



**VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
Transit Operators Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM)**

[www.goventura.org](http://www.goventura.org)

**AGENDA\***

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

**1:30 p.m.**

**\*Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda**

The meeting will be via ZOOM Webinar

**Please click the link below to access the webinar.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81227247108?pwd=ZWVnYVJIS2t6ZmVjMS9aZDFKaEJWdz09>

**Call-In Option:**

**Dial: 1.669.900.6833**

**Webinar I.D.: 812 2724 7108**

**Passcode: 880831**

*On March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings completely telephonically or by other electronic means. On June 11, 2021, the Governor subsequently issued Executive Order N-08-21 maintaining the suspension of certain provisions of the Brown Act to continue to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings completely telephonically or by other electronic means through September 30, 2021. [In accordance with AB 361](#), VCTC meetings will continue to conduct its meetings by teleconference, its commissioners will participate in the meeting from individual remote locations, and no physical location will be open to the public for the Commission meeting.*

*Members of the public will be able to virtually view and participate in this meeting remotely. Members of the public who wish to address the committee on an item to be considered at this meeting are asked to please use/click the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom (or \*9 if you are calling into the Zoom meeting) at the time the Chairperson requests public comments. The Host will then advise you when it is your turn to speak. Verbal public comments are limited to three minutes.*

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Government Code Section 54954.2, if special assistance is needed to participate in a committee meeting, please contact the Administrative Assistant at (805) 642-1591 ext. 111. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to meeting time will assist staff in assuring reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility at the meeting.*

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 factual information or to be placed on the subsequent agenda for consideration.*

**ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

**ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- *Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting.*

**ITEM 6 ADA CERTIFICATION SERVICES PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE**

- For Information

**ITEM 7 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2022**

- For Action

**ITEM 8 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022**

- For Action

**ITEM 9 COVID-19 TRANSIT UPDATE – MARTIN ERICKSON, PUBLIC TRANSIT DIRECTOR**

- For Information

**ITEM 10 VENTURA COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION - BEN CACATIAN, AIR QUALITY SPECIALIST (VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT)**

- Receive and Discuss

**ITEM 11 EXPEDITED PROGRAMMING OF CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) FOR BUS REPLACEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE – PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR**

- For Action

**ITEM 12 STATUS OF FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECTS - PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR**

- Review and File

**ITEM 13 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- For Discussion

**ITEM 14 ADJOURNMENT**



**VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
Transit Operators Advisory Committee  
(TRANSCOM)**

**MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 8, 2021  
1:30 p.m.**

The meeting was held via ZOOM Webinar

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Matt Miller, Gold Coast Transit District (Chair)  
Ben Gonzales, City of Simi Valley (Vice Chair)  
Tyler Nestved, City of Camarillo  
Shaun Kroes, City of Moorpark  
Tim Bochum, City of Oxnard  
Nancy Arrieta, City of Thousand Oaks  
City of Ventura, City of Ventura  
Chris Kurgan, County of Ventura

Karly Ibrahim, CSUCI (ex-officio)  
Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD (ex-officio)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

City of Fillmore  
City of Ojai  
City of Port Hueneme  
City of Santa Paula

**VCTC STAFF PRESENT:**

Martin Erickson, Public Transit Director  
Peter De Haan, Programming Director  
Aaron Bonfilio, Program Manager / Transit Contracts  
Darrin Peschka, Program Manager / Gov. and Community Relations &  
Public Information Officer  
Dolores Lopez, Regional Transit Planner

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. via Zoom Webinar.

**ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tyler Nestved announced that he has been hired by the City of Thousand Oaks and that his replacement with the City of Camarillo is Jason Samonte. Shaun Kroes, City of Moorpark, announced the commencement of the Moorpark Metrolink station north parking lot construction project, which will affect the shared VCTC bus stop. Tim Bochum, City of Oxnard, announced his resignation. Martin Erickson, VCTC, announced the promotion of Dolores Lopez to the Regional Transit Planner position. Mr. Bonfilio, VCTC, announced the Valley Express Stuff the Bus event.

**ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

**ACTION**

**Gonzalez moved, seconded by Kroes, that the Committee approve the November 10, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ITEM 6 VCBUSPASS FARE CAPPING PROGRAM**

Mr. Bonfilio, VCTC, described fare capping and the benefits it affords low-income transit riders. He said that he will bring an item for the Committee to review in early 2022.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Nestved shared that the timing is cause for concern as the City of Camarillo recently raised fares. Ms. Arrieta shared that Thousand Oaks Transit does not support a VCBuspass fare capping program. Mr. Ben Gonzalez, City of Simi Valley, offered support for the program. Mr. Miller said that Gold Coast Transit District is in support of fare capping and said that it only helps the rider.

**ITEM 7 COVID-19 TRANSIT UPDATE**

Mr. Erickson, VCTC, shared that VCTC will be extending its half-fare promotion through June 2022 and asked the committee if they have any updates related to Covid-19.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Bonfilio said that he will be meeting with GCTD staff to discuss best practices when interacting with people that are unhoused, mentally ill, and/or addicted to drugs/alcohol. Chair Miller said that GCTD anticipates overcoming the driver/staff shortages by mid-spring 2022.

**ITEM 8      INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT (IIJA)**

Peter De Haan, VCTC, provided the Committee with highlights from the IIJA including funding increases for NOLO and SGR programs, application requirements, and the February 2022 application deadline. He also said that the Urbanized Areas (UZA) may be changed following the most recent census. Ms. Peschka said that the FTA has published fact sheets by program on their website.

**Discussion:**

The Committee discussed the potential effects of UZA changes including the Cities of Simi Valley and/or Camarillo being absorbed by a larger urbanized area

**ITEM 9      EXPEDITED PROGRAMMING OF CMAQ FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER  
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT (IIJA)**

**ACTION**

**Kroes moved, seconded by Nestved, that the Committee approve moving forward with querying transit agencies regarding possible bus replacements to obligate CMAQ within 12 months.**

**ITEM 10     FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- CMAQ (January)
- Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) (January)
- Election or Transition of Officers & 2022 Calendar (January)
- VCbuspass Fare Capping (February)
- Unmet Transit Needs (April)
- Transit Integration Efficiencies Studies (TIES) Update
- Coordinated Public-Transit Human Services Plan Update
- Federal Transit Funding and Infrastructure Bill Updates
- Progress on Fleet Electrification

**ITEM 11     ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.



Item 6

JANUARY 12, 2022

**MEMO TO:** TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)  
**FROM:** AARON BONFILIO, PROGRAM MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** ADA CERTIFICATION SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Receive and file the monthly ADA Certification services report(s) and program update.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mobility Management Partners (MMP) is VCTC's service provider for ADA Paratransit Eligibility Certification services. At this time in-person eligibility interviews remain suspended due to the pandemic and ongoing surge in cases. Additionally, the service provider, MMP, moved administrative offices at the end of the calendar year. The new address is *4036 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, CA. 93012*. Change of address notices have gone out and outgoing materials and digital information referencing the address has been updated.

Attached please find the ADA Certification services report, which is provided as a standing item for the TRANSCOM group.

Attachment(s): *MMP ADA Certification Report (November 2021 and December 2021)*

**Nov-21**

		Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July	June
<b>Call Center</b>	Inbound ADA Calls	351	376	347	403	185	335
	Outbound ADA calls	191	243	195	197	389	218
	Average hold time (in seconds)	6.31	5.53	3.41	1	1.5	1
	Outbound Area Transmittals	4	7	5	5	5	7
	Inbound Area Transmittals	14	8	5	10	11	5
<b>Applications Received</b>	Recertification	85	123	136	160	117	40
	New Applications	47	41	37	53	56	57
<b>Applications Received by Service Area</b>	Camarillo Area	10	23	16	28	24	5
	Gold Coast Area	57	50	61	63	78	40
	Valley Express Area	12	11	6	5	5	3
	Moorpark Area	4	4	3	8	5	3
	Simi Valley Area	29	51	49	58	35	24
	Thousand Oaks	19	24	35	49	26	22
	Out of County	1	1	3	2	0	0
<b>Completed Determinations by Evaluation Type</b>	Complete, with Functional Evaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Complete, Interview w/o Functional Evaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Complete, Special Circumstance (no Interview)	20	26	28	34	34	43
	Complete, Over 85+	6	6	5	0	3	6
	Complete, Phone Interview	16	15	5	4	15	10
	Complete, Short-term Certification (60 days)	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Complete, Recertifications	76	110	133	152	111	38
	Completed Determinations	<b>119</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Delays in Processing (Cumulative)</b>	Due to incomplete application by client	4	2	5	1	0	6
	Pending Professional Evaluation (PE)	13	17	8	22	8	6
	Applications that failed to meet 21 day rule	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Applicants awaiting phone interviews	0	0	1	1	1	2
<b>Assessments</b>	<b>Assessment Categories</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>CAM</b>	<b>VCTC</b>	<b>SIMI</b>	<b>T.O.</b>	<b>MPK</b>
	With Physical Assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0
	With Cognitive Assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Interview only (at assessment sites)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	No Shows	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Total in-person interviews scheduled	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Number of appointment days	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Determinations by Eligibility</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>		
Unconditional (including S.C., Over 85+ , Phone interviews,short-term)				<b>105</b>	<b>88%</b>		
Conditional				<b>4</b>	<b>3%</b>		
Temporary				<b>9</b>	<b>8%</b>		
Denials				<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>		
Short Term				<b>1</b>	<b>1%</b>		

