



**VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

751 East Daily Drive #420  
Camarillo, CA  
Wednesday, November 16, 2022  
1:30 P.M.

**NOTE: This meeting will be held in-person at the VCTC offices in Camarillo.**

## AGENDA

- ITEM 1          CALL TO ORDER**
- ITEM 2          INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- ITEM 3          PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- ITEM 4          AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**
- ITEM 5          APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
***Recommended Action:***
- *Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October meeting.*
- Responsible Staff: Jeni Eddington**
- ITEM 6          CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE VERBAL UPDATE**  
***Recommended Action:***
- *Receive and file.*
- Responsible Staff: Robert Wong, Caltrans**
- ITEM 7          COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**  
***Recommended Action:***
- *Receive and file.*
- Responsible Staff: Amanda Fagan**
- ITEM 8          APPROVE NON-TRANSIT PROJECT PRIORITY RANKING FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ARTICLE 3 CALL FOR PROJECTS**  
***Recommended Action:***
- *Recommend the Commission program \$19,048,106 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, \$1,765,880 TDA Article 3 funds, and \$5,741,015 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds to the projects prioritized in Attachment A.*

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- *Recommend the VCTC approve \$1,469,949 for “Shelf List” funding as specified in Attachment A.*

**Responsible Staff: Heather Miller**

**ITEM 9 PLANNING FOR FUTURE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROJECTS**

**Recommended Action:**

- *Receive and file.*

**Responsible Staff: Geiska Velasquez**

**ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Periodic Highway Construction Updates
- Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
- Metrolink SCORE Project (Simi Double-Track Project)

**ITEM 11 ADJOURNMENT**



**VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)**

Zoom Webinar  
Wednesday, October 19, 2022  
1:30 PM

Item 5

**MEETING MINUTES**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nader Heydari, City of Thousand Oaks (Chair)  
Chris Kurgan, County of Ventura (Vice Chair)  
James Campero, City of Camarillo  
Kumar Neppalli, City of Oxnard  
Justin Link, City of Simi Valley  
Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura  
KJ May, Port of Hueneme
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** City of Fillmore  
City of Moorpark  
City of Ojai  
City of Port Hueneme  
City of Santa Paula
- EX OFFICIO PRESENT:** Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD  
Robert Wong, Caltrans District 7  
Martin Rodriguez, GCTD
- VCTC STAFF PRESENT:** Peter De Haan, Programming Director  
Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Sustainability  
Heather Miller, Programming Manager  
Geiska Velasquez, Programming Analyst

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**  
Chair Heydari called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. via ZOOM.

**ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Heather Miller, VCTC, announced that there will be November workshop for Cycle 2 of the Clean California Local Grants program and that the CMAQ / Article 3 / SGR recommended list of projects will be available in November.

Peter De Haan announced that 1) the Cities of Oxnard, Simi Valley, and the Port of Hueneme will received earmarked funds with high priority requirements, 2) the new Buy America requirements will begin on November 10, 2022, 3) the State has set aside funds for resilience projects that are included in an Adaption Plan; 4) applications for the Port and Freight Infrastructure Program are due January 13, 2023, and 5) the Novemer TTAC meeting is scheduled to be in person.

Geiska Velasquez, VCTC, announced that the SMART grant progam applications for technology projects will be due in November.

**ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.**

**ITEM 4**            **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** - None.

**ITEM 5**            **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

**Link moved, seconded by Neppalli, that the committee approve the August 2022 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ITEM 6**            **CALTRANS DISTRICT 7 LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE**

Robert Wong, Caltrans, updated the committee on near-future meetings, trainings, and workshops. The committee requested the updates received by VCTC from Caltrans be forwarded to the group.

**ITEM 7**            **CALRECYCLE'S TIRE DERIVED AGGREGATE PROGRAM**

Joaquin Wright, GHD, presented the use and benefits of Tire Derived Aggregate material in various civil engineering projects.

**ITEM 8**            **CALTRANSIT SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS**

Caleb Brock, Caltrans, presented the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants including Sustainable Communities, Strategic Partnerships, and Climate Adaptation Planning.

**ITEM 9**            **SCAG 2024 CONNECT SOCAL RTP/SCS PROJECT LIST SUBMITTAL FOR GOODS MOVEMENT**

Caitlin Brooks, VCTC, provided the committee with the updated project list for goods movement.

