

VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Transit Operators Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM)

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AGENDA*

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1:30 p.m. *Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda

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

ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action:

• Waive the reading and approve the meeting minutes from March 2022.

Responsible Staff: Jeni Eddington

ITEM 6 ADA CERTIFICATION SERVICES PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Aaron Bonfilio

ITEM 7 REGIONAL DEDICATED TRANSIT LANES STUDY

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Priscilla Freduah-Agyemang, SCAG

ITEM 8 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT TRANSIT FUNDING ANALYSIS

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan

ITEM 9 GUIDELINES AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 2022 COMBINED CALL-FOR-PROJECTS FOR FTA SECTION 5310 LARGE URBANIZED AREA (SENIORS AND DISABLED) FUNDS AND SECTION 5307 JOBS ACCESS/REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) FUNDS

Recommended Action:

 Approve the Guidelines and Schedule for the 2022 combined 5310/JARC call-forprojects and appoint a TRANSCOM subcommittee to evaluate project applications.

Responsible Staff: Heather Miller

ITEM 10 CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECT STATUS

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan

ITEM 11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recommended Action:

For discussion.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan

ITEM 12 ADJOURNMENT



VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Transit Operators Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM)

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 1:30 PM via ZOOM Webinar

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ben Gonzales, City of Simi Valley (Chair)

Mike Houser, City of Thousand Oaks (Vice Chair)

Jason Samonte, City of Camarillo

Phil Pulley, City of Ojai

Chris Kurgan, County of Ventura

Matt Miller, Gold Coast Transit District (GCTD)

Chris Jetton, CSUCI (ex-officio) Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD (ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT

City of Fillmore
City of Moorpark
City of Oxnard

City of Port Hueneme City of Santa Paula City of Ventura

VCTC STAFF PRESENT

Peter De Haan, Programming Director

Amanda Fagan, Transportation Planning Director Aaron Bonfilio, Program Manager / Transit Contracts

Claire Grasty, Program Manager / Regional Transit Planning

Heather Miller, Program Manager

Dolores Lopez, Regional Transit Planner

Erin Kenneally, Transit Specialist

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Matt Miller, GCTD, announced the upcoming delivery of vehicles in April 2022 and his commitment to use public transit to commute two days per week.

Mr. Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reminded the committee to visit www.vcapcd.org/RACM and review Ventura County's Reasonably Available Control Measures Analysis for Transportation Control Measures (TCMs).

ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None.

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

ACTION

Miller moved, seconded by Houser, that the Committee approve the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6 ADA CERTIFICATION SERVICES PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

The committee received the ADA certification services program monthly update for filing.

ITEM 7 GOLD COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT'S ZERO EMISSION STRATEGIC TRANSITION PLAN

Mr. James Beck, GCTD, presented the ZEB Transition and Rollout Plan, which includes GCTD's current fleet inventory, projected timeline, and alternative fuel modelling/comparisons.

ITEM 8 VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED ADAPTIVE MITIGATION PROGRAM (VMT AMP) – TRANSIT OPERATIONS

The committee received a presentation on the VMT Adaptative Mitigation Program including:
1) the purpose and framework, 2) the cost to mitigate VMT impacts, 3) the estimated CEQA transportation impacts from housing projects; 4) the mitigation and monitoring options, and 5) the schedule and stakeholder involvement.

ITEM 9 FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) ALLOCATION

ACTION

Houser moved, seconded by Gonzales, that the Committee approve the Ventura County Transportation Commission FY 2021/22 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Total Allocation Request of \$2,078,719 to fund the following projects:

- a) Youth Free Fare Pilot Program
- b) Metrolink Weekend Service

ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The committee discussed the cancellation of the April 2022 meeting, the addition of the countywide marketing program and adding the Public Transit Agency Safety Plan to a later agenda.

ITEM 11 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.



MAY 11, 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).

DISCUSSION:

Mobility Management Partners (MMP) is VCTC's service provider for ADA Paratransit Eligibility Certification services. Attached please find the monthly ADA Certification services report, which is provided as a standing item for the TRANSCOM group.

Attachment(s): MMP ADA Certification Report (March & April 2022)