As of March 17th MMP closed their Camarillo office and began working remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Riders requesting service outside of Ventura County

Riders requesting service into Ventura County

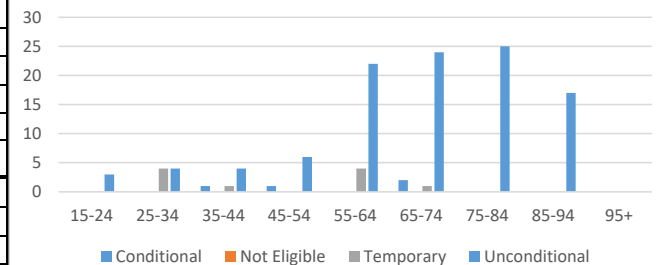
Total applications received: 132

Online Applications Received: 1 (1%)

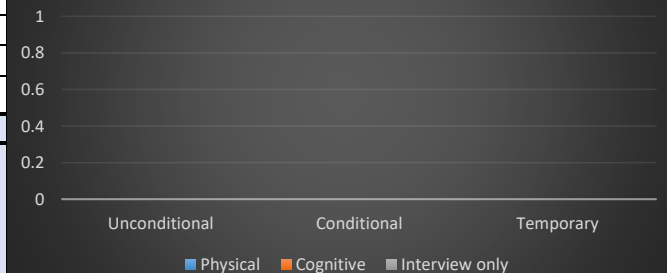
**Applications by Language**



**Evaluations by Age and Determination Type**



**In-person Interviews by Eligibility and Assessment Type**



<b>Nov-21</b>				
<b>Applications Received - GCT Area Cities</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Aug</b>
Casitas Springs	0	0	0	185
Meiners Oaks	0	0	0	0
Miramonte	0	0	0	1.5
Ojai	7	1	3	3
Oak View	2	0	0	0
Oxnard	24	29	33	37
Saticoy	0	0	0	0
Port Hueneme	4	5	3	5
Ventura	20	15	22	18
<b>Applications Received-Valley Express Area Cities</b>				
Fillmore	5	7	1	2
Piru	0	0	0	0
Santa Paula	7	4	5	3