**ITEM 10**          **SCAG 2024 CONNECT SOCAL PROJECTS LIST**

Amanda Fagan, VCTC, requested that committee members review and update their proposed 2024 Connect SoCal project list as soon as possible for submittal to SCAG by November.

**ITEM 11**          **SCAG REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PROJECT CONCEPTS**

Amanda Fagan provided a brief overview of the SCAG Regional Early Action Plan including the timeline; objectives, requirements, and five projects that VCTC will be proposing including 1) the Santa Paula Branch Line Master Plan and EIR, 2) the Ventura County Bus Stop and Train Station Accessibility Assessment, 3) the Community Traffic Calming and Bike Safety Program, 4) the Ventura County Paratransit System Integration Effort, and 5) the VMT Adaptive Mitigation Program Implementation.

**ITEM 12**          **STATUS OF FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP), CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECTS, HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HIP), AND COVID RELIEF AND RECOVERY ACT (CRRSA) PROJECTS**

Peter De Haan reviewed the STP, CMAQ, HIP, and CRRSA project tables with the committee and discussed the 2023 deadlines with the goal of programming all projects.

**ITEM 13**          **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – For Discussion**

- Periodic Highway Construction Updates
- Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
- Metrolink SCORE Project (Simi Double-Track Project)

**ITEM 14**          **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Heydari adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.



Item 7

November 16, 2022

**MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**FROM: CAITLIN BROOKS, PROGRAM MANAGER-TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

**SUBJECT: VENTURA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN - DRAFT PLAN**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Receive and file an update on the draft Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is a long-range planning document originally adopted by VCTC in 2013 to plan for the future of transportation in the County over the next 30 years. The 2023 CTP Update incorporates socioeconomic data, community priorities, and local transportation solutions, placing a special emphasis on inclusion of disadvantaged and underserved communities to create a more equitable transportation future for all.

The CTP Update is built from community-based, local priorities and community-expressed need to enhance regional connections, mobility, and quality of life for all Ventura County residents. The CTP examines key regional issues, such as greenhouse gas emissions, improving mobility across all modes of transportation, and exploring various funding strategies and options from the federal, state, regional, and local levels. The Plan provides a framework for future community-based planning and collaboration and inform Ventura County's long-range transportation decisions. A brief overview of the CTP goals, solution-based scenarios, and next steps is included below.

A robust community engagement effort led to the identification of five goals, along with supporting objectives, for inclusion in the CTP. The CTP goals and objectives include:

- **Goal: Balance Transportation and Land Use**
  - Foster a diversity of land uses that improve ease of access to housing, employment, recreation, and other needs
  - Integrate transportation and land use planning to encourage walking, cycling and transit
  - Enhance transit services to encourage growth to locate within HQTAs
  - Improve active transportation facilities and infrastructure between residential and commercial zones
- **Goal: Reduce Emissions and Improve Sustainability**
  - Ensure availability of EV supportive infrastructure
  - Reduce per capita VMT

- Encourage travel using low or zero emissions modes for more trips
- **Goal: Foster Economic Prosperity**
  - Provide residents with affordable access to opportunities for employment, education, and social services
  - Improve the efficiency of freight movements while mitigating potential adverse impacts on local communities
- **Goal: Improve Multimodal Mobility Choices and Access to Destinations**
  - Provide integrated and seamless travel connections between modes
  - Reduce transit travel times, making them more competitive with private auto travel
  - Supports a range of multimodal trip options to access key destinations
- **Goal: Enhance Transportation Safety to Eliminate Deaths and Serious Injuries**
  - Reduce the number of serious injury collisions year on year
  - Improve design and operations to ensure people feel safe using the transportation system
  - Improve safety outcomes for vulnerable users of the transportation system

To prepare the CTP, the Project Team conducted an analysis of existing conditions for transportation and mobility in Ventura County. To address Ventura County's transportation needs over the next 30 years, the CTP outlines three packages of transportation improvements, each containing a diverse range of multimodal projects, programs, and strategies designed to provide Ventura County residents with more mobility choices, improved transportation infrastructure, and a transportation network that enhances access, equity, and safety.