	Mar-22											
		Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct					
	Inbound ADA Calls	481	405	386	369	351	376	As of 3/17/2020, MMP closed their Camarillo office and began				
	Outbound ADA calls	401	338	322	201	191	243	working remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions.				
Call Center	Average hold time (in seconds)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	6.31	5.53					
	Outbound Area Transmittals	2	2	7	5	4	7	Riders requesting service outside of Ventura County				
	Inbound Area Transmittals	8	6	2	8	14	8	Riders requesting service into Ventura County				
7.1911.0411.0110	Recertification	113	113	120	86	85	123	Total applications received: 178				
Received	New Applications	65	37	23	49	47	41	Online Applications Received: 0 (0%)				
	Camarillo Area	7	11	14	11	10	23					
	Gold Coast Area	71	70	59	47	57	50	Applications by Language				
Applications	Valley Express Area	9	2	6	6	12	11					
	Moorpark Area	11	1	4	2	4	4	6% ■ ENGLISH				
by Service Area	Simi Valley Area	54	25	38	37	29	51	SPANISH				
	Thousand Oaks	25	40	22	30	19	24	94%				
	Out of County	1	1	0	2	1	1					
	Complete, with Functional Evaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Complete, Interview w/o Functional Evaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0	Evaluations by Age and Determination Type				
Completed	Complete, Special Circumstance (no Interview)	33	28	13	33	20	26	40 —				
	Complete, Over 85+	12	6	2	3	6	6	30				
	Complete, Phone Interview	10	12	9	16	16	15	30				
	Complete, Short-term Certification (60 days)	0	0	0	0	1	0	20				
	Complete, Recertifications	108	103	107	85	76	110	10				
	Completed Determinations	163	149	131	137	119	157					
	Due to incomplete application by client	11	8	3	2	4	2	0				
Processing	Pending Professional Evaluation (PE)	6	14	14	16	13	17	15-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75-84 85-94 95+				
(Cumulative)	Applications that failed to meet 21 day rule	0	0	0	0	0	0	■ Conditional ■ Not Eligible ■ Temporary ■ Unconditional				
(Cumulative)	Applicants awaiting phone interviews	2	1	1	0	0	0					
	Assessment Catagories			Total	CAM	VCTC		In-person Interviews by Eligibility				
	With Physical Assessment			0	0	0	0					
	With Cognitive Assessment			0	0	0	0	and Assessment Type				
	Interview only (at assessment sites)			0	0	0	0	1 ————				
	No Shows for Phone Interview			0	0	0	0	0.8				
	Total Number of appointment days				0	0	0	0.6				
	Total Number of appointment days			0	0	0 Total	0 %					
Unconditional /inal:	Determinations by Eligiblity							0.4				
Unconditional (Inclu	Unconditional (including S.C., Over 85+ , Phone interviews, short-term)							0.2				
Conditional							6%	0 ————				
	Temporary					2	1%	Unconditional Conditional Temporary				
	Denials Short Term					0	0% 0%	■ Physical ■ Cognitive ■ Interview only				
	SHOIL TEITH					U	U%					

Mar-22				
Applications Received - GCT Area Cities	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec
Casitas Springs	0	0	0	0
Meiners Oaks	0	0	0	0
Miramonte	0	0	0	0
Ojai	1	4	2	1
Oak View	1	0	1	1
Oxnard	35	35	34	26
Saticoy	0	0	0	0
Port Hueneme	6	9	5	3
Ventura	28	22	17	16
Applications Received-Valley Express Area Cities				
Fillmore	4	0	0	0
Piru	0	0	0	0
Santa Paula	5	2	6	6

Apr-22											
		Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov				
	Inbound ADA Calls	448	481	405	386	369	351	As of 3/17/2020, MMP closed their Camarillo office and began			
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Call Center	Average hold time (in seconds)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	6.31				
	Outbound Area Transmittals	4	2	2	7	5	4	Riders requesting service outside of Ventura County			
	Inbound Area Transmittals	10	8	6	2	8	14	Riders requesting service into Ventura County			
Applications	Recertification	118	113	113	120	86	85	Total applications received: 167			
Received	New Applications	49	65	37	23	49	47	Online Applications Received: 0 (0%)			
	Camarillo Area	18	7	11	14	11	10				
	Gold Coast Area	66	71	70	59	47	57	Applications by Language			
Applications	Valley Express Area	8	9	2	6	6	12				
Received	Moorpark Area	3	11	1	4	2	4	■ ENGLISH			
by Service Area	Simi Valley Area	47	54	25	38	37	29	■ SPANISH			
	Thousand Oaks	25	25	40	22	30	19	97%			
	Out of County	0	1	1	0	2	1				
	Complete, with Functional Evaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0				
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Completed	Complete, Special Circumstance (no Interview)	32	33	28	13	33	20	40 ————————————————————————————————————			
	Complete, Over 85+	6	12	6	2	3	6	30			
Evaluation Type	Complete, Phone Interview	22	10	12	9	16	16	30			
	Complete, Short-term Certification (60 days)	0	0	0	0	0	1	20			
	Complete, Recertifications	111	108	103	107	85	76	10			
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	With Cognitive Assessment			0	0	0	0	and Assessment Type			
Assessments	Interview only (at assessment sites)			0	0	0	0	1 ————			
	No Shows for Phone Interview			1	0	0	0				
	Total Number of appointment days			0	0	0	0	0.8			
	Total Number of appointment days			0	0	0	0	0.6			
	Determinations by Eligiblity							0.4			
Unconditional (inclu	Unconditional (including S.C., Over 85+, Phone interviews, short-term)							0.2			
	Conditional					7	4%	0 —			
	Temporary					10	6%	Unconditional Conditional Temporary			
	Denials					0	0%	■ Physical Cognitive Interview only			
	Short Term					0	0%	Prhysical Cognitive Interview Only			

