



VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

AGENDA

The meeting will be via ZOOM Webinar

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WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021

1:00 PM

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, Tuesday May 18, 2021. 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 COMMENT**
- ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**
- ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – For Action**
 - Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 21, 2021 meeting.
- ITEM 6 CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE**
- ITEM 7 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) – UPDATE**
 - Receive and file the revised Prioritized List of Projects (Attachment A) for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component of the Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program (ATP).
- ITEM 8 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) LOAN TO SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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ITEM 9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT

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- SCAG Go Human Program

ITEM 12 ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Heydari, adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.



VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
Thursday, March 18, 2021
9:00 a.m.

MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA-ZOOM
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Justin Link, City of Simi Valley (Chair)
Nader Heydari, City of Thousand Oaks (Vice Chair)
Ken Matsuoka, City of Camarillo
Debbie O'Leary, City of Oxnard
Steven Almcrantz, City of Port Hueneme
Clete Saunier, City of Santa Paula
Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura
Glenn Derossett, County of Ventura

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

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

VCTC STAFF PRESENT: Amanda Fagan, Planning and Policy Director
Caitlin Brooks, Program Manager / Transportation Planning
Heather Miller, Programming Manager
Peter De Haan, Programming Director

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Heydari called the regular TTAC meeting to order at 9:08 am VIA-ZOOM.

ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Peter De Haan, VCTC, reminded the Committee, starting next month in April, meetings will begin on the third Wednesday of the month, and the new time

Ben Cacatian, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPD), made a brief announcement, they have moved, (information for the new location, can be found on their website).

ITEM 3 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Chair Link arrived and chaired the meeting from this point forward.

ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None.

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

ACTION:

Hereford moved, seconded by Matsuoka that the Committee approve the January 21, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6 CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Mr. Robert Wong, Caltrans, made a few announcements, there is a Project Delivery Workshop scheduled to take place on, Tuesday, April 20th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., and they are planning for another workshop to take place in early June

ITEM 7 AT-RISK PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

Mr. De Haan, VCTC, provided a brief update on the new Caltrans/FHWA policy entitled "At-Risk Preliminary Engineering" (see presentation provided with the TTAC agenda packet).

ITEM 8 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) REGIONAL POINTS ASSIGNMENT

Ms. Heather Miller, VCTC, reviewed with the Committee the regional point assignments, and the Prioritized List of Projects, that is being recommended by VCTC Staff for approval, (see Attachment 1, and 2 provided). This will allow for VCTC to advance projects for funding under the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component of the Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program.

ACTION:

O'Leary moved, seconded by Matsuoka, and passed 8/0 that the approve the regional point assignments and the Prioritized List of Projects as show in Attachment 1, and 2. Allowing Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to advance projects for funding in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component of the Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program (ATP). The motion passed with no objections.

ITEM 9 SURFACE OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) AND CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECTS

Mr. De Haan, VCTC, provided an overview of the status of the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP), and also the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects.

ITEM 10 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) LOAN TO SAN JUAQUIN COUNTY

Mr. De Haan, VCTC, reviewed with the Committee, the request to approve the loan in the amount of \$3 million from the Ventura County Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) Apportionment to the San Juaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), with the repayment to occur in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23, and the earliest it is expected to be needed for the Route 101 final design.

ACTION:

Heydari moved, seconded by O'Leary, and passed 8/0 to approve the loan in the amount of \$3 million from the Ventura County Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) Apportionment to the San Juaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), with the repayment to occur in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23, and the earliest it is expected to be needed for the Route 101 final design. The motion passed with no objections.

ITEM 11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Congestion Management Program – New VMT Standard:
Ms. Amanda Fagan, VCTC, mentioned, at the last Commission meeting, VCTC awarded the contract for the Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) update, and are currently working with the consultant to schedule a kick-off meeting.*
- *Periodic Highway Construction Updates*
- *Regional Transportation Funding & Planning*



May 19, 2021

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
FROM: HEATHER MILLER, PROGRAM MANAGER
SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 5 MPO COMPONENT –
REVISED REGIONAL PRIORITIZED LIST OF PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file the revised Prioritized List of Projects (Attachment A) for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component of the Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program (ATP).