The three packages of improvements are grouped into scenarios and identified as Scenarios A, B, and C. A brief overview of each scenario is provided below.

- Scenario A: The Baseline future condition for the transportation network in Ventura County. Scenario A includes projects that currently have an identified source of funding and are reasonably anticipated to be completed within the time horizon of the CTP. This includes all projects contained in the adopted Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).
- Scenario B: A multimodal package of projects that builds on the baseline condition presented in Scenario A and seeks to advance the goals and objectives, as presented in Chapter 1 of the CTP. Projects in Scenario B include projects previously contained in the 2020 SCAG RTP that are not yet fully funded, as well as new projects identified through recent planning efforts (101 Communities Connected, Ventura County Freight Corridors Study, etc.), the CTP development process, and those identified or proposed by local agencies in their local planning efforts.
- Scenario C: A set of transportation projects that would enhance the Ventura County transportation network beyond the package of projects, programs, and strategies contained in Scenario B. This scenario builds on the Scenario B package of projects, identifying projects and improvements that either do not currently have a defined pathway to funding, the project specifics are not yet well-defined due to a need for additional study, or project costs and timelines are likely beyond the Year 2040 horizon for this CTP.

The multimodal transportation improvements proposed through the CTP aim to address the current and future needs of residents in Ventura County. These improvements were developed after a thorough review of existing conditions and demographic forecasts, extensive community engagement, and analysis using VCTC's regional transportation demand model. Improvements identified in Scenario B are intended to respond to existing and future mobility needs of residents of Ventura County, and to place the county on a pathway towards creating a more resilient and equitable transportation network that provides the community with access to a range of mobility choices and opportunities.

Moving forward, VCTC will continue to collaborate with local agencies to complete the initial planning and pursuit of additional funding necessary to implement the projects and strategies identified in this plan. The

CTP is also intended to be a living document that will be updated and amended as needed to incorporate future planning efforts and projects identified for Ventura County.

VCTC staff appreciates review and feedback on the draft CTP from TTAC members, which will be sent to members by late November 2022 and will be available for agency and public review and comment through January 10, 2023. VCTC will also host a Virtual Community Workshop on December 6, 2022, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., and will present the Draft Plan to the Commission at the December 2, 2022 meeting. Questions or comments can be directed to Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Sustainability at [afagan@goventura.org](mailto:afagan@goventura.org) or Caitlin Brooks, Program Manager at [cbrooks@goventura.org](mailto:cbrooks@goventura.org).



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Item 8

November 16, 2022

**MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)**

**FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR  
HEATHER MILLER, PROGRAM MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: APPROVE NON-TRANSIT PROJECT PRIORITY RANKING FOR CONGESTION  
MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) AND TDA ARTICLE 3 CALL FOR  
PROJECTS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Recommend the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) program \$19,048,106 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, \$1,765,880 TDA Article 3 funds, and \$5,741,015 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds to the projects prioritized in Attachment A.
- Recommend the VCTC approve \$1,469,949 for “Shelf List” funding as specified in Attachment A.

**BACKGROUND:**

At its June 8, 2022 meeting, the Transit Operators Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM) approved the guidelines for the combined CMAQ/TDA Article 3/State of Good Repair Call-for-Projects, followed by Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) approval on June 15 and the VCTC (Commission) on July 8. The guidelines outlined program eligibility and provided for separate scoring of transit and non-transit projects, with TRANSCOM to review the transit projects and TTAC the non-transit projects, based on the policy that each of the two categories receive half of the CMAQ funds.

When the guidelines were adopted, “off-the-top” funding for Regional Ridesharing and Transit Outreach was also approved but not incorporated into the CMAQ funding estimates. Deducting “off-the top” funding needs for these two programs in the amount of \$3.237 million for FY 23/24-26/27 while adding FY 2021/22 carryover funds in the amount of \$3.334 million overall provide approximately the same level of CMAQ funding as the initial estimate of \$24.3 million for non-transit projects and \$13.5 million for transit projects. Additionally, non-transit projects (primarily bicycle and pedestrian) could receive available TDA Article 3 funds that include prior carryover funds of \$1,126,886 added to FY 22/23 and 23/24 fund estimates for a total of \$2.57 million in TDA Article 3 funds for this call-for-projects.

