, TRANSCOM, and the general public that were incorporated into the attached Study. We appreciate your feedback and are requesting that any additional comments on the attached Study are submitted to VCTC staff by September 18, 2020. We anticipate

bringing the final draft of the Study with the inclusion of any additional comments to the VCTC Board in October 2020.



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Item 8

August 20, 2020

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: US 101 PAED STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

At a recent meeting, the Committee indicated that it would like VCTC to include on the agenda the periodic presentations to the Commission on the US 101 Project Approval / Environmental Document (PAED) work. Since there was a US 101 PAED presentation at the most recent Commission meeting, Mr. Steven Yoshizumi, the Project Lead for WSP, will make the same presentation as was given to the Commission.

Attached for TTAC's background information is the US 101 PAED staff report from the July Commission meeting.



Item 9

July 10, 2020

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 Spring of 2018 the Commission entered into an agreement with WSP USA Inc. to perform the engineering and environmental work associated with the U.S. 101 HOV Widening, Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) phase. The PAED is based on the Project Study Report (PSR) completed by Caltrans in 2013 and is a reflection of the Commission's prioritization of congestion relief on the US 101.

The PAED itself is a highly complex project that will define the scope of improvements to relieve congestion and provide environmental clearance for those improvements along approximately 27 miles of the U.S. 101 from State Route 23 in Thousand Oaks to State Route 33 in Ventura. Across its forty-two (42) month schedule, the PAED will look at a range of alternatives that will include High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, the addition of 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 met monthly for the past fourteen (14) months 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 made a presentation on the project status at the October Commission meeting. Since then the project has 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.

DISCUSSION:

At this time the WSP team and the PDT are moving forward with the more detailed environmental and technical analysis of the two alternatives that the PDT selected for the complete evaluation. To provide a more detailed project update and presentation of the alternatives, staff has invited Mr. Steven Yoshizumi of WSP to present an overview of the project to date and the upcoming work. This presentation will afford the Commission with an opportunity to give input on the plans being developed for US 101. Additional presentations will be made to the Commission in the future, well before the release of the draft environmental document scheduled for the middle of 2021.