

## VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) www.goventura.org



In Person VCTC Large Conference Room 751 East Daily Drive Suite 420 Camarillo, CA

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 1:30 p.m.

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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 facts 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 August 2023. Responsible Staff: Jeni Eddington
ITEM 6	CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE VERBAL UPDATE <i>Recommended Action:</i> • <i>Receive and file.</i> Responsible Staff: Robert Wong, Caltrans
ITEM 7	<ul> <li>STREETLIGHT INSIGHT   BIG DATA PILOT PROGRAM</li> <li>Recommended Action: <ul> <li>Receive a presentation on StreetLight Insight and its uses within the transportation planning space.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Responsible Staff: Amanda Fagan</li> </ul>
ITEM 8	VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – SUBMITTAL FOR 2024 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) <i>Recommended Action:</i> • Approve the 2024 STIP submittal to the California Transportation Commission <b>Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan</b>
ITEM 9	STATUS OF CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ), SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG/STP), AND CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP) PROJECTS <i>Recommended Action:</i> • Review and provide updates to Project Schedules as needed Responsible Staff: Heather Miller
ITEM 10	STATUS OF 2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) <i>Recommended Action:</i> • <i>Receive and file.</i> Responsible Staff: Geiska Velasquez
ITEM 11	<ul> <li>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</li> <li>Rice Avenue Grade Separation Project (December 2023)</li> <li>Periodic Highway Construction Updates</li> <li>Regional Transportation Funding &amp; Planning</li> <li>Transportation Emergency Response (Fire and Flood Seasons)</li> <li>Roundtable of Active Transportation Plans</li> <li>Planning for Future Active Transportation Program Grants</li> <li>Regional Transportation Funding &amp; Planning</li> <li>Construction Project Updates (upon completion)</li> </ul>

ITEM 12 ADJOURNMENT





TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

VCTC Large Conference Room 751 East Daily Drive,4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Camarillo

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 1:30 PM

Item 5

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

- MEMBERS PRESENT: James Campero, City of Camarillo (Chair) Jisell Camarena Ramires, City of Port Hueneme Fuad Shamout, City of Simi Valley Mike Tohidian, City of Thousand Oaks Peter Sheydayi, City of Ventura (Vice-Chair) Anitha Balan, County of Ventura Letitia Austin, Port of Hueneme
- MEMBERS ABSENT: City of Fillmore City of Moorpark City of Ojai City of Oxnard City of Port Hueneme City of Santa Paula
- **EX OFFICIO PRESENT:** Robert Wong, Caltrans District 7 Holly Galbreath, VCAPCD
- **EX OFFICIO ABSENT:** California Highway Patrol

VCTC STAFF PRESENT: Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Sustainability Andrew Kent, Program Manager for Transportation Data and Services

- ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER Chair Campero 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:

Tohidian moved, seconded by Shamout, that the committee approve the May 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## ITEM 6 CALTRANS DISTRICT 7 LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Robert Wong updated the committee on 1) Fund Transfer Agreements, 2) current staffing, 3) projects application deadlines, and 4) upcoming workshops.

## ITEM 7 BIG DATA PILOT PROGRAM

The committee received a presentation on the Transportation Data and Analytics Pilot Program and the ClearGuide dashboard and tools including 1) project history, 2) project purpose, 3) historic data sources, and 4) a brief tutorial of ClearGuide. The committee discussed future training opportunities.

#### ITEM 8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – For Discussion

- 1. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 SCAG (September 2023)
- 2. Rice Avenue Grade Separation Project (December 2023)
- 3. Transportation Emergency Response (Fire and Flood Seasons)
- 4. Roundtable of Active Transportation Plans
- 5. Planning for Future Active Transportation Program Grants
- 6. Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
- 7. Construction Project Updates (upon completion)
- 8. Caltrans Training

#### ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Campero adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.



Item 8

October 12, 2023

#### MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

#### SUBJECT: VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – SUBMITTAL FOR 2024 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

• Approve the 2024 STIP submittal to the California Transportation Commission.

#### BACKGROUND:

State law requires the adoption and submittal of a five-year State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by December 15 of each odd-numbered year. The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is the agency responsible for developing the STIP for Ventura County working cooperatively with Caltrans. The STIP is comprised of a five-year list of capital improvement projects to be funded from VCTC's share of STIP Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds for the period starting July 1, 2024 (FY 2024/2025) and ending June 30, 2029 (FY 2028/2029).

The 2024 STIP for Ventura County is due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on December 15, 2023. Projects to be included in the STIP must be submitted to SCAG for modelling no later than September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The CTC is responsible for reviewing and approving STIP submittals. The CTC is scheduled to publish the 2024 STIP staff recommendations on March 1, 2024 and adopt the 2024 STIP on March 21-22, 2024.