DISCUSSION:

This year's Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program (ATP) allocated \$3,969,000 for Ventura County's share of the MPO (SCAG) regional component for competitive award to Ventura County applicants that were not funded under the statewide competitive program. Seven (7) Ventura County project applications were submitted in Cycle 5 for a total ATP funding request of \$38 million. Ventura County's El Rio Pedestrian Improvement and SRTS project was the only project selected for Statewide funding. The remaining six (6) Ventura County applicants were considered for the MPO Regional Component funding.

Base scores were established through the statewide ATP review process. Regional guidelines authorized county transportation commissions (VCTC) to then prioritize projects for MPO funding by adding up to twenty (20) points to supplement the state-provided base scores. The resulting prioritized list (see Attachment A for revised list) was provided to TTAC at the committee's March meeting with staff recommendations for project selection based on available funding.

The available funding allowed for the two highest ranked projects to be fully funded as follows:

1. City of Oxnard - SRTS Safety and Enhancements Project (\$1,981,000)
2. City of Ventura - Cabrillo Segment Multi-Use Path Gap Completion (1,008,000)

These two projects utilized \$2,989,000 funds in total with \$980,000 in ATP funds remaining.

The third ranked project on the prioritized list is the County of Ventura's Saticoy to Santa Paula West Branch Trail Gap Closure requesting ATP funds totaling \$21,000,000, far exceeding the remaining available regional funds. The fourth ranked City of Oxnard's 4th Street Mobility Improvement project includes a total project cost of \$6.9 million (\$660,000 for Design in 21/22 and \$6,250,000 for Construction in 22/23). Staff initially recommended to the committee the programming of the full remaining \$980,000 in regional ATP funds to Oxnard's 4th Street project. However, partially funding the construction phase of this project would preclude acquisition of future additional ATP grant funding if needed. Therefore, the revised staff recommendation is to program \$650,000 in ATP funding for just the design (PS&E) phase of this project. The remaining \$330,000 in ATP funds would be programmed to fifth ranked County of Ventura's Santa Rosa Road project with a total cost of \$1,103,000. The County has secured funding for the remaining cost to complete the project. Therefore, the revised recommendation of partially funded projects include:

3. City of Oxnard - 4th Street Mobility Improvements (\$650,000 for PS&E)
4. County of Ventura - Santa Rosa Road Bike Lane Improvement and Pedestrian Project (SRRBLP) (\$330,000)

This recommendation was approved at the VCTC's April 2 meeting, authorizing the Executive Director to submit the Prioritized List of Projects to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). SCAG staff will submit the Regional ATP Program project list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for adoption at their June 23, 2021 meeting. SCAG's submittal to the CTC requests State funding for all phases of the funded Ventura County projects and provides a contingency list of projects should additional funding become available.

Additional funds for this program may in fact become available as CTC staff received direction from Commissioners at the CTC meeting in March to seek other revenue sources to augment the program's funds. The ATP Cycle 5 overall budget for the four-year program is \$446 million. Four hundred and fifty-four (454) statewide applicants submitted projects requesting over \$2.3 billion in ATP grant funds, five times the available funding. Recognizing that the ATP program is severely oversubscribed and has been underfunded every year since its inception, and to address the nearly \$2 billion shortfall in this cycle alone, the CTC submitted a proposal for a \$2 billion one-time augmentation for the Active Transportation Program from the state's significant and unanticipated General Fund surplus. The proposal would allow the one-time augmentation to fund Cycle 5 projects that scored 60 or above in the statewide review process. All of Ventura County's project applications scored 60 or higher and therefore would be eligible for this funding, however, nothing will be final until the Legislature adopts the budget. The deadline for the Legislature to pass the state budget is June 15, 2021. Governor Newsom's May 14 announcement revised the proposal to \$500 million in additional ATP funding.