Apr-22				
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Casitas Springs	0	0	0	0
Meiners Oaks	0	0	0	0
Miramonte	0	0	0	0
Ojai	0	1	4	2
Oak View	1	1	0	1
Oxnard	39	35	35	34
Saticoy	0	0	0	0
Port Hueneme	4	6	9	5
Ventura	22	28	22	17
Applications Received-Valley Express Area Cities				
Fillmore	2	4	0	0
Piru	0	0	0	0
Santa Paula	6	5	2	6



DATE: MAY 11, 2022

MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)

FROM: PRISCILLA FREDUAH-AGYEMANG, SCAG

SUBJECT: REGIONAL DEDICATED TRANSIT LANES STUDY

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study will identify best practices and key benefits of dedicated transit lanes and priority treatments, and the primary factors for successful implementation; assess where these lanes may be most feasible and beneficial in the SCAG region; and provide guidance for local agencies interested in piloting dedicated transit lanes. As transit is one of the core visions of Connect SoCal, this study will advance the implementation of its goals of improving mobility, sustainability and air quality.

BACKGROUND

Transit expansion is one of the core visions of Connect SoCal, SCAG's 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), contributing to the region's mobility, sustainability, and air quality goals. The Study is one of SCAG's efforts to advance implementation of Connect SoCal and support transit recovery as the region continues to confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

Transit agencies in the SCAG region and nationwide have been grappling with ridership decline. In 2018, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) completed a SCAG-funded study on transit ridership declines, titled, *Falling Transit Ridership in California and Southern California*, and identified two main recommendations. First, UCLA found that based on current trends, public transit's core ridership could dramatically shrink in the future, and recommended transit agencies to encourage discretionary riders to occasionally take transit instead of driving. Second, the UCLA authors identified increasing car ownership as the leading factor in declining ridership but acknowledged this was outside transit agencies' control. However, the authors recommended that transit agencies increase the quality of service to make transit more appealing to discretionary riders.

As the region's transit agencies look forward to recovery and post-pandemic times, there exists an opportunity to implement changes to redefine transit quality, delivery, and the need for more frequent service.

DISCUSSION:

Restoring confidence in transit among previous riders and attracting new riders is largely dependent on how these transit challenges are resolved, particularly in relation to the delivery of transit services and improved frequency to meet the returning riders' demands as the economy reopens. On-time performance is a key factor for all riders and underscores their perception of transit. Dedicated transit lanes and priority treatments are part of the tools/strategies to help address transit speed and reliability on congested corridors.

Table 1: Summary of Study Tasks and Deliverables

Task	Key Deliverables	Expected Date (s)
Stakeholder Engagement	- Stakeholder Engagement Plan	Aug. 2021 – Sept. 2021
Best Practices & Existing Conditions	- Best practices	Nov. 2021 – May 2022
Report	- Review of existing conditions	Jan. 2021 – June 2021
Corridor Identification	- Corridor Identification	Apr. 2022 – Aug. 2022
	- Corridor Evaluation	May 2022 – Sep. 2022
Final Report		Sept. 2022

Stakeholder Engagement

The project team conducted the transportation agency stakeholder kickoff meeting in October 2021 and convened county group meetings including representatives from various councils of governments (COGs), transit agencies, and planning and public works staff. SCAG staff engaged with the SCAG Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC) and shared the preliminary best practices findings. SCAG staff also provided an overview to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Technical Advisory Committee, Metro Bus Operators Sub-Committee (BOS), San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Transportation Committee, and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and have several future meetings planned to share updates and key findings with various stakeholders and committees.

Study Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC for the Study is made up of transportation planning directors and staff from the county transportation commissions (CTCs), COGs, transit operators, and community-based organizations (CBOs), and has provided technical input on study methodology, technical analysis, and findings.

The project team has conducted three meetings with the TAC to date. At the TAC kickoff meeting, the project team shared key highlights from the transportation agency kickoff and county group meetings and provided updates on the preliminary findings from the best practices and case studies review. During the second TAC meeting, the project team focused on the preliminary existing conditions findings and future forecasts, discussed screening goals, criteria and methodology, and the preliminary screening universe, and received invaluable feedback. The TAC discussed the screening results and the recommended screened corridors for additional feedback.

Preliminary Findings

Staff has been analyzing best practices and existing conditions and will share a summary of key findings during the presentation. Staff will also share updates on the selected screened corridors for feedback. The corridor screening is meant to assess where dedicated lanes and other transit priority treatments might be most feasible and beneficial in the SCAG region. The screening is an initial step of the overall corridor identification and evaluation process.