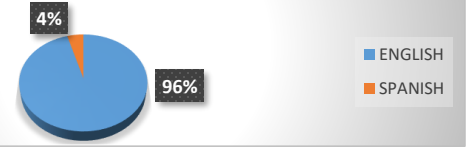
Dec-21							
		Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July
<b>Call Center</b>	Inbound ADA Calls	369	351	376	347	403	185
	Outbound ADA calls	201	191	243	195	197	389
	Average hold time (in seconds)	TBD	6.31	5.53	3.41	1	1.5
	Outbound Area Transmittals	5	4	7	5	5	5
	Inbound Area Transmittals	8	14	8	5	10	11
<b>Applications Received</b>	Recertification	86	85	123	136	160	117
	New Applications	49	47	41	37	53	56
<b>Applications Received by Service Area</b>	Camarillo Area	11	10	23	16	28	24
	Gold Coast Area	47	57	50	61	63	78
	Valley Express Area	6	12	11	6	5	5
	Moorpark Area	2	4	4	3	8	5
	Simi Valley Area	37	29	51	49	58	35
	Thousand Oaks	30	19	24	35	49	26
	Out of County	2	1	1	3	2	0
<b>Completed Determinations by Evaluation Type</b>	Complete, with Functional Evaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Complete, Interview w/o Functional Evaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Complete, Special Circumstance (no Interview)	33	20	26	28	34	34
	Complete, Over 85+	3	6	6	5	0	3
	Complete, Phone Interview	16	16	15	5	4	15
	Complete, Short-term Certification (60 days)	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Complete, Recertifications	85	76	110	133	152	111
	Completed Determinations	<b>137</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Delays in Processing (Cumulative)</b>	Due to incomplete application by client	2	4	2	5	1	0
	Pending Professional Evaluation (PE)	16	13	17	8	22	8
	Applications that failed to meet 21 day rule	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Applicants awaiting phone interviews	0	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Assessments</b>	<b>Assessment Categories</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>CAM</b>	<b>VCTC</b>	<b>SIMI</b>	<b>T.O.</b>	<b>MPK</b>
	With Physical Assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0
	With Cognitive Assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Interview only (at assessment sites)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	No Shows for Phone Interview	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Total in-person interviews scheduled	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Number of appointment days	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Determinations by Eligibility</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>		
Unconditional (including S.C., Over 85+ , Phone interviews,short-term)				<b>122</b>	<b>89%</b>		
Conditional				<b>4</b>	<b>3%</b>		
Temporary				<b>7</b>	<b>8%</b>		
Denials				<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>		
Short Term				<b>0</b>	<b>1%</b>		

As of March 17th MMP closed their Camarillo office and began working remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions.

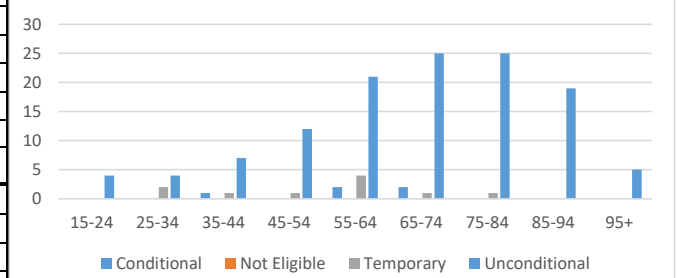
Riders requesting service outside of Ventura County  
Riders requesting service into Ventura County

Total applications received: 135  
Online Applications Received: 3 (2%)

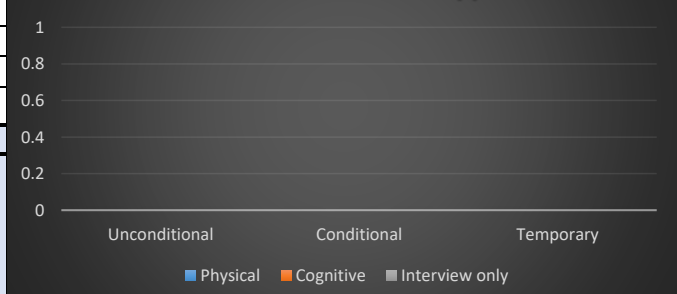
**Applications by Language**



**Evaluations by Age and Determination Type**



**In-person Interviews by Eligibility and Assessment Type**



<b>Dec-21</b>				
<b>Applications Received - GCT Area Cities</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Sept</b>
Casitas Springs	0	0	0	0
Meiners Oaks	0	0	0	0
Miramonte	0	0	0	0
Ojai	1	7	1	3
Oak View	1	2	0	0
Oxnard	26	24	29	33
Saticoy	0	0	0	0
Port Hueneme	3	4	5	3
Ventura	16	20	15	22
<b>Applications Received-Valley Express Area Cities</b>				
Fillmore	0	5	7	1
Piru	0	0	0	0
Santa Paula	6	7	4	5



Item 7

**DATE:** JANUARY 12, 2021  
**MEMO TO:** TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)  
**FROM:** MARTIN R. ERICKSON, TRANSIT DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** ELECTION OF OFFICERS

---

**RECOMMENDATION**

- That the Committee nominate and elect officers to the Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected from among the Transportation Operators Advisory Committee representatives by majority vote. Nomination and selection of the new officers will occur during this meeting. Below is a recent history of officers.

