

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

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AGENDA

In Person

VCTC Large Conference Room

751 East Daily Drive Suite 420

Camarillo, CA

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 1:30 p.m.

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ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Recommended Action:

Nominate and elect officers to the Committee.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan

ITEM 3 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT

ITEM 4 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 facts or to be placed on the subsequent agenda for consideration.

ITEM 5 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM 6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action:

• Waive the reading and approve the meeting minutes from March 2023.

Responsible Staff: Jeni Eddington

ITEM 7 CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE VERBAL UPDATE

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Robert Wong, Caltrans

ITEM 8 METROLINK SCORE PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Recommended Action:

Verbal update

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan

ITEM 9 STATUS OF CRRSA, HIP, AND CMAQ, PROJECTS

Recommended Action:

• For discussion.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan

ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ITEM 11 ADJOURNMENT



Item 2

DATE: MAY 17, 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 Chair and Vice Chair taking their position effective immediately. Below is a recent history of officers.

2023 (January - April)

Chair – Chris Kurgan, County of Ventura Vice Chair – Michelle Woomer, City of Moorpark

2022	2019

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

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

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Chair – Justin Link, City of Simi Valley

Chair – Dave Fleisch, County of Ventura

Vice Chair – Nader Haydari, City of Thousand Oaks

Vice Chair – Sean Corrigan, City of Moorpark

2020 2017

Chair – Ken Matsuoka, City of Camarillo Chair - Cliff Finley, City of Thousand Oaks Vice Chair – Justin Link, City of Simi Valley Vice Chair – Tom Mericle, City of Ventura



VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

VCTC Large Conference Room 751 East Daily Drive, Camarillo

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:30 PM

Item 6

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Kurgan, County of Ventura (Chair)

James Campero, City of Camarillo Charles Cable, City of Port Hueneme Justin Link, City of Simi Valley

Mike Tohidian, City of Thousand Oaks

Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura KJ May, Port of Hueneme

MEMBERS ABSENT: City of Fillmore

City of Moorpark City of Ojai City of Oxnard City of Santa Paula

EX OFFICIO PRESENT: Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD

Morris Zarbi, Caltrans District 7

VCTC STAFF PRESENT: Peter De Haan, Programming Director

Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Sustainability Caitlin Brooks, Transportation Planning Manager

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kurgan called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – None.

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION:

<u>Link moved, seconded by Austin, that the committee approve the February 2023 meeting minutes.</u> The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6 CALTRANS DISTRICT 7 LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Morris Zarbi updated the committee on 1) Caltrans staffing, 2) projects application deadlines, and 3) upcoming workshops.

ITEM 7 REDISTRIBUTION OF CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY AND CRP FUNDING

Peter De Haan provided the committee with a brief background and update on

Jason Samonte, City of Camarillo, shared that the City of Camarillo is bearing the burden by having their project funded with CRP rather than the CMAQ funds that were originally programmed.

ACTION

Hereford moved, seconded by Tohidian, that the committee approve redistribution of previously programmed CMAQ and CRP funds as shown in the attachment, with the caveat that staff remains authorized to administratively make further adjustments as the situation warrants. The motions was approved unanimously.

ITEM 8 TTAC VOTING DESIGNATION

Peter De Haan requested that the City of Fillmore, City of Ventura, Gold Coast Transit District, and Port of Hueneme provide VCTC staff with a letter designating either a person or a position to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee as a representative or alternate.

ITEM 9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – For Discussion

- Construction Project Updates
- Planning for Future Active Transportation Program Grants
- Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
- Metrolink SCORE Project (Simi Double-Track Project)
- Transportation Emergency Response

ITEM 11 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kurgan adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

METROLINK





What is SCORE?

Metrolink's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) is a \$10+ billion capital improvement program that includes grade crossing, station and signal improvements as well as track additions across five counties. As Metrolink's service area continues to grow from its current 18 million people, we must do more to serve Californians and meet the state's ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gases and improve access to affordable housing and jobs. SCORE will accelerate Metrolink's goal towards a zero-emissions future and prepare for the millions of tourists, workers and residents expected to celebrate the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics. SCORE represents a 21st Century transportation system equitable to residents in each of the five counties, regardless of occupation or neighborhood.