Next Steps

The corridor screening and evaluation will occur from now through September. SCAG and the project team will continue to coordinate with key stakeholders, including the respective representatives from Ventura County.



May 11, 2022

MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT (IIJA) ANALYSIS

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

On November 15th, President Joseph R. Biden signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), a landmark piece of legislation that will significantly increase investment in infrastructure in the United States over the next five years. VCTC staff brought a preliminary analysis of the law to TRANSCOM at the December meeting. At that meeting staff described the across-the board funding increases for transit. The Urbanized Area Formula program (Section 5307), the primary federal transit formula program, receives a 30% increase in the first year. The first-year increases for the smaller transit formula programs include 47.5% for Senior and Persons with Disabilities (Section 5310); 22.7% for Rural Formula (Section 5311); and 63.9% for State of Good Repair (Section 5337). In subsequent years all these programs continue to receive 2% to 3% increases.

This item provides a more detailed analysis and issues for discussion regarding funding strategy.

DISCUSSION:

The attached table provides a projection by each Ventura County transit operator for formula funding generated under IIJA over its five-year period. For comparison, the table also shows the actual transit operator shares from last year. It is important to note that last year's shares were unusually high due to the CARES Act, which among other things was used to fund one year of countywide planning so that it did not come "off the top" of the operator shares. Even though Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21 was unusually high, the annual authorized amounts under IIJA are substantially higher. For FY 2021/22, the first year of IIJA, the programmed amounts are substantially less than actual since the Program of Projects was adopted prior to IIJA. Thus, there will be a large carryover balance for FY 2021/22, which can be programmed in FY 2022/23 in addition to the 2022/23 estimated apportionments.

The table assumes that there is no change to formula factors, which were based on 2018/19, including population, transit revenue miles, and in particular no change to the Urbanized Area

boundaries defined by the Census Bureau. In actuality, the revised Urbanized Areas will be announced by the Census Bureau this summer.

Also, for CMAQ, the table assumes the continuation of the existing policy that there will be individual county apportionments, and that VCTC will continue its policy to provide half of the CMAQ funds for transit. As has been discussed by TRANSCOM, the federal government has questioned whether current practice violates federal rules that only the Metropolitan Planning Organization can select CMAQ projects. These discussions are ongoing.

A particular issue for transit operators is the availability of discretionary capital dollars for purchase of rolling stock, ZEV conversation, and related infrastructure. The following are new or continuing competitive federal programs that could be used for these purposes:

- Low or No Emission Bus Grants
- Carbon Reduction Program (to be apportioned to states)

Needless to say, the significant increase in transit formula funds provides a major opportunity for transit investment, especially given that that the 5307 Formula program includes flexibility to use funds for either operations or capital. Especially noteworthy is the increase in funds generated by the Metrolink service within Ventura County, although as a rail operator Metrolink cannot use the funds for operations, but only for capital including preventive maintenance.

Although the transit formula funds have increased significantly, the CMAQ has not. On the transit side in recent years these funds have been used for bus replacements as a priority, and TRANSCOM recently programming \$10,694,451 for bus replacements and related infrastructure, along with \$636,000 for Countywide Transit Outreach, leaving only \$12,538,027 of CMAQ funds remaining for transit over the five years. The following are two issues related to capital needs that TRANSCOM may wish to discuss:

- Is there a way to use the remaining CMAQ to help Ventura County better compete for competitive grants? For example, the upcoming CMAQ call for projects could be modified to include a criterion for an applicant's proposed strategy to use the funds to help leverage state or federal competitive funds.
- In view of the large federal funding increase for Metrolink rehabilitation, should VCTC continue the current practice of using the county's entire SB 1 State of Good Repair apportionment, equal to about \$1.28 million per year, for Metrolink rehabilitation work? The draft FY 2022/23 VCTC budget continues to use the funds for Metrolink rehabilitation, and to a certain extent the funds are needed to provide non-federal match to federal grants, but perhaps some of the funds can instead be included in the upcoming CMAQ call for projects as part of the available funding for bus replacement. Such a strategy would provide some flexibility for transit operators to apply for bus replacement costs that are ineligible for CMAQ.