#### DISCUSSION:

Each STIP covers a five-year period and adds two new years of programming capacity. The new STIP includes projects carried forward from the previous STIP plus new projects and reserves from among those proposed by regional agencies in their regional transportation improvement programs (RTIPs). The statewide capacity for the 2024 STIP Fund Estimate identifies net new capacity in the two years added to the STIP (2027/28 and 2028/29) and identifies additional capacity in the first three years of the 2024 STIP (2024/25 through 2026/27). County shares are calculated using the statutorily driven formula distribution taking into account population and highway lane miles. Ventura County's 2024 STIP share includes a net carryover/unprogrammed balance of \$80,977,000 and new County Share formula distribution funds of \$26,880,000 through 2028/29 for a total amount of \$107,857,000.

#### PROPOSED 2024 PROGRAM

#### Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM)

PPM is utilized annually by VCTC to fund planning and programming activities performed by VCTC staff and consultants and can be programmed up to a maximum of 5% of the county share. The 2024 STIP provides an additional \$899,000 in new PPM programming capacity for the fouryear period starting FY 2024/25 and ending 2027/28. Staff recommends dividing all available funds in the four-year period equally for totals of \$487,000 per year as presented in Table 1. Additionally, \$445,000 in STIP PPM funds are available for programming in FY 2028/29. Staff recommends that \$455,000 in PPM funds be programmed in FY 2028/29.

		(\$1,000)										
	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	Total						
Existing PPM funds Programmed in the 2022 STIP	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$1,050						
Proposed Programming of New PPM funds	\$137	\$137	\$137	\$487	\$445	\$1,343						
Proposed PPM funds for the 2024 STIP	\$487	\$487	\$487	\$487	\$445	\$2,393						

Table 1: Proposed Programming of 2024 STIP PPM Funds

#### US 101 Construction

Under VCTC's adopted policy, the US 101 Improvement project is the priority for STIP funds. Without a source of local funds, the STIP can only provide a relatively small portion of what is required for the full project. However, upon completion of the environmental document currently underway, it will be possible to program whatever funds have accumulated for "Early Action" improvements to the US 101 project. Therefore, after subtracting \$2,393,000 in PPM funds and \$4,667,000 for the Camarillo Central Avenue Bike Lanes project described in the next paragraph, staff recommends that the remaining \$100,797,000 in Ventura County share STIP funds be carried over to the future. It is anticipated that the US 101 environmental clearance will be completed near the end of 2024, allowing the nomination of a specific "Early Action" improvement phase of the US 101 Improvement Project for the 2026 STIP.

#### Camarillo Central Avenue Bike Lanes

Staff recommends programming \$4,667,000 in 2024 STIP funds in FY 2025/26 to construct Class II bicycle lanes on both sides of Central Avenue from the Camarillo City limits to the US 101 Freeway Northbound off-ramp (approximately 1,700 ft.). This project will attract bicycle riders as it provides for safe bicycle travel in an area where no bike lanes currently exist. The proposed project will connect a critical gap on Central Avenue between the existing unincorporated Ventura County bike lanes that end at the Camarillo City limits to the Springville Bike Path currently under design in the City of Camarillo. When both projects are complete, the project will create a continuous east-west bike network, connecting users from Oxnard, through unincorporated Ventura County and Camarillo to regional mass transit at the Camarillo Metrolink Station and to the north-south Class I Calleguas Creek Bike Trail.

In 2022, VCTC selected the project for a mix of Congestion Mitgation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding as part of its call for projects. However, the Federal Highway Administration later directed that only SCAG could select the CRP projects, so this project has remained with an unfunded balance pending a SCAG competitive call for projects. Staff is recommending that in view of the commitment that VCTC made to this project through its call for projects, that a small portion of the STIP balance otherwise committed to the US 101 project be programmed for the unfunded balance for Central Avenue, thus avoiding the need for the project to compete for CRP funds.

