



## **VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)**

VCTC Large Conference Room

751 East Daily Drive, Suite 420, Camarillo, CA

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

1:30 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

(Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda)

**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:**

- Approve the meeting minutes from May 2024.

**Responsible Staff: Jeni Eddington**

**ITEM 6 HIGHWAYS TO BOULEVARDS PRESENTATION**

**Recommended Action:**

- Receive and discuss.

**Responsible Staff: Geiska Velasquez**

**ITEM 7 SCAG AWARDS FOR CMAQ , CRP, and STP FUNDS**

**Recommended Action:**

- Receive and file.

**Responsible Staff: Geiska Velasquez**

**ITEM 8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
- Transportation Emergency Response (Fire and Flood Seasons)
- Active Transportation Plans Roundtable
- Active Transportation Program Grants Future Funding
- Construction Project Updates (upon completion)
  - County of Ventura - El Rio Sidewalk Project (July 2024)
  - City of Ventura - Santa Paula Branch Line Bike Trail (August 2024)
  - City of Oxnard - Rice Street Grade Separation Project (August 2024)
  - VCTC - Highway 101 Planning Updates

**ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT**

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

VCTC Large Conference Room  
751 East Daily Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Camarillo  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
1:30 PM

**Item 5**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura (Chair)  
Andrew Grubb, City of Camarillo  
Debbie O'Leary, City of Oxnard  
Charles Cable, City of Port Hueneme  
Fuad Shamout, City of Simi Valley  
Mike Tohidian, City of Thousand Oaks  
Rodrigo Zaragoza, Port of Hueneme

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** City of Fillmore  
City of Moorpark  
City of Ojai  
City of Santa Paula  
County of Ventura

**EX OFFICIO PRESENT:** Robert Wong, Caltrans District 7  
Holly Galbreath, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District

**EX OFFICIO ABSENT:** California Highway Patrol  
Gold Coast Transit District

**VCTC STAFF PRESENT:** Heather Miller, Programming Manager  
Amanda Fagan, Transportation and Sustainability Director

**ITEM 1**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hereford called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**ITEM 2**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Heather Miller announced cuts to the State budget and Active Transportation Program. Robert Wong updated the committee on 1) Fund Transfer Agreements, 2) current staffing, 3) projects application deadlines, and 4) upcoming workshops.

**ITEM 3**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**ITEM 4**

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** – None.

**ITEM 5**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

**Grubb, moved, seconded by Tohidian, that the committee approve the March 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ITEM 6                    PRESENTATION OF THE SCAG SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (SCP) – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY (AT&S) CALL FOR PROJECTS**

Rachel Om, SCAG, presented the SCAG SCP AT&S call for projects including mobility goals, example projects, the role of quick builds, communitywide/areawide plans, SCAG grant support, and the SCP-ATS schedule.

**ITEM 7                    STATUS OF COVID RELIEF AND RECOVERY ACT (CRRSA) PROJECTS TO RECEIVE SWAPPED STATE GAS TAX FUNDS / HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDS**

Heather Miller provided a status of CRRSA Non -STIP Funds and Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Funds including the background, the purpose/intent/need for swapping funds, and an updated on which Ventura County projects would be receiving these moneys.

**ITEM 8                    FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Climate Multi-modal Plan
- Regional Transportation Funding & Planning
- Transportation Emergency Response (Fire and Flood Seasons)
- Roundtable of Active Transportation Plans & Planning for Future Grants
- Periodic Highway Construction Updates
- Construction Project Updates
  - County of Ventura - El Rio Sidewalk Project Costs (July 2024)
  - City of Ventura - Santa Paula Branch Line Bike Trail (August 2024)
  - City of Oxnard - Rice Street Grade Separation Project (August 2024)
  - VCTC - Highway 101 Planning Updates

**ITEM 9                    ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hereford adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.



Item 7

July 17, 2024

**MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**FROM: GEISKA VELASQUEZ, PROGRAM MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)  
AWARDS FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ)/  
CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP) / SURFACE TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM (STP) FUNDS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Receive and file.

**BACKGROUND:**

As has been previously discussed, in 2021 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) notified Caltrans that multi-county MPOs such as SCAG should play a more active role in the selection of projects to be funded with the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and indicated that SCAG must adopt a new process for selection of projects for these funds whereby projects are prioritized on a regional basis. VCTC had previously received a specific apportionment of these funds and submitted a recommended project list to SCAG for review and approval. FHWA further indicated the new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) established under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) would also be subject to the new MPO-led process as well.