IIJA Transit Operator Funding Estimates												
		20/21 Actual		21/22 Actual	22	2/23 Estimated	23,	/24 Estimated	24	1/25 Estimated	2	24/25 Estimate
Gold Coast Transit												
5307	\$	5,135,189	\$	5,888,828	\$	6,012,493	\$	6,168,818	\$	6,298,363	\$	6,455,822
5339	\$	503,242	\$	609,806	\$	622,612	\$	638,800	\$	652,215	\$	668,52
TOTAL	\$	5,638,431	\$	6,498,634	\$	6,635,105	\$	6,807,618	\$	6,950,578	\$	7,124,34
VCTC Intercity												
5307	\$	1,920,493	\$	2,223,572	\$	2,270,267	\$	2,329,294	\$	2,378,209	\$	2,437,66
5339	\$	231,760	\$	277,880	\$	283,715	\$	291,092	\$	297,205	\$	304,635
TOTAL	\$	2,152,253	\$	2,501,452	\$	2,553,982	\$	2,620,386	\$	2,675,414	\$	2,742,299
Valley Express												
5307	\$	656,663	\$	848,725	\$	866,548	\$	889,078	\$	907,749	\$	930,44
Simi Valley												
5307	\$	2,767,116	\$	3,321,924	\$	3,391,684	\$	3,479,868	\$	3,552,945	\$	3,641,769
5339	\$	267,738	\$	256,697	\$	262,088	\$	268,902	\$	274,549	\$	281,413
TOTAL	\$	3,034,854	\$	3,578,621	\$	3,653,772	\$	3,748,770	\$	3,827,494	\$	3,923,182
Thousand Oaks / Moorpark												
5307	\$	1,778,680	\$	1,834,842	\$	1,873,374	\$	1,922,081	\$	1,962,445	\$	2,011,50
5339	\$	127,924	\$	150,128	\$	153,281	\$	157,266	\$	160,569	\$	164,583
TOTAL	\$	1,906,604	\$	1,984,970	\$	2,026,654	\$	2,079,347	\$	2,123,014	\$	2,176,089
Camarillo												

1,594,483 \$

129,331 \$

1,723,814 \$

3,493,718 \$

12,972,272 \$

16,465,990 \$

576,468 \$

4,671,472 \$

1,627,967 \$

132,047 \$

1,760,014 \$

3,567,086 \$

13,179,828 \$

16,746,914 \$

587,997 \$

4,764,901 \$

1,670,294 \$

135,480 \$

1,805,774 \$

3,659,830 \$

13,456,605 \$

17,116,435 \$

603,285 \$

4,860,199 \$

1,705,370 \$

138,325 \$

1,843,696 \$

3,736,687 \$

13,671,910 \$

17,408,597 \$

615,954 \$

4,957,403 \$

1,748,005

141,783

1,889,788

3,830,104

13,945,349

17,775,453

631,353

5,056,552

\$ 1,406,773 \$

\$ 2,636,610 \$

\$ 8,443,875 \$

\$ 11,080,485 \$

\$ 4,249,641 \$

443,437 \$

134,894 \$

1,541,667 \$

\$

5307

5339 TOTAL

Metrolink

5307

5337

TOTAL

CMAQ - Ventura County

50% share for transit

Ojai 5311



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DATE: May 11, 2022

MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)

FROM: HEATHER MILLER, PROGRAM MANAGER

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 2022 COMBINED CALL-FOR-

PROJECTS FOR FTA SECTION 5310 LARGE URBANIZED AREA (SENIORS AND DISABLED) FUNDS AND SECTION 5307 JOBS ACCESS/REVERSE

COMMUTE (JARC) FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

 Approve the Guidelines and Schedule for the 2022 Combined Call-for-Projects for FTA Section 5310 Large Urbanized Area (Seniors and Disabled) funds and Section 5307 Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) funds, and

Appoint a TRANSCOM Subcommittee to Evaluate the Project Applications.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds that support the special needs of seniors beyond traditional public transportation services and for those with disabilities beyond that required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The goal of the FTA Section 5307 JARC program is to improve access to employment for eligible low-income individuals and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

Both the FTA Section 5310 funds and 5307 JARC funds are the primary funding source to support projects and strategies identified in the Ventura County Transportation Commission's (VCTC) Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The current Coordinated Plan was last updated in 2017. A revision of the Coordinated Plan is currently underway and expected to be finalized and brought to the VCTC Board for approval in July, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

Funding Availability Estimates

VCTC serves as the Designated Recipient for Section 5310 and 5307 JARC funds which are apportioned directly to large urbanized areas (UZAs) with populations of 200,000 or more. Two such UZAs exist in Ventura County: Oxnard/Ventura and Thousand Oaks/Moorpark. Section

5310 funds are apportioned based on number of disabled persons per the Census, while 5310 JARC funds are apportioned based on low-income persons per the Census. Apportionment funds are then allocated by VCTC for these programs on a competitive basis through a Call-for-Projects. Important to note is that for projects in small urban areas of the County with populations more than 50,000 but less than 200,000, such as Camarillo and Simi Valley, and rural areas with populations less than 50,000, such as Santa Paula and Fillmore, Section 5310 funds are available through a separate Caltrans statewide application process.