**2021**

Chair – Matt Miller, Gold Coast Transit District  
Vice Chair – Ben Gonzalez, City of Simi Valley

**2020**

Chair – Sergio Albarran, City of Ventura  
Vice Chair – Matt Miller, Gold Coast Transit District

**2019**

Chair – Bill Golubics, City of Camarillo  
Vice Chair – Sergio Albarran, City of Ventura

**2018**

Chair – Treena Gonzalez, County of Ventura  
Vice Chair – Bill Golubics, City of Camarillo

**2017**

Chair – Shaun Kroes, City of Moorpark  
Vice Chair – Treena Gonzalez, County of Ventura

**2016**

Chair – Mike Houser, City of Thousand Oaks  
Vice Chair – Shaun Kroes, City of Moorpark



**[This page intentionally left blank.]**



Item 8

**DATE:** JANUARY 12, 2022  
**MEMO TO:** TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)  
**FROM:** MARTIN R. ERICKSON, TRANSIT DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** 2022 TRANSCOM MEETING SCHEDULE

---

**RECOMMENDATION**

- That the Committee approve the 2022 TRANSCOM meeting schedule with meetings to be held at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month in the Ventura County Transportation Commission Conference Room.

**DISCUSSION:**

The following is the proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule for the Committee's consideration. This schedule will continue the practice of meeting the second Wednesday of the month:

January 12	February 9	March 9
April 13	May 11	June 8
July 13	August – N/A	September 14
October 12	November 9	December 14



**[This page intentionally left blank.]**



Item 10

**DATE:** JANUARY 12, 2022  
**MEMO TO:** TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)  
**FROM:** MARTIN R. ERICKSON, PUBLIC TRANSIT DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** VENTURA COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION

**ACTION**

- Receive and Discuss

**BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) strengthened the federal ozone standard on October 1, 2015. The National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone was established to protect the environment and public health. Ventura County was designated as a “serious” non-attainment area for the ozone pollutant and must attain the NAAQS by year 2027. The Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) is currently developing a revised Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) to demonstrate attainment of the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS. The AQMP is due to EPA by August 3, 2022. The AQMP submittal to EPA will become the Ventura County portion of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to meet the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS. Staff from VCAPCD will be making a presentation to TRANSCOM on this issue.

Mobile sources consist of a large portion of the emissions contributing to the air quality problem in Ventura County. The AQMP outlines the control measures needed to meet the ozone NAAQS by the year 2027. Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) play an important role in reducing on-road mobile source emissions by reducing the number of vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled. The Clean Air Act requires a review of Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACM) and Transportation Conformity to ensure TCMs are developed and implemented in a timely manner.

A RACM analysis is required during the AQMP development process. An extensive list of existing and potential TCMs are evaluated to determine whether the individual TCMs are technologically or economically feasible for Ventura County. A RACM analysis is being prepared by the District and will be used as a starting point to determine if additional TCMs are feasible for Ventura County. When TCMs are established and funded, the federal Transportation Conformity regulation ensures their timely implementation and continued funding. Because TCMs play an important role in meeting the ozone NAAQS by 2027, conformity to the goals and strategies of the AQMP/SIP is required from transportation plans, programs, and projects.



**[This page intentionally left blank.]**





January 12, 2022

**MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: EXPEDITED PROGRAMMING OF CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) FOR BUS REPLACEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Recommend the Commission program \$11,346,444 in IIJA CMAQ funds as recommended in the Attachment A table.

**BACKGROUND:**

VCTC's most recent CMAQ call for projects was in 2017. In 2018, VCTC approved additional CMAQ for projects that could obligate the balance quickly to avoid a rescission scheduled for September 2019. Then, in 2020 the federal government extended the transportation authorization by one year, and to use the additional year of CMAQ funds the Commission approved projects through an expedited project selection rather than a formal call for projects. Through these three programming actions, the Commission programmed nearly all of the CMAQ money authorized through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

The November 2021 passage of a new federal authorization, entitled the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), authorizes another five years of transportation programs including CMAQ, for fiscal years 2021/22 – 2025/26. VCTC staff therefore expects over the next few months to initiate a CMAQ call for projects. That process would typically start with developing revised guidelines, followed by issuance of the call for projects to program the five years of CMAQ funds authorized by the IIJA, and then scoring of applications and submittal of the recommended projects to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for inclusion in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). As discussed with the Committee last month, the CMAQ call for projects process could be changed from prior cycles depending on the outcome of the work by Caltrans, SCAG, and the other multi-county Metropolitan Planning Organizations to comply with the recent Corrective Action issued by the Federal Highway Administration regarding the issue of suballocating funds within multi-county regions.