SCORE the region gets MORE.



More safety improvements



More seamless connections to other transit providers



More peak and off-peak rail service



More jobs and economic development



More access to job centers and affordable housing



Healthier air for all

Metrolink is the only public transit option for long distance travel throughout the entire region.

Metrolink carries passengers across all city and county lines, taking riders from city-to-city, county-to-county for a region-wide commute, and runs parallel to five of Southern California's major freeways.

- SCORE investments advance access to transportation for those who need it most, including essential workers
- SCORE will reduce 51.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide
- SCORE's construction plan alone will create over 113,100 good paying jobs – each on average nearly \$64,000
- The cross-county and inter-city connections will promote active transportation and improve public health and safety



2028 Goal

With millions expected to visit California for the 2028 Olympics, the SCORE program is an ambitious plan to upgrade Metrolink's railway system. Metrolink is the third largest commuter rail system in the nation and has reduced 9.3 million car trips annually to eliminate 3.4 billion vehicle miles traveled from 2023-2078.

Metrolink is the answer to freeway gridlock and gives people a better quality of life, while protecting our environment. The benefits from SCORE will make the region increasingly attractive for the millions projected to arrive in SoCal in 2028 and, will contribute to the economic engine of the region for decades to come.

SCORE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How is SCORE funded?

The majority of SCORE is unfunded. After local partners contributed over \$595 million, Metrolink successfully leveraged those funds against state-level grant opportunities. In 2018, Metrolink was awarded an \$876 million grant from the California Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for Phase One of SCORE. To date, Metrolink has raised approximately 23%, or \$2.3 billion, of the \$10 billion funding goal. Metrolink is now in the process of identifying and pursuing additional grant opportunities to reach the overall funding goal.

How are SCORE projects identified and prioritized?

In alignment with the State Rail Plan – a 20-year planning and implementation framework for California's rail network - Metrolink identified railroad improvements that would upgrade safety, enable more frequent service, and make existing service more reliable. Metrolink's planning team underwent a comprehensive analysis to identify and prioritize major bottlenecks and projects that greatly benefit the operations for multiple rail operators such as Metrolink, Amtrak, BNSF, UPRR and future High-Speed Rail.

What are the benefits to the community?

The projects would generate jobs and business opportunities, provide environmental benefits, and increase the frequency and the reliability of Metrolink service. Los Angeles County would see reduced traffic congestion and emissions on adjacent freeways, as Metrolink removes the equivalent of I lane of parallel freeway traffic during the peak hour in peak direction in some locations, with similar improvements in other counties served. Fewer vehicles on the road results in fewer accidents, reduced air pollution and emissions, and decreased energy consumption.

How will the SCORE Improvements Projects benefit riders?

Passengers will go to a train station and wait no more than 30 minutes for the next train in both directions. The Project improvements and updates would enable Metrolink to operate safe and reliable services, which means a better customer experience for passengers.

Are there any economic benefits to the area?

The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) produced a study assessing the impact of the construction investment in the SCORE program. Through construction and service improvements, Los Angeles County residents can expect to see 45,700 new jobs and \$9.801 billion in gross regional product by 2028. By 2050, there will be 704,900 new jobs and a collective total of \$356 billion in economic activity. SCORE is Metrolink's legacy initiative.

Where can I get more information about **SCORE Projects?**

For more information, please visit Metrolinktrains.com/SCORE

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We appreciate your cooperation and understanding while we work to improve our local communities.

Have a question or a comment about the **SCORE Improvement Projects?**

Contact: Jeanette Flores. Assistant Director of Public Affairs, SCORE at floresi@scrra.net





Item 8

May 17, 2023

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHINCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: STATUS OF CORONAVIRUS RECOVER & RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL

APPORTIONS (CRRSA), HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HIP) AND

CONGESTION MIGITATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

• Review and discuss project statuses.

BACKGROUND:

Last month VCTC sent to local jurisdictions the attached memo regarding the CRRSA and HIP funds that VCTC programmed for each agency. These projects are facing various deadlines, with the most imminent deadline being the need for VCTC to submit any CRRSA programming changes for CTC approval no later than October. Most, but not all, of the agencies have responded, and of the agencies that have responded, only two, Santa Paula and Ojai, are considering changing the programming of their CRRSA funds. (The change for Santa Paula is on this month's VCTC agenda.)