The following table provides the breakdown of Section 5310 and 5307 JARC funds available for the two large urbanized areas in Ventura County. The 2022 Call-for-Projects is funded with Fiscal Year 2022/23 and Fiscal Year 2023/24 funds. Section 5310 funds are divided into Traditional (55% of overall funds) and Expanded (45%) categories of projects. The program Guidelines (Attachment "A") provide examples of eligible projects for each category of funding. A carryover balance of \$317,441 has been included in the 5310 Traditional Funds total for Oxnard/Ventura. Additionally, Section 5310 allows 10% of the apportionment to be used for administration and this amount has been subtracted from the Section 5310 amounts shown below for VCTC administration. Notably, the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) increased amounts of funding for these programs compared to previous years.

Available Funding for Section 5310 and JARC Call for Projects										
Urbanized Area (UZA)				A 5310 panded	FTA	5307 JARC				
Oxnard/Ventura	\$	891,882	\$	422,890	\$	703,400				
Thousand Oaks/Moorpark	\$	386,227	\$	284,403	\$	175,139				
TOTAL	\$:	1,278,109	\$	707,293	\$	878,539				

Schedule

The following schedule lists the milestones for the application and selection process. The Callfor-Projects announcement is expected on the same day that the Commission approves the Guidelines, anticipated on June 3, 2022 with applications due by July 22, 2022.

Section 5310 and JARC Call for Projects Schedule							
June 3, 2022	Call for Projects Announced						
July 22, 2022	Project Applications Deadline						
September 14, 202	Review/Recommendation by TRANSCOM						
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Guidelines for the 2022 Call-for-Projects

The proposed guidelines and project selection criteria for the 2022 Call-for-Projects are attached (Attachment "A"). The screening and selection criteria are based on the criteria used by Caltrans and the Ventura County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan and only differ from the last Call-for-Projects with respect to the prioritization points awarded for agencies providing a federal funding match. Project submittals do not require a match; however, project applications are awarded five (5) points in the project list prioritization process if a full match is provided. A full federal match is equal to at least 50% of the cost for operations projects and 20% of the cost for capital projects or mobility management. Partial funding matches will no longer receive points. Private, nonprofit organizations would continue to automatically receive the five (5) points irrespective of funding matches.

Project Selection Process and Evaluation Subcommittee

If approved at the June Commission meeting, the Call-for-Projects will be announced on June 3, 2022 with applications due to VCTC by July 22, 2022. Staff will screen all applications to make sure projects are: 1) eligible for funds, 2) consistent with the recommendations of the Ventura County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, and 3) to ensure the recipient has the capability to deliver the project. Once projects are determined to be eligible for funding they will be scored, ranked, and prioritized for funding in accordance with the scoring criteria adopted in the Guidelines. Staff recommends TRANSCOM appoint two members to assist VCTC staff in scoring and ranking the projects for funding.

Attachment "A" provide additional details on program guidelines, project eligibility and scoring matrix.

VCTC 2022 CALL-FOR-PROJECTS GUIDELINES Section 5310 Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Funds Section 5307 Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) Funds

Program Purpose

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Grant program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds that support the special needs of seniors beyond traditional public transportation services and for those with disabilities beyond that required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The goal of the JARC program is to improve access to employment and employment related activities for eligible low-income individuals and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

This Call for Projects

This is the primary funding source to support projects and strategies identified in Ventura County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, which can be found at: https://www.goventura.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/VCTC-Coord-Plan-Final 032917 0.pdf

The FTA Section 5310 program provides grant funds for capital, mobility management, and operating expenses for:

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities and with transportation.

The FTA 5307 JARC funds provide financial assistance for transportation service planned, designed, and carried out to meet the transportation needs of eligible low-income individuals.

INITIAL SCREENING CRITERIA

The screening criteria are divided into three categories. Proposed projects must meet ALL of these screening criteria in order to move to the next phase of the process.

1. Project Eligibility: The proposed project and applicant must be eligible to receive either Section 5310 funds or JARC funds.

2. Planning Consistency: The project must fall within the recommendations of Ventura County's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

3. Financial Feasibility:

- A. Recipient of funds must have the financial capacity to complete, operate and maintain the project.
- B. Funds required from other sources (for local match) must be reasonably expected to be available. This year, project will be required to either meet the full match requirement or no match (TDCs will be utilized for match in the event an agency does not provide the full match).
- C. Projects must be implemented within Federal delivery requirements.

Eligible Recipients

States and designated recipients are direct recipients; eligible sub-recipients include private nonprofit organizations, states or local government authorities, or (for Expanded projects only) operators of public transportation. Public agency sub-recipients for Traditional 5310 (except for Area Agency on Aging) must certify that they do not know of any nonprofit organizations that are readily available in their area to provide the proposed service.