ATTACHMENT A

ATP CYCLE 5 MPO COMPONENT

Ventura County Prioritized List of Projects*

Implementing Agency	Project Title	Total Project Cost	ATP Funding Request	Statewide Score	20 Points	Regional Score	Funding
County of Ventura	El Rio Pedestrian Improvement and Safe Route to School Project	\$ 6,960,000	\$ 6,195,000	92	NA	NA	Recommended for full ATP Funding (Statewide Selection)
City of Oxnard	SRTS Safety and Enhancements Project	\$ 1,981,000	\$ 1,981,000	86	15	101	Recommended for full ATP Funding (Regional Selection)
City of Ventura	Cabrillo Segment Multi-Use Path Gap Completion	\$ 1,008,000	\$ 1,008,000	90	10	100	Recommended for full ATP Funding (Regional Selection)
County of Ventura	Saticoy to Santa Paula: West Branch Trail Gap Closure	\$22,434,000	\$21,000,000	77.5	10	87.5	
City of Oxnard	4th Street Mobility Improvements	\$ 6,900,000	\$ 6,900,000	75	10	85	Recommended for partial (\$650,000 for PS&E) ATP Funding (Regional Selection)
County of Ventura	Santa Rosa Road Bike Lane Improvement and Pedestrian Project (SRRBLP)	\$ 1,103,000	\$ 1,103,000	67	15	82	Recommended for partial (\$330,000) ATP Funding (Regional Selection)
City of Camarillo	Camarillo Active Transportation Plan	\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000	60	15	75	
		\$40,756,000	\$38,557,000				\$ 3,969,000

**This List will also serve as a Contingency List of Projects should funds be made available through project cancellations, savings, or funding augmentation (subject to CTC approval).*



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May 19, 2021

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: STP LOAN TO SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve loan of \$14,555,000 from the Ventura County Regional Surface Transportation Program apportionment, to the Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG), with the repayment to occur in FY 2022/23, the earliest that it is expected to be needed for Route 101 final design.

BACKGROUND:

Under federal law, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds apportioned to California lapse if they are not used within three years. By state law, California distributes a part of its STBG apportionment to counties by formula under the Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP). State law also applies the three-year lapsing rule to the STP apportionments of each county.

VCTC's policy is that the Route 101 improvement early action items project is the priority for STP funds as well as State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds. The STP fund balance must therefore be carefully managed, to build up a large amount of funds that can be used when needed by the project, while at the same time avoiding a lapse of funds. The common practice that is used by a county wishing to build up a STP balance is to provide loans to other counties that are ready to use the funds, so it has been anticipated that VCTC will need to participate in such loans.

VCTC has already made three STP loans to facilitate future use for the US 101 project without lapsing funds. These are as follows:

Orange County: \$21.5 million
San Bernardino County: \$14.3 million
San Joaquin County: \$3 million

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments, a multi-county Metropolitan Planning Organization which receives a single regionwide apportionment, has approached VCTC to request a loan for funds that are needed for a ready-to-go project.

DISCUSSION

This year there has is a more limited need among the counties for loaned funds, compared with past years, but VCTC was able to arrange a loan of \$3 million with San Joaquin County, which provided sufficient spending to prevent a lapse this year. Next year, VCTC may need to loan up to \$15 million to prevent a lapse from occurring. At this time SACOG is able to receive a loan of \$14,555,000 which should eliminate almost all of next year's possible lapse.

As with the prior loans, the only risk to VCTC would be that in the event of a severe federal cutback SACOG's apportionments would be cut and then the repayment from San Joaquin could be delayed. It is of course difficult to predict what federal changes could occur between now and 2022. However, since SACOG's apportionment is approximately \$30 million per year the cutback would have to be rather large to prevent it from repaying \$14,555,000 million to VCTC.