SCAG staff worked closely with the county transportation commissions to develop region-wide CMAQ, STP, and CRP call-for-projects guidelines which identified that all proposed projects must first be prioritized and approved by the applicable county transportation commission, prior to being nominated to SCAG. Program Guidelines were approved by the SCAG Transportation Committee (TC) and Regional Council (RC) on June 1, 2023, and the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Program Guidelines approved by SCAG Executive Administration Committee (EAC) on December 6, 2023.

The CMAQ/STBG program guidelines outline a process in which:

- SCAG determines the availability of STBG and CMAQ funding;
- SCAG initiates a regional call for project nominations;
- The County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) assist in the process by outreaching to eligible project sponsors, conducting an initial screening against the selection criteria, and identifying county-level project priorities; and

- SCAG evaluates project nominations against program criteria and recommends a list of projects for approval.

The CRP Program Guidelines outline a process in which:

- SCAG determines the availability of CRP funding;
- SCAG initiates a regional solicitation for project nominations;
- The CTCs assist in the process by outreaching to eligible project sponsors, conducting an initial screening against the selection criteria, and identifying county-level project priorities;
- And SCAG evaluates project nominations against program criteria and recommends a list of projects for approval.

On January 4, 2024, SCAG officially opened the first call for projects under the new process, with project applications due March 29, 2024.

TRANSCOM and TTAC approved VCTC staff recommendations at their meetings held February 14<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup>, respectively. The recommendations were subsequently approved by the Commission on March 1, 2024. Staff worked with the project sponsors to prepare applications for SCAG and ensured they were submitted by the March 29<sup>th</sup> deadline. The final VCTC approved list of recommendations that were submitted is identified in Attachment 1.

### **DISCUSSION:**

SCAG approved their staff recommendations (as seen in Table 1) on June 6, 2024. The project award list consists of 61 projects totaling \$279.7 million. Due to obligation deadlines for federal funding, SCAG approved the award list at the TC and RC simultaneously.

Upon approval of the recommendation, SCAG staff began working with project sponsors to program the funds in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), allowing project sponsors to begin the project obligation process. Staff have been working to update FTIP accordingly and assist in processing requests for authorization to obligate 23/24 funding.

**Table 1: Total SCAG Regionwide Recommendations:**

County	Projects Requested	Fully Funded	Partially Funded	Unfunded	Total Award
Imperial	12	10		2	\$3,109,00
Los Angeles	29	18		11	\$147,863,107
Orange	22	10		12	\$48,469,200
Riverside	13	2	3	8	\$34,458,016
San Bernardino	8	8			\$34,224,000
Ventura	11	10	1		\$11,558,714
<b>Total SCAG Region</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$279,682,037</b>

While none of the VCTC recommended projects went unfunded and ten of the eleven projects were fully funded in this programming cycle, the table in Attachment 2 identifies one recommended project was partially funded. The City of Thousand Oaks Lynn Rd. Bike lanes project was identified for \$1,350,00 of VCTC's \$2,000,000 request. If a surplus is experienced in the future partially funded projects are reviewed for full funding first, followed by unfunded recommended projects before a new call would be issued.

**VCTC NOMINATION OF PROJECTS  
FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)  
REGIONWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS**