## Attachment 1

	Existing 2022 STIP RIP Funding Summary (\$1,000)															
					Project Totals by Fiscal Year Project Totals by Component							mponent				
Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Total	Prior	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	R/W	Con	E&P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Sup
VCTC		9002	Planning, programming & monitoring	1,050		350	350	350	0	0		1,050				
			TOTAL	1,050		350	350	350	0	0						

	Proposed Changes in Funding for the 2024 STIP RIP (\$1,000)															
				Project Totals by Fiscal Year Project Totals by Component												
Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Total	Prior	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	R/W	Con	E&P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Sup
VCTC		9002	Planning, programming & monitoring	+1,343		+137	+137	+137	+487	+445		+1,343				
Camarillo			Camarillo Central Ave bike lanes	+4,667			+4,667					+4,667				1
			TOTAL	+6,010		+137	+4,804	+137	+487	+445						

	Proposed 2024 STIP RIP Funding Summary (\$1,000)															
					Project Totals by Fiscal Year Project Totals by Component											
Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Total	Prior	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	R/W	Con	E&P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Sup
VCTC		9002	Planning, programming & monitoring	2,393		487	487	487	487	445		2,393				
Camarillo			Camarillo Central Ave bike lanes	4,667			4,667					4,667				
			TOTAL	7,060		487	5,154	487	487	445			-		-	



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October 18, 2023

Item 9

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

FROM: HEATHER MILLER, PROGRAM MANAGER

SUBJECT: STATUS OF CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ), SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG/STP), AND CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP) PROJECTS

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

• Review and provide updates if needed to Project schedules shown in Attachment "A".

#### BACKGROUND:

Under federal law, STP and CMAQ funds apportioned to California lapse if they are not used within three years of their apportionment. AB 1012, which became law in October 1999, applies the three-year lapsing rule to CMAQ and STP funds in each county. VCTC has therefore made it a practice to track the obligation of these funds for projects in Ventura County to ensure the region does not lose funds.

As the Committee was made aware, compliance issues were raised by the FHWA/FTA during SCAG's 2022 certification review and a corrective action ordered, such that STP and CMAQ project selection can no longer be delegated to RTPAs within the region. Instead, SCAG, as the designated MPO, must conduct the selection process for these funds. As a consequence, the entirety of funds allocated to the SCAG region are now considered "regional" funds and not subject to the county specific three-year lapsing rule. Nevertheless, VCTC will continue to track the obligation of these funds for the purposes of informing SCAG so that it can work with Caltrans to manage the region's overall Obligation Authority (OA). VCTC also uses project schedules to ensure that the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) includes all of the projects which are ready for obligation. For the first time, the CMAQ table also includes the funds from the new Carbon Reduction Program, along with the CMAQ funds.

VCTC therefore requests agencies to review the projects funded with CMAQ, STP and CRP funds as listed in Attachment "A" and inform VCTC staff regarding whether the anticipated obligation dates for the projects are correct.

## Attachment A

#### VENTURA COUNTY CMAQ/CRP PROJECTS FY

			Planned Obligation			
Project Title	Agency	FTIP ID #	(E-76 date)	Amount	Current Project Status	FTIP Status
Pleasant Valley Rd Bike Lanes			PE Underway; CON delayed a year to FY 23/24. \$500,000 of ROW funds will be used for CON for a total of \$3,749,033.	Programmed in 2023 FTIP		
North Terminal Shore Power (CMAQ)	Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District	VEN230301	Dec-23	\$9,979,154	Anticipated obligation of funds is December 2023.	Total funds programmed in FTIP for CON anticipated in 23/24 include \$423 in CRP, \$685 in STPL-R (\$625 is CMAQ placeholder), \$9334 in CMAQ (for total of \$9,979,154), and \$1470 in Local AC (placeholder for potential CRP in SCAG Call).
North Terminal Shore Power (CRP)	Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District	VEN230301	Dec-23	\$423,000	Anticipated obligation of funds is December 2023.	Total funds programmed in FTIP for CON anticipated in 23/24 include \$423 in CRP, \$685 in STPL-R (\$625 is CMAQ placeholder), \$9334 in CMAQ (for total of \$9,979,154), and \$1470 in Local AC (placeholder for potential CRP in SCAG Call).
Ojai Ave/Maricopa Pedestrian and Bike Safety Improvements	City of Ojai	VEN170113	Jan-24	\$1,369,682	Project Combined with ATP Project under new FTIP Number VEN170113.	ATP funds obligated for Phase I of project. Anticipate obligation of CMAQ funds for Phase II in 23/24.
Oxnard Accessible Pedestrian Improvements	City of Oxnard	VEN230120	Mar-24	\$2,597,509	City will submit request for PE allocation in early 2024.	Design 22/23; CON 25/26 w/ CMAQ/STP placeholder funds of \$2,222 for total of \$2,597,509 in anticipated CMAQ.
Oxnard Blvd Bike/Ped Facility	City of Oxnard	VEN150907	May-24	\$1,762,074	96% PS&E complete; CON Allocation is delayed while City works to coordinate a resurfacing project in the area.	Programmed in 2023 FTIP.
Fox Canyon Barranca Bike Bridge	City of Ojai	VEN130601	Jul-24	\$62,975		Programmed in 2023 FTIP
Port Vehicle Electrification	Port of Hueneme	VEN220202	Jul-24	\$443,000	Waiting to buy vehicles when manufacturer builds in America	Programmed in 2023 FTIP
	Total	bligations in I	Y 23/24	\$20,386,427		

