



VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 18, 2023
1:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

- ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**
- ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**
- ITEM 5 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**
Recommended Action:
- *Nominate and elect officers to the Committee.*
- Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan**
- ITEM 6 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE**
Recommended Action:
- *Receive and file.*
- Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan**
- ITEM 7 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Recommended Action:
- *Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October meeting.*
- Responsible Staff: Jeni Eddington**
- ITEM 8 CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE VERBAL UPDATE**
Recommended Action:
- *Receive and file.*
- Responsible Staff: Robert Wong, Caltrans**

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ITEM 9 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) CYCLE 6 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) REGIONAL COMPONENT - PRIORITIZED LIST OF PROJECTS

Recommended Action:

- *Approve the regional point assignments and the Prioritized List of Projects in Attachment A, allowing the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to advance projects for funding in the MPO Component of the Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program (ATP).*

Responsible Staff: Heather Miller

ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ITEM 11 ADJOURNMENT



DATE: JANUARY 18, 2023
MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING
SUBJECT: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RECOMMENDATION

- *Nominate and elect officers to the Committee.*

BACKGROUND

The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected from among the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) representatives by majority vote. Nomination and selection of the new officers will occur during this meeting with the Vice Chair taking his/her position effective immediately and the Chair taking his/her position at the February 2022 meeting.

Below is a recent history of officers.

2022

Chair – Nader Haydari, City of Thousand Oaks
Vice Chair – Chris Kurgan, County of Ventura

2021

Chair – Justin Link, City of Simi Valley
Vice Chair – Nader Haydari, City of Thousand Oaks

2020

Chair – Ken Matsuoka, City of Camarillo
Vice Chair – Justin Link, City of Simi Valley

2019

Chair – Sean Corrigan, City of Moorpark
Vice Chair – Ken Matsuoka, City of Camarillo

2018

Chair – Dave Fleisch, County of Ventura
Vice Chair – Sean Corrigan, City of Moorpark

2017

Chair - Cliff Finley, City of Thousand Oaks
Vice Chair – Tom Mericle, City of Ventura



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Item 6

DATE: JANUARY 18, 2023
MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: 2023 TTAC MEETING SCHEDULE

RECOMMENDATION

- *Receive and file.*

DISCUSSION:

The 2023 meeting schedule continues the practice of meeting on the third Wednesday of the month.

January 18
April 19
July 19
October 18

February 15
May 17
August 16
November 15

March 15
June 21
September 20
December 20



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January 18, 2023

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
FROM: HEATHER MILLER, PROGRAM MANAGER
**SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) CYCLE 6 METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) REGIONAL COMPONENT - PRIORITIZED LIST
OF PROJECTS**

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve the regional point assignments and the Prioritized List of Projects in Attachment A, allowing the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to advance projects for funding in the MPO Component of the Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program (ATP).

BACKGROUND:

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) is a program established by the California legislature in 2013 to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. In March 2022, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) established the Cycle 6 ATP as a four-year (fiscal years 2023-24 through 2026-27) program with approximately \$650 million in programming capacity. In June 2022, the Governor signed the Budget Act of 2022, which included a one-time ATP funding augmentation of approximately \$1 billion from the General Fund, bringing the total available funding to approximately \$1.7 billion. The CTC received 434 applications statewide in Cycle 6 for a total ATP funding request of \$3.1 billion. 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 are recommended by regional MPOs.

Statewide Program

CTC and Caltrans review all ATP project applications and scores are assigned based on adopted CTC scoring criteria up to a maximum of 100 points. The projects are ranked by score and those projects with the highest ranking receive available funding through the statewide competitive program. The CTC released staff recommendations for the Statewide and Rural components in October 2022 selecting 67 projects for statewide funding among the 434 applications submitted. The Commission approved staff recommendations in December 2022.

The County of Ventura's Saticoy Pedestrian Improvements project was selected for statewide funding with a total project cost of \$3.497 million. The project application received a score of 90. The statewide cut-off score was 89 this cycle compared to 92 in Cycle 5 due to the significant increase in funds resulting from the augmentation. The additional benefit of this project being selected at the statewide level is that it allows for the remaining projects to compete for the regional funds.

Regional Program

If projects do not score high enough to be funded under the Statewide Competitive Program, they are reconsidered for funding through the MPO regional project selection process. For Ventura County, the MPO Project Selection process is administered by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). SCAG's Cycle 6 MPO share is approximately \$361 million distributed by population to the six (6) member regions with Ventura County share equaling approximately 4.5% or \$16.189 million. This amount is four times the funding of Cycle 5 due to the state's one-time augmentation of the Active Transportation Program.