At this TTAC meeting, staff will discuss the process going forward for obligation of the HIP and CRRSA funds to avoid loss of the funds for the overall county. It is important to note that federal law has no provisions for extending the deadlines to obligate HIP and CRRSA funds. It should also be noted that the bill to raise the debt ceiling, that passed the House of Representatives, would rescind the unobligated HIP and CRRSA apportionments, were it to pass the Senate and be signed by the President.

During the meeting staff would also like to discuss the the status of CMAQ funds anticipated for obligation during the current fiscal year. The following are the CMAQ projects, of which staff is aware, that are expected to obligate funds:

Ventura, Residential Streets Pedestrian Improvements and HAWK Signal (Design): \$448,424 Thousand Oaks, Lynn Road Pedestrian Improvements & Bike Lanes (Design): \$721,518 Thousand Oaks, Hillcrest Drive Pedestrian Improvements & Bike Lanes (Design): \$433,797 VCTC, Regional Ridesharing: \$443,000



April 17, 2023

MEMO TO: LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

FROM: HEATHER MILLER, PROGRAMMING PROGRAM MANAGER

SUBJECT: STATUS ON CRRSA FUNDED PROJECTS NEEDED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 28

BACKGROUND

On January 7, 2022, the VCTC approved a list of projects (Attachment A) recommended by TTAC to program one-time federal funding from the COVID Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Act and the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP).

The total of each agency's recommended projects is equal to that agency's proportional share of the population of Ventura County (with a minimum award of \$300,000) for use by local jurisdictions on street and road priorities. The CRRSA Local Assistance funds can be used for virtually any transportation purpose including capital and operations, while the CRRSA STIP funds can be used for transportation capital projects.

The CRSSAA Project List was subsequently approved by the CTC and projects amended into the 2023 FTIP by VCTC staff.

DISCUSSION

Since no CRRSA funds have been obligated to date in Ventura County, **VCTC requests local jurisdictions provide a status for these projects, including an anticipated obligation date, by Tuesday May 2.** As a reminder, the CRRSA funds and 20/21 HIP funds will lapse if not obligated by June 2024.

Counties are permitted to make changes to the CRRSA Project List. The final opportunity to approve a revised CRRSA project listing is at the CTC's October 2023 meeting. The approval process also includes Caltrans, TTAC and VCTC approval, therefore, **VCTC staff requests local jurisdictions inform VCTC of any project changes by Thursday, June 30**th.

Please contact me at hmiller@goventura.org or (805) 642-1591 ext. 114, with any questions. Please also include pdehaan@goventura.or and gvalasquez@goventura.org with email responses.

Attachment A

VENTURA COUNTY 2021/22 - 2023/24 ONE-TIME LOCAL STREET & ROAD PROGRAM

AGENCY	PROJECT	LOCAL ASSISTANCE CRRSA Lapses 6/2024	STIP CRRSAA Lapses 6/2024	HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (HIP) 20/21 Lapses 9/2024	Status
Camarillo	Road Rehabilitation	49,823	835,501	-	
City of Ventura	Bristol Road Rehabilitation	-	1,338,820	-	
Fillmore	Street Maintenance	300,000	-	-	
Moorpark	Princeton Avenue Improvements	-	-	456,976	Obligated
Ojai	Street Maintenance Operations	300,000	-	-	
Oxnard	Traffic Operations / Maintenance	866,490	-	-	
Oxnard	Public Works Road / Signal Maintenance	866,490	-	-	
Oxnard	Ventura Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements	619,065	-	247,424	
Port Hueneme	Channel Islands Boulevard Resurfacing	300,000	-	-	
Santa Paula	Santa Paula Community Bike Trail Connectivity Project	389,790	-	-	
Simi Valley	Pavement Delineation	280,802	-	-	
Simi Valley	Madera Road Rehabilitation	-	-	1,300,000	Obligated
Thousand Oaks	Rancho Conejo Biotech Area Sidewalk	-	1,592,969	-	
VCTC	Planning, Programming, and Monitoring	-	198,000	-	Obigated
Ventura County Unincorporated	Hueneme Road Preliminary Design & Environmental	-	-	1,171,517	Obligated