Exist/New	Category	Agency	Project	Description	Funds Requested	Recommended funds	Fund type	Recommendation
Existing	Bike & Ped	City of Oxnard	Accessible Pedestrian Enhancements in Oxnard	Cost increase in current bidding environment (VEN230120)	\$ 699,765	\$ 699,765	CRP	Highly Recommend
Existing	Bike & Ped	City of Camarillo	Pleasant Valley Road Bike Lanes	CON cost increase due to stormwater mitigation (VEN160103)	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	CRP	Highly Recommend
Existing	Bike & Ped	County of Ventura	Ventura Avenue Pedestrian and Bike Improvement	CON underfunded (VEN210603)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	CMAQ	Highly Recommend
Existing	Port Air Quality	Port Hueneme	Port of Hueneme Terminal Shore Power	VEN230301 - shelf project 2022 CMAQ call	\$ 1,469,949	\$ 1,469,949	CRP	Highly Recommend
Existing	Transit	GCTD	Route 23 Demonstration Route	Cost increase for 5th year of demo route	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000	CMAQ	Highly Recommend
Existing	Bike & Ped	City of Ventura <sup>1</sup>	Cabrillo Village Bike Path	Cost increase existing AIP project (VEN210803)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	TDA Art 3	Approve funding
NEW	Bike & Ped	VCTC	Santa Paula Branch Line Bike Path Master Plan Update	Plan (REAP funding suspended)	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000	STP	Highly Recommend
NEW	Transit	City of Simi Valley	Simi Charging Infrastructure (3 Units )	Portable chargers	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	CRP	Highly Recommend
Existing	Bike & Ped	City of Ojai <sup>1</sup>	Maricopa Phase I Bike & Ped Improvements	Cost increase existing AIP project (VEN210803) for non-federal eligible expenses	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	TDA Art 3	Approve funding
Existing	Transit	VCTC	Countywide Community Outreach for Transit	FY24/25 ongoing w/ anticipated Budget increase	\$ 171,000	\$ 171,000	CMAQ	Highly Recommend
NEW	Bike & Ped	City of Thousand Oaks	Lynn Road Class IV Bike Lanes and Sidewalk project	Add 1.6 miles of sidewalk segments to project scope (VEN230119)	\$ 3,098,500	\$ 2,000,000	STP	Recommend
NEW	Bike & Ped	VCTC	Community traffic calming and bike & ped safety program	Plan (REAP funding suspended)	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	STP	Recommend
NEW	Transit	GCTD	Cost increase for GCTD Hydrogen Fueling Station	Unfunded SB 125 shelf list	\$ 3,469,856	\$ 2,500,000	STP/CRP	Recommend
NEW	Bike & Ped	City of Ventura	2024 Downtown Wellness Sidewalk and ADA Improvements	Curb/sidewalk improvements	\$ 1,303,620	\$ -		Contingency
NEW	Transit	City of Simi Valley	Back up CNG Fueling Compressor Upgrade	Upgrade/modernization of backup	\$ 540,000	\$ -		Contingency
NEW	Transit	City of Simi Valley	Replacement Fareboxes	Replace 9 fareboxes	\$ 153,000	\$ -		Contingency
Existing	Bike & Ped	City of Oxnard	Northeast Communities/Cloyne Bike & Ped Improvements	CON obligated, need TDA Art 3; budget shortfall & cost increase for CON (VEN130101)	\$ 595,217	\$ -		No avail TDA Art 3
TOTAL requested funds					\$ 17,868,907	\$ 13,208,714		

<sup>1</sup> Project approved for \$375,000 in TDA Article 3 fiscal year 24/25 funds, and \$125,000 in fiscal year 25/26 if, as anticipated, the funds are needed.

## SCAG Approval of Funding for Ventura County - June 6, 2024

### 2023-2026 CRP-CMAQ-STBG Project Award List

CTC	Agency	Project Name	SCAG Ranking	Requested Fund Source	Requested Amount	Recommended Fund Source	Recommended Funding Award	CMAQ	STBG	CRP
VCTC	City of Oxnard	City of Oxnard Accessible Pedestrian Enhancements Project	Highly Recommended	CRP	\$699,765	CRP	\$699,765			\$699,765
VCTC	VCTC	Countywide Community Outreach for Public Transit	Highly Recommended	CMAQ	\$171,000	CMAQ	\$171,000	\$171,000		
VCTC	Gold Coast Transit District	Going Green - Hydrogen Fuel Transition Project	Highly Recommended	CRP	\$2,500,000	CRP	\$2,500,000			\$2,500,000
VCTC	City of Thousand Oaks	Lynn Road Class IV Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Improvements	Highly Recommended	STBG	\$2,000,000	STBG	\$1,350,000		\$1,350,000	
VCTC	City of Camarillo	Pleasant Valley Road Bike Lanes Class II (ST-5006)	Highly Recommended	STBG	\$1,500,000	STBG	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	
VCTC	Oxnard Harbor District/Port of Hueneme	Port of Hueneme North Terminal Shore Power Project	Highly Recommended	CRP	\$1,469,949	CRP	\$1,469,949			\$1,469,949
VCTC	VCTC	Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Master