In last year's expedited programming process for the FY 2020/21 CMAQ funds, VCTC and TRANSCOM became aware of the need for additional bus replacements beyond the funds available at that time. Since addressing the need for transit bus replacement and supporting infrastructure is a clear priority, the passage of the IIJA provides the opportunity to quickly move forward with the scheduled vehicle replacements, without having to wait for the pending call for projects process. Therefore, at the last TRANSCOM meeting, the Committee directed staff to query the transit operators regarding their needs for vehicle replacement and related needs scheduled in the asset management plans. The intent was to limit the agency requests to projects that can have approved CMAQ fund transfers, and hopefully FTA grants, processed by November 1, 2022.

### **DISCUSSION:**

As shown in the Attachment A table, a total of \$27,397,444 was requested for CMAQ-eligible capital purchases. This list includes not only the transit capital replacement needs submitted by operators, but also VCTC's annual amounts for countywide transit outreach and regional ridesharing. Staff is recommending approval of \$11,346,444 of this amount. The remaining project proposals can be considered should they be submitted for the upcoming IIJA call for projects.

It is important for TRANSCOM to be aware that the total requested amount of \$27,397,444 is well more than 50% of the total CMAQ authorized over five years by the IIJA. Although the new call for projects guidelines have not yet been developed, in the past the practice was to provide 50% of the available CMAQ funds for transit. VCTC staff roughly estimates that over the next five years Ventura County will receive \$46.7 million of CMAQ funds. Given the significant need for not only bus replacement but also conversion to zero-emission buses, and with the lack of a significant local funding source, the required bus replacements can only happen if Ventura County transit operators successfully pursue competitive grants. Fortunately, the IIJA significantly increases competitive grants available for this purpose, and the state also has significant competitive grant funds available. As VCTC programs CMAQ funds going forward, it will need to consider strategies for how to best position, to the extent possible, the County's transit operators to compete for the competitive grants, despite the lack of local funds.

Given that the IIJA CMAQ funding is insufficient to cover all the current requests, staff is recommending funding all but three of the projects. The recommended projects will replace the oldest buses, and also provide the charging infrastructure for Thousand Oaks to move forward with its plan to convert to electric buses starting with the currently-needed replacements. The \$10,267,444 in recommended funding for bus capital replacement will still use over 40% of the available funds consisting of 50% of the five years of IIJA CMAQ funding.

ATTACHMENT A					
AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	FUNDS REQUESTED	TOTAL PROJECT COST	CMAQ RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS
Thousand Oaks	Replace two buses cost increase for EV instead of CNG	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,819,000	\$ 600,000	
Thousand Oaks	Two expansion electric buses	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,694,000		Consider in future call for projects.
Thousand Oaks	EV Charging Infrastructure	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,977,000	\$ 1,750,000	
Moorpark	Replace two buses with electric buses	\$ 1,327,950	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,327,950	
Gold Coast	Replace nine buses in 2022	\$ 5,678,000	\$ 6,413,000	\$ 5,678,000	
Gold Coast	Replace eight buses in 2023	\$ 5,195,000	\$ 5,872,000		Consider in future call for projects.
Gold Coast	Replace fourteen buses in 2024	\$ 9,356,000	\$ 10,575,000		Consider in future call for projects.
Simi Valley	Replace two buses	\$ 911,494	\$ 1,029,588	\$ 911,494	
SUBTOTAL BUS INFRASTRUCTURE		\$ 26,318,444	\$ 30,879,588	\$ 10,267,444	
VCTC	Countywide Transit Outreach	\$ 636,000	\$ 636,000	\$ 636,000	Already approved in 21/12 Program of Projects
VCTC	Regional Ridesharing	\$ 443,000	\$ 443,000	\$ 443,000	
SUBTOTAL COUNTYWIDE		\$ 1,079,000	\$ 1,079,000	\$ 1,079,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 27,397,444</b>	<b>\$ 31,958,588</b>	<b>\$ 11,346,444</b>	



**[This page intentionally left blank.]**



Item 12

January 12, 2022

**MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE**  
**FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR**  
**SUBJECT: STATUS OF FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECTS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Review and file.

**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 (Attachments 1 and 2, respectively) 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).

Attached is the current status of obligation projects during the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) as well as anticipated for future years. The table includes projects from previous CMAQ programming rounds as well as the bus asset replacement projects recommended for funding at this time. The Committee is requested to provide staff with any updates as changes occur.