Total obligations in FY 23/24 \$20,386,427

			Planned Obligation	l		
FY 24/25 and Beyond	Agency	FTIP ID #	Date	Amount	Current Project Status	FTIP Status
Ventura Avenue Bike Lanes & Other	Ventura County Public	VEN210603	Mar-24	\$672,000	PE Obligated on 11-23-21; Environmental Clearance 03-	Drogrammed in the 2022 FTID
Improvements CON	Works	VEIN210603	Widf-24	30-23; CON Obligate by 03-30-24		Programmed in the 2023 FTIP.
Lynn Road Bike Lanes	City of Thousand Oaks	VEN230119	25/26	\$922,839		CON funds trasnferred to PS&E to cover increased cost of Design totaling \$1,588,756 obligated in FY2022/23 (\$721,518 in June and \$867,238 in Aug 2023). CMAQ/STP placeholder funds programmed in FTIP for \$923 for CON 25/26 with additional ATP funds.
HAWK Bike and Ped	City of Ventura	VEN230121	25/26	\$2,622,373	Design started in June 2023 CON anticipated 25/26	Design of \$498,424 obligated in June 2023. \$2633 in STP as placeholder CMAQ CON in 25/26 in FTP.
Central Avenue Bike Lanes	City of Camarillo	VEN230302	25/26	\$643,000		Currently Programmed in FY 25/26 in current FTIP. Incudes \$326 in STP-Regional (as placeholder for CMAQ) and \$4667 in STIP AC RIP and \$317 in CMAQ for total of \$643 in CMAQ.

## Ventura County STP PROJECTS FY 2023/24

Project Title	Agency	Planned Obligation (E-76 date)	TIP ID	Amount	Current Project Status	FTIP Status
	Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District			\$40,200	Anticipated obligation of funds is December 2023.	Total funds programmed in FTIP for CON anticipated in 23/24 include \$423 in CRP, \$685 in STPL-R (\$625 is CMAQ placeholder), \$9334 in CMAQ (for total of \$9,979,154), and \$1470 in Local AC (placeholder for potential CRP in SCAG Call).
Pavement Rehabilitation	City of Port Hueneme	Jan-24	07-VEN54032	\$200,000		In current FTIP (group listing)

#### Total to be obligated by 10/1/2024

\$240,200

#### FY 2024/25 and beyond

Route 118 - Moorpark to e/o Spring	City of Moorpark	25/26	07-VEN34089	\$796,770	Design and ROW acquisition in progress	In current FTIP
Route 23 Widening High/Third	City of Moorpark	25/26	07-VEN051213		Prelim. Design and ROW needs in progress. PSR must be updated. Work will involve Caltrans and Metrolink yard/switch.	In current FTIP
Central Avenue Bike Lanes	City of Camarillo	25/26	07-VEN230302	\$326,000	2024 STIP submittal	Currently Programmed in FY 25/26 in current FTIP. Incudes \$326 in STP-Regional and \$4667 in STIP AC RIP and \$317 in CMAQ.



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Item 10

October 18, 2023

## MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### FROM: GEISKA VELASQUEZ, PROGRAM ANALYST

## SUBJECT: STATUS OF 2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

• Receive and file.

#### DISCUSSION:

Federal law requires that federally funded transportation projects, as well as regionally significant projects funded with state and local funds be included in an approved Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). VCTC prepares Ventura County's portion of the TIP for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The TIP is required to be updated every two years and covers a period of not less than four years. The SCAG 2025 TIP will cover a 6-year period from October 1, 2024 (FY 2024/25) through September 30<sup>th</sup> of 2030 (FY 2029/30).

The first step in drafting the 2025 TIP is to obtain accurate up-to-date information for each project existing project. Therefore, VCTC sent each jurisdiction a request to:

- 1. Update the project information currently listed on the 2023 TIP Project Sheets and,
- 2. Submit completed new Project Template for any new federally funded project or new locally funded regionally significant project through FY 29/30.
- 3. We are asking for the information to be submitted to VCTC by November 17<sup>th</sup>. Once VCTC receives the project information we will enter the data into the SCAG database so that SCAG can start the adoption process.

The current TIP will still be in effect until the adoption of the 2025 TIP, therefore, staff will continue to process project amendments to the current adopted 2023 TIP to accommodate changes in funding and project schedules.