Eligible Activities

Traditional Section 5310 project examples include:

- buses and vans
- wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices
- transit-related information technology systems, including scheduling/routing/one-call systems
- mobility management programs which can include travel training and volunteer driver programs
- acquisition of transportation services under a contract, lease, or other arrangement

Expanded Section 5310 project examples include:

- travel training
- volunteer driver programs
- building an accessible path to a bus stop, including curb-cuts, sidewalks, accessible pedestrian signals or other accessible features
- improving signage, or wav-finding technology
- incremental cost of providing same day service or door-to-door service
- purchasing vehicles to support new accessible taxi, rides sharing and/or vanpooling programs
- mobility management programs

FTA's Section 5310 program allows grantees to coordinate and assist in regularly providing meal delivery service for homebound individuals if the delivery service does not conflict with providing public transportation service or reduce service to public transportation passengers.

JARC project examples include:

- projects designed to transport low-income persons or welfare recipients to jobs and employment-related activities.
- projects designed to transport workers to suburban employment opportunities.

Note: At least 55% of the area's 5310 funds must be used on capital projects as described in the Traditional category of Section 5310 projects above.

Match Requirements

A local match is not required; however, five (5) points will be awarded to projects which provide federal match equal to at least 50% of the cost for operations projects and 20% of the cost for capital projects and mobility management. No points will be awarded for partial matches of federal funds. Private, nonprofit organizations will automatically be awarded the five (5) points.

Inclusion in Plan

Project must fall within the recommendations of the Ventura County Public Transit and Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan: https://www.goventura.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/VCTC-Coord-Plan-Final 032917 0.pdf

Federal Grant Requirements

The recipient agency must be able to meet the Federal Transit Administration's conditions for use of its funds. These conditions include but are not limited to: annual outside audit; triennial FTA audit; five-year grant records retention development of a written maintenance plan for FTA-funded vehicles, facilities, and equipment; competitive procurement; buy America; ADA; and civil rights. (Drug and alcohol testing is not a requirement for these programs.) Agencies receiving funds will need to have in place a signed agreement committing to meeting FTA requirements.

Prioritization Criteria

VCTC will use the following criteria to prioritize projects. Note: for projects receiving Large Urbanized Area funds, the projects selected by VCTC will be funded. For small urban and rural projects receiving funds in the State's share, sponsors of projects prioritized by VCTC, upon receiving notification from VCTC, will need to prepare a Caltrans application which VCTC will forward to Caltrans for the final selection.

- 1. **Goals and Objectives (20 points)**: Degree to which project supports new, enhancement, or expansion of service or system capacity for the targeted populations. The application should clearly state the program goals and objectives and describe how the project addresses the needs and service gaps identified in the Coordinated Plan.
- 2. **Project Implementation Plan (30 points)**: Degree to which the project implementation has been well designed. Proposals must state who will be responsible for the implementation, and implementation steps and timeline.

- Sponsors should describe how the project will improve service delivery, coordination and cost-effectiveness.
- 3. **Program Performance Indicators (20 points)**: Project sponsors should explain how the project will be monitored and evaluated. The application should identify clear, quantitative performance measures including a cost/benefit calculation to track the effectiveness of the service in meeting the identified goals.
- 4. **Communication and Outreach (20 points)**: Degree to which applicants coordinate with other community transportation and/or social service resources. Application should describe efforts to keep stakeholders involved in and informed of project activities. There should be demonstrated public support for the project (including letters of support), as well as a plan to promote awareness of the project to the target population.
- 5. **Emergency Planning and Preparedness (5 points)**: Applicant should describe emergency planning and any participation in emergency drills.
- 6. **Matching Funds (5 points):** A maximum of 5 points will be awarded to projects providing the full funding match of 50% for operations and 20% for capital and mobility management. Private, nonprofit organizations will automatically be awarded five (5) points for match under these scoring criteria.
- 7. **Bonus Points for Non-Transit Operator Applicants:** Eligible projects submitted by private non-transit operators will receive an additional five (5) points in the scoring criteria. For the purposes of this criterion "transit operators" are defined as agencies that receive from VCTC, as a matter of course, a share of 5307 funds for ongoing transit services.

SCHEDULE

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May 11, 2022

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: STATUS OF FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY

(CMAQ) AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

DISCUSSION:

Under federal law, CMAQ and STP 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 and STP funds in each county. It is important for VCTC to have an accurate schedule of CMAQ and STP (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 Obligational Authority (OA).

Attached is the current status of obligation projects during the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) as well as anticipated for future years. Staff contacted some of the agencies requesting review of these tables, and the information has been updated based on the feedback provided. The Committees are requested to continue to provide staff with any updates as changes occur.