Under SCAG's adopted guidelines, counties may add up to 20 points to the CTC score to align funding with regional priorities. At its September 2022 meeting, the VCTC approved the prioritization methodology for Cycle 6 including TTAC's recommendation to award five (5) points to projects demonstrating enhanced access to transit stops. Implementing strategies to promote transit ridership post-COVID was identified by the VCTC in its goal-setting session as a key goal for the region. The following point criteria was applied to project applications competing for funds at the regional level:

- **For Construction Projects:** Up to 10 points will be awarded for project readiness:
 - a. Four (4) points will be awarded if the project is identified in an approved, adopted Bicycle, Pedestrian or Active Transportation Plan listed in Attachment 1, OR
 - b. Eight (8) points will be awarded if the project is identified in a plan listed in Attachment 1, and the conceptual design has been completed, OR
 - c. Ten (10) points will be awarded if the project is identified in a plan listed in Attachment 1, and the Conceptual design has been completed, and the ATP Cycle 6 application shows the preconstruction phases fully funded by the Local Agency; AND

Up to five (5) points will be awarded for a project demonstrating enhanced access to transit stops.

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

AND

Five (5) points for Any Project with a Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Component.

DISCUSSION:

Jurisdictions within Ventura County overall submitted ten (10) ATP Cycle 6 applications totaling \$42,355,300 in total project costs and \$40,853,300 in total ATP funding requests. Overall, four (4) Plans and six (6) Infrastructure projects applied for funds. The City of Ventura submitted the largest request for funds for the Santa Paula Branch Line (SPBL) Multi-Use Path at a project cost of over \$27 million. Since the County of Ventura's Saticoy Pedestrian Improvement project was selected for statewide funding, additional points were not assessed for that project for regional consideration. Additionally, two project submittals by the City of Santa Paula were identified as ineligible by the CTC because the applications did not demonstrate benefit to a disadvantaged community (DAC) as required for Plans. The remaining seven (7) project applications were scored according to the VCTC adopted criteria. A breakdown of points awarded to each project is provided in Table 1 in Attachment A.

Given the amount of regional funding available to Ventura County (\$16.189 million) and project rankings after additional scoring, the following projects are recommended for regional ATP funding:

1. City of Thousand Oaks - Hillcrest Drive Sidewalk and Bike Lanes (\$2.35 million)
2. City of Thousand Oaks - Lynn Road Bridge Bike Lanes (\$2.602 million)
3. City of San Buenaventura - Santa Paula Branch Line Multi-use Path (\$6.716 million)
4. County of Ventura - Piru Pedestrian Improvement Project (\$3.45 million)
5. City of Fillmore - Fillmore ATP Needs Assessment (\$70,000)
6. City of Simi Valley - Simi Valley Bicycle Master Plan (\$250,000)
7. City of Simi Valley - Arroyo Simi Greenway Phase 5 (\$751,000)

Staff recommends the listed projects receive their full ATP funding request except for City of Ventura's SPBL Multi-Use Path and Simi Valley's Arroyo Simi Greenway Phase 5 project which staff is recommending for partial funding based on the following:

City of Ventura requested \$27.133 million to fully fund the SPBL Multi-Use Path. Staff recommends partially funding this project with \$6.716 million in funds for the project's preconstruction phases (design and right of way) since construction costs far exceed available regional funding. As TTAC is aware, VCTC and Caltrans have submitted a joint application for the Senate Bill (SB) 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors program (SCCP), with that application encompassing a suite of multimodal projects within the US 101 corridor including the construction phase of the Santa Paula Branch Line Multi-Use Path in Ventura. CTC staff recommendations for SCCP funds are anticipated in June 2023.

Additionally, after recommended funding of the six highest ranked projects, the remaining ATP fund balance is \$751,000. The seventh ranked project, Simi Valley's Arroyo Simi Greenway Phase 5 project, requested \$1,048,000 in ATP funds. Staff recommends partially funding the Arroyo Simi Greenway project with ATP funds totaling \$751,000 with a commitment from the City to deliver the project to construction utilizing other funding sources for remaining costs (\$297,000).

Absent the augmentation of the Active Transportation Program, it is likely that only the top ranked County of Ventura's Saticoy Pedestrian Project would have been funded in Cycle 6.