**CMAQ PROJECTS FY 2021/22**

Balance as of November 30, 2021

\$ 20,604,226

Project Title	Agency	TIP ID	Planned Obligation (E-76 date)	Amount	Current Project Status	FTIP Status
Bike facilities for NECSP	Oxnard	VEN130101	Dec-21	\$866,708	95% PS&E complete. NEPA revalidated. R/W Cert and RFA for Construction planned for fall 2021	CON Programmed in 20/21 in 2021 FTIP.
Sheridan Way/Ventura River Bike Trail	S.B. Ventura	VEN110304	Dec-21	\$353,829	Project has been rescoped.	CON Programmed in 20/21 in 2021 FTIP.
Fox Canyon Barranca Bike Bridge	Ojai	VEN130601	Mar-22	\$62,975		CON Programmed in 20/21 in 2021 FTIP.
Oxnard Blvd Bike/Ped Facility	Oxnard	VEN150907	Mar-22	\$1,762,074	96% PS&E complete, NEPA in final review, R/W Cert and RFA for Construction planned for summer 2022	CON Programmed in 20/21 in 2021 FTIP.
Regional Ridesharing	VCTC	VEN93017	Apr-22	\$443,000	Recommended for TRANSCOM approval.	Programmed in 2021 FTIP ROW Programmed in 21/22
Pleasant Valley Rd Bike Lanes	Camarillo	VEN160103	Jun-22	\$3,749,033	PE Underway PES form has been signed. Working on PES studies.	CON Programmed in 21/22 *SCAG has approved the administrative amendment to add the newly-approved
Nine CNG Replacement Buses	Gold Coast Transit	TBD	Jun-21	\$5,678,000	Recommended for TRANSCOM approval.	Requires TIP Amendment.
Countywide Transit Outreach	VCTC	VEN54070	Aug-21	\$636,000	Approved in 21/22 Program of Prorjects	Programmed in 2021 FTIP
Replace Two Buses Cost Increase for EV Instead of CNG	Thousand Oaks	VEN170702	Aug-21	\$600,000	Recommended for TRANSCOM approval.	Requires TIP Amendment.
Electric bus charging infrastructure	Thousand Oaks	TBD	Aug-21	\$1,750,000	Recommended for TRANSCOM approval.	Requires TIP Amendment.
Two Electric Replacement Buses	Moorpark	TBD	Aug-21	\$1,327,950	Recommended for TRANSCOM approval.	Requires TIP Amendment.
Two CNG Replacement Buses	Simi Valley	TBD	Aug-21	\$911,494	Recommended for TRANSCOM approval.	Requires TIP Amendment.

**Total obligations in FY 21/22 \$18,141,063**  
**Remaining balance \$2,463,163**  
**Potential Lapse (AB1012) \$0**

<b>FY 2019/20</b>	<b>\$0 Lapses October 1, 2022</b>
<b>FY 2020/21</b>	<b>\$11,261,282 Lapses October 1, 2023</b>
<b>FY 2021/22</b>	<b>\$9,342,944 Lapses October 1, 2024</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,604,226</b>

**FY 22/23 and Beyond**

Ojai Ave / Maricopa Ped Impr (Pedestrian and Bike Safety Improvements )	Ojai	VEN170113	Oct-22	\$150,000	Project Combined with ATP Project under new FTIP Number VEN170113.	CON Programmed in 20/21 Engineering (\$100,000) - Obligated. Construction (\$150,000) Obligation planned in FY 21/22 (old FTIP number: VEN150620).
Ojai Ave / Maricopa Ped Impr (Pedestrian and Bike Safety Improvements )	Ojai	VEN170113	Oct-22	\$1,219,682	Project Combined with ATP Project under new FTIP Number VEN170113.	CON Programmed in 20/21 in 2021 FTIP Engineering (\$100,000) - Obligated. Construction (\$150,000)(old FTIP number: VEN150620)
Ventura Avenue Bike Lanes & Other Improvements CON	Ventura County Public Works	VEN210603	22/23	\$672,000	PE Obligated by 12-30-21; Environmental Clearance: 8-30-22 CON	Con Obligated by 01-15-23
Yard Tractor Idle-Reduction System	Port of Hueneme	VEN210604	UKN	\$442,050		



**[This page intentionally left blank.]**