CMAQ PROJECTS FY 2021/22

Balance as of March 31, 2022

\$ 20,694,226

Planned Obligation

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Project Title	Agency	TIP ID	(E-76 date)	Amount	Current Project Status	FTIP Status			
Fox Canyon Barranca Bike Bridge	Ojai	VEN130601	Jun-22	\$62,975		CON Programmed in 20/21 in 2021 FTIP.			
Tox carryon barranca bike bridge	oju.	72.1120002	34.1.22	402/373		ROW Programmed in 21/22			
						CON Programmed in 21/22			
					PE Underway	*SCAG has approved the administrative			
					PES form has been signed. Working on	amendment to add the newly-approved			
Pleasant Valley Rd Bike Lanes	Camarillo	VEN160103	Jun-22	\$3,749,033	PES studies.	funds.			
Nine CNG Replacement Buses	Gold Coast Transit	VEN211201	Jul-22	\$5,678,000		Programmed in 2021 FTIP			
Bike facilities for NECSP	Oxnard	VEN130101	Jul-22		95% PS&E complete. NEPA revalidated. R/W Cert and RFA for Construction planned for spring 2022.	CON Programmed in 20/21 in 2021 FTIP.			
				1 /	96% PS&E complete, R/W Cert and RFA				
Oxnard Blvd Bike/Ped Facility					for Construction planned for summer				
·	Oxnard	VEN150907	Jul-22	\$1,762,074	2022.	CON Programmed in 20/21 in 2021 FTIP.			
Replace Two Buses Cost Increase for EV Instead of CNG	Thousand Oaks	VEN170702	Aug-22	\$600,000		Programmed in 2021 FTIP			
Electric bus charging infrastructure	Thousand Oaks	VEN191103	Aug-22	\$1,750,000		Programmed in 2021 FTIP			
One Replacement Electric Bus	Ojai	VEN220201	Aug-22	\$427,007		Programmed in 2021 FTIP			
Two Electric Replacement Buses	Moorpark	VEN220204	Aug-22	\$1,327,950		Programmed in 2021 FTIP			
Two CNG Replacement Buses	Simi Valley	VEN220203	Aug-22	\$911,494		Programmed in 2021 FTIP			

Total obligations in FY 21/22 \$17,135,241
Remaining balance \$3,558,985
Potential Lapse (AB1012) \$0

FY 2019/20	\$0 Lapses October 1, 2022
FY 2020/21	\$11,351,342 Lapses October 1, 2023
FY 2021/22	\$9,342,884 Lapses October 1, 2024
TOTAL	\$20,694,226

FY 22/23 and Beyond

						CON Programmed in 20/21
						Engineering (\$100,000) - Obligated.
						Construction (\$150,000) Obligation planned
Ojai Ave / Maricopa Ped Impr (Pedestrian					Project Combined with ATP Project	in FY 21/22
and Bike Safety Improvements)	Ojai	VEN170113	Oct-22	\$150,000	under new FTIP Number VEN170113.	(old FTIP number: VEN150620).
						CON Programmed in 20/21 in 2021 FTIP
						Engineering (\$100,000) - Obligated.
Ojai Ave / Maricopa Ped Impr (Pedestrian					Project Combined with ATP Project	Construction (\$150,000)(old FTIP number:
and Bike Safety Improvements)	Ojai	VEN170113	Oct-22	\$1,219,682	under new FTIP Number VEN170113.	VEN150620)
					PE Obligated by 12-30-21;	
Ventura Avenue Bike Lanes & Other	Ventura County Public				Environmental Clearance: 8-30-22 CON	
Improvements CON	Works	VEN210603	22/23	\$672,000	Con Obligated by 01-15-23	Programmed in 2021 FTIP
Port Vehicle Electrification	Port of Hueneme	VEN220202	UKN	\$443,000		Programmed in 2021 FTIP

STP Project Obligation Statuses

STP PROJECTS FY 2021/22

Balance as of March 31, 2022

\$28,883,083

Planned Obligation

Project Title	Agency	(E-76 date)	TIP ID	Amount	Current Project Status	FTIP Status
	VCTC					
Route 101 PAED Admin Cost		Jun-22	07-VEN131201	\$328,000		In current FTIP
	Port Hueneme					FTIP Amendment required to shift
Pavement Rehabilitation		Jun-22	07-VEN54032	\$200,000		funds from HIP back to STP

 Total to be obligated by 10/1/2022
 \$528,000

 Balance
 \$28,355,083

 Potential Lapse (AB1012)
 \$0

 FY 2019/20 Apportionment Funds
 \$0 Lapses October 1, 2022

 FY 2020/21 Apportionment Funds
 \$10,554,512 Lapses October 1, 2023

 FY 2021/22 Apportionment Funds
 \$18,328,571 Lapses October 1, 2024

 TOTAL
 \$28,883,083

FY 2021/22 and beyond

Route 118 - Moorpark to e/o Spring	Moorpark	07-VEN34089	\$796,770	Design and ROW acquisition in progress	CON - Currently Programmed in FY 19/20 in the 2019 FTIP
Route 23 Widening High/Third	Moorpark	07-VEN051213	\$1,500,000	lbe undated. Work will invovle	Currently Programmed in FY 19/20 in the 2019 FTIP

^{*} NOTE: Balance had previously included HIP because VCTC was programming HIP as part of STP. Now that VCTC is programming HIP separately, it is no longer included in this table.