A list of all submitted projects provided in Attachment A includes the project description, total amount of requested funds, the CTC/Caltrans Statewide Score, the added regional prioritized scores, and recommended regional ATP funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that TTAC approve the regional point assignments and the Prioritized List of Projects in Attachment A allowing VCTC to advance projects for funding under the MPO Component of the Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program. In the event funds be made available through project cancellations or savings, these funds would be made available to the unfunded construction costs of the City of Simi Valley's Arroyo Simi Greenway Phase 5 project (subject to CTC approval.)

NEXT STEPS:

This item will be brought to the VCTC for approval at their February 3, 2023 meeting.

ATTACHMENT A

Table 1. Regional Scoring

Jurisdiction	Project Title	CTC State					Plan (4)(15)	Conceptual Design (4)	Local Fund Precon (2)	Transit Access (5)	MPO Score (120)
		Score (100)	Project Type I/NI/Plan	SRTS ¹ (5)	DAC ²	Score					
<i>County of Ventura *</i>	<i>Saticoy Pedestrian Improvements</i>	90	<i>Infrastructure-Small</i>	<i>SRTS/SRFS³</i>	Y						
City of Thousand Oaks	Hillcrest Drive Sidewalk and Bikelanes	86	Infrastructure-Small	0	N	4	4	2	5	101	
City of Thousand Oaks	Lynn Road Bridge Bike Lanes	86	Infrastructure-Small	0	N	4	4	2	5	101	
City of San Buenaventura	Santa Paula Branch Line Multi-use Path	78	Infrastructure-Large	5	Y	4	4	0	5	96	
County of Ventura	Piru Pedestrian Improvement Project	55	Infrastructure-Small	5	Y	4	4	0	5	73	
City of Fillmore	Fillmore ATP Needs Assessment	55	Plan	0	Y	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	70	
City of Simi Valley	Simi Valley Bicycle Master Plan	40	Plan	0	Y	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	55	
City of Simi Valley	Arroyo Simi Greenway Phase 5	29	Infrastructure-Small	0	N	4	4	0	1	38	
<i>City of Santa Paula</i>	<i>Santa Paula Bike Trail</i>	<i>Ineligible</i>	<i>Plan</i>								
<i>City of Santa Paula</i>	<i>Crosswalk Enhancement</i>	<i>Ineligible</i>	<i>Plan</i>								

Table 2. Prioritized List of Projects and Recommended Funding

Jurisdiction	Project Title	CTC State Score (100)	Project Type I/NI/Plan	MPO Score (120)	Total Project Cost	ATP Fund	
						Request	Recommended Funds
<i>County of Ventura *</i>	<i>Saticoy Pedestrian Improvements</i>	90	<i>Infrastructure-Small</i>	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 3,497,000	\$ 3,497,000	<i>Statewide Selection</i>
City of Thousand Oaks	Hillcrest Drive Sidewalk and Bikelanes	86	Infrastructure-Small	101	\$ 2,840,000	\$ 2,350,000	\$ 2,350,000
City of Thousand Oaks	Lynn Road Bridge Bike Lanes	86	Infrastructure-Small	101	\$ 3,352,000	\$ 2,602,000	\$ 2,602,000
City of San Buenaventura	Santa Paula Branch Line Multi-use Path	78	Infrastructure-Large	96	\$ 27,133,000	\$ 27,133,000	\$ 6,716,000
County of Ventura	Piru Pedestrian Improvement Project	55	Infrastructure-Small	73	\$ 3,450,000	\$ 3,450,000	\$ 3,450,000
City of Fillmore	Fillmore ATP Needs Assessment	55	Plan	70	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
City of Simi Valley	Simi Valley Bicycle Master Plan	40	Plan	55	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
City of Simi Valley	Arroyo Simi Greenway Phase 5	29	Infrastructure-Small	38	\$ 1,310,000	\$ 1,048,000	\$ 751,000
<i>City of Santa Paula</i>	<i>Santa Paula Bike Trail</i>	<i>Ineligible</i>	<i>Plan</i>		\$ 190,300	\$ 190,300	
<i>City of Santa Paula</i>	<i>Crosswalk Enhancement</i>	<i>Ineligible</i>	<i>Plan</i>		\$ 263,000	\$ 263,000	
TOTAL					\$ 42,355,300	\$ 40,853,300	\$ 16,189,000

* Statewide funding

¹ Safe Routes to School

² Disadvantaged Community

³ Safe Routes for Seniors