VCTC staff also recommended augmenting the call-for-projects with Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. The CRP is a new program introduced with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>). CRP funding is apportioned to regions and local agencies based on population and would add approximately \$7.6 million in total funding over five years from FY 21/22-25/26 for either transit or non-transit program eligible projects.

**DISCUSSION:**

As specified in the guidelines, project applications were due to VCTC on September 23. VCTC received a total of nine (9) non-transit projects with a total project cost of \$36,642,926 and total funding request of \$32,885,110. The projects included eight (8) bicycle/pedestrian projects and one (1) alternate fuel infrastructure project for the Port of Hueneme. The call-for-projects also received nine (9) transit applications with a requested funding amount of over \$24 million. On November 9, the Transit Operators Committee (TRANSCOM) approved a list of transit projects recommended for funding to the VCTC.

As provided in the approved guidelines, the first step in screening the applications was to review the eligibility of the projects based on requested program funding, financial feasibility, and planning consistency. All submitted projects met with the initial screening requirements. The scoring of projects was based on the approved criteria in the Guidelines and performed by VCTC staff, apart from the Air Quality criterion which was scored by Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) staff. Points were awarded in the categories of safety, project readiness, air quality benefits, project potential to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), network connectivity, complete street design, and leveraged funds. Projects received an overall score and priority ranking, with the City of Oxnard's Accessible Pedestrian Enhancement Project ranked highest. Detailed project scores are provided in Attachment B.

Based on available funding, a prioritized list of non-transit projects and recommended funding was compiled as provided in Attachment A. Sufficient CMAQ funds allowed for most of the submitted projects to be funded with CMAQ funds. TDA Article 3 funds are recommended to prioritize funding smaller projects such as the City of Ojai's Bike Rack project and the City of Santa Paula's Community Bike/Trail Connectivity project. The County of Ventura's Camarillo to CSUCI Shared-Use Path Feasibility Study Project is only eligible to receive Article 3 funds therefore recommended to receive these funds. The feasibility study is for a Class I shared-use path from the City of Camarillo to California State University, Channel Islands.

Carbon Reduction Program funds are apportioned by urban area over the course of the IJJA including FFY 21/22–26/27 with identified FY 21/22 funding for the Thousand Oaks and Oxnard/Ventura large urbanized areas using the 2010 Census. Staff recommends funding the Port of Hueneme's North Shore Power Terminal project with Oxnard/Ventura's allotment of CRP funds for FFY 21/22-22/23 in addition to CMAQ funds for approximately \$10.4 million of the \$11.5 million requested by the Port. The North Shore Power Terminal project provides significant emission reduction benefits to "fence line" surrounding communities with the installation of an electrical-grid-base connection allowing vessels to shut down diesel emissions while at berth. The difference in the funding request and the funding award will be placed on a Shelf List (included in Attachment A) in the event additional future funding becomes available, or it is necessary to quickly obligate funds to a ready-to-go project to avoid a possible loss of funds to the county.

Staff also recommends a combination of CRP and CMAQ funding for the City of Ventura's Residential Street Sidewalk and HAWK Signal Project, Camarillo's Central Avenue Bike Lanes Project, and Thousand Oaks' Lynn Road Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Improvement project. Thousand Oaks submitted two CMAQ project applications that were also submitted to the Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program (ATP). The two projects received strong CTC scores from the statewide ATP selection evaluation and are expected to receive MPO component regional (Ventura County) ATP funding. Staff therefore recommends CMAQ/CRP and Article 3 funds for additional design phase and construction funding for these two projects to supplement the anticipated ATP funding.

VCTC staff may reprogram funds between CMAQ and CRP to ensure the maximum availability of both types of funding.

Committee recommendations for both transit and non-transit project selection will be brought to the Commission for approval on December 2.

**RECOMMENDED FEDERAL (CMAQ/CRP)/STATE (TDA ARTICLE 3) FUNDED NON-TRANSIT PROJECTS**

Project Name	Agency	Committee Score	Federal (CMAQ/CRP)	State (TDA Article 3)	Total Funds:
Accessible Pedestrian Enhancements Project	City Of Oxnard	83	\$ 2,995,977	\$ 101,532	\$ 3,097,509
Hillcrest Drive Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Improvements <sup>1</sup>	City of Thousand Oaks	74	\$ 433,797		\$ 433,797
City of Santa Paula Community Bike/Trail Connectivity Project	City of Santa Paula	72		\$ 1,482,878	\$ 1,482,878
Ojai 2022 Bike Rack Installation	City of Ojai	67		\$ 48,675	\$ 48,675
Camarillo to CSUCI Shared-Use Path Feasibility Study Project	County of Ventura	66		\$ 132,795	\$ 132,795
Lynn Road Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Improvements <sup>2</sup>	City of Thousand Oaks	62	\$ 2,484,227	\$ 175,000	\$ 2,659,227
Residential Street Sidewalk and HAWK Signal Project <sup>3</sup>	City of Ventura	60	\$ 3,120,797		\$ 3,120,797
Central Avenue Bike Lanes (ST-5102) <sup>4</sup>	City of Camarillo	56	\$ 5,311,800		\$ 5,311,800
North Terminal Shore Power <sup>5</sup>	Port of Hueneme	53	\$ 10,442,523		\$ 10,442,523

**Total: \$ 26,730,001**

<sup>1</sup> Funding is less than the requested amount as the project is anticipated to receive regional ATP funds.

<sup>2</sup> Funds include \$1,041,227 in CRP and \$1,443,000 in CMAQ and \$175,000 in Article 3 (funding is less than overall request as the project is also anticipated to receive regional ATP funds.)

<sup>3</sup> Funds include \$1,753,297 in CMAQ and \$1,367,500 in CRP.

<sup>4</sup> Funds include \$1,964,788 in CRP and \$3,347,012 in CMAQ.

<sup>5</sup> Project partially funded with \$1,367,500 in CRP and \$9,075,023 in CMAQ funds for a total of \$10,442,523; funding request totaled \$11,912,472 therefore unfunded \$1,469,949 recommended for Shelf List.

**RECOMMENDED UNFUNDED NON-TRANSIT PROJECTS SHELF LIST**

Project Name	Agency	Committee Score	Federal (CMAQ/CRP)	State (TDA Article 3)	Total Funds:
North Terminal Shore Power <sup>5</sup>	Port of Heuneme	53	\$ 1,469,949		\$ 1,469,949

2022 CMAQ/ARTICLE 3/SGR CALL FOR PROJECTS

Non-Transit Scoring

AGENCY	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT NAME	FUNDS REQUESTED	TOTAL PROJECT COST	NON-TRANSIT PROJECTS SELECTION CRITERIA & SCORING						TOTAL SCORE	
					Safety (0 to 10 Points)	Project Work Plan & Readiness (up to 5 points)	Air Quality (up to 25 pts)	Potential to Attract Active Transportation Users And reduce VMT (up to 20 points)	Network Connectivity (Up to 25 Points)	Complete Street Design (Up to 10 Points)		Leveraged Funds (Up to 5 Points) *
City Of Oxnard	Bicycle & Ped Facility	Accessible Pedestrian Enhancements Project	CMAQ	\$ 3,498,825	9	3	25	20	15	10	1	83
City of Thousand Oaks	Bicycle & Ped Facility	Hillcrest Drive Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Improvements	CMAQ/Article 3	\$ 3,199,200	8	2	20	18	15	10	1	74
City of Santa Paula	Bicycle & Ped Facility	City of Santa Paula Community Bike/Trail Connectivity Project	TDA Article 3	\$ 1,675,000	7	2	20	20	15	7	1	72
City of Ojai	Bicycle Facility	Ojai 2022 Bike Rack Installation	CMAQ	\$ 54,981	1	5	25	15	15	5	1	67
County of Ventura	Bicycle & Ped Facility	Camarillo to CSUCI Shared-Use Path Feasibility Study Project	TDA Article 3	\$ 150,000	6	5	5	14	25	10	1	66
City of Thousand Oaks	Bicycle & Ped Facility	Lynn Road Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Improvements	CMAQ	\$ 5,024,000	8	2	10	16	15	10	1	62
City of Ventura	Bicycle & Ped Facility	Residential Street Sidewalk and HAWK Signal Project	TDA Article 3	\$ 3,536,000	8	4	5	17	15	10	1	60
City of Camarillo	Bicycle Facility	Central Avenue Bike Lanes (ST-5102)	CMAQ	\$ 6,000,000	6	2	15	12	15	5	1	56
Port of Hueneme	Non-Transit	North Terminal Shore Power	CMAQ	\$ 13,504,920	1	4	20	17	10	0	1	53



November 16, 2022

**MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)**

**FROM: GEISKA VELASQUEZ, PROGRAM ANALYST**

**SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Receive and file.

**BACKGROUND**

The California Active Transportation Program (ATP) is a competitive statewide program funding projects that increase and promote the use of active modes of transportation such as biking and walking. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) manages this program and announced the Cycle 6 Call for Projects with applications due June 15, 2022. The CTC received 434 project requests totaling over \$3.1 billion. While the number of applications submitted to the State were fewer compared to Cycle 5, the amount requested increased by over \$1 billion thereby increasing the competition for these limited statewide funds.

The funding for Cycle 6 was announced at approximately \$650 million, a 50% increase from Cycle 5, due largely to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Even with the increase, the available funding does not meet the demand. Since its inception, the ATP program has been oversubscribed with each cycle receiving funding requests exceeding availability.

The CTC received ten (10) project applications originating in Ventura County totaling over \$40 million in requested ATP funds, slightly more than Cycle 5, and doubling the estimated availability in the MPO regional component. The CTC announced staff project recommendations in October 2022, with only one project submitted by the County of Ventura selected for State funding at \$3.4 million. The remaining \$37 million in projects not selected at the statewide level are considered for funding at the regional level with final approval of staff recommendations approved by the CTC in June of 2023.

**DISCUSSION**

**ATP Program:** Caltrans and the CTC reviewed all ATP project applications, and scores were assigned based on the adopted CTC Scoring Criteria. Applications receive a maximum of 100 points. Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the total funding awards are recommended by CTC through the Statewide Program (50%) and Small Urban/Rural Program components (10%), while forty percent (40%) of the total funding awards will be recommended by regional MPOs.

**Regional Project Selection:** Projects not funded under the Statewide ATP program are reconsidered for funding through the MPO (SCAG) regional project selection process. SCAG develops Regional Guidelines for distribution of the region's ATP share. VCTC contributes to this project selection by providing methodology to prioritize projects by adding up to twenty (20) points to supplement the CTC

scores. VCTC adopts the final recommended list of local projects which is submitted to SCAG for approval.

**CTC Project Selection:** The CTC staff recommendation for Statewide, Small Urban & Rural components, and Quick-Build Pilot Program posted on October 21, 2022, and CTC adoption is anticipated for December 2022. Of the ten local projects submitted, only one project from Ventura County was funded at the statewide level: a County of Ventura Pedestrian Improvement and Community Connections project for \$3.5 million.

With this award Ventura County received 8% of requested funding from the statewide ATP program. In contrast San Luis Obispo County received 56% of funding requested, Santa Barbara County received 65% of requests, and the overall average was 37% of requests funded per county.

Though there was more available funding in this call for projects, the ATP program is increasingly more competitive with each cycle. In addition, many counties in California are “self-help counties”, meaning that they have special tax measures for additional funding for transportation infrastructure, which not only funds more active transportation projects but also helps to make their ATP applications more competitive with higher fund matching capability. As Ventura County is not a “self-help county” discretionary Federal and State programs are even more important to fund the needed bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements countywide.

In addition, at the April 13, 2022, goal setting session VCTC identified near and midterm goals that include:

- Aggressively seek out federal and state infrastructure funding (and assist cities and county in this endeavor)
- Work with partner agencies to implement the Bicycle Wayfinding Plan
- Priorities building new bike lanes/integration of e-bikes as a transportation mode

**VCTC Active Transportation Working Group:**

As Ventura County is not a “self-help county”, funds are becoming increasingly more competitive, and VCTC has established goals to identify and prioritize funding for active transportation programs and infrastructure it is clear that a more robust grant procurement and support program is necessary.

VCTC staff is requesting that the TTAC member agencies provide contact information for designated active transportation professionals to develop a potential ATP working group. The intention for this group is for VCTC staff to survey the needs of the local agencies and develop a thriving active transportation program that results in more funded projects at the statewide level. The official structure of this group will be determined at a future TTAC meeting. This item is to present for discussion and announce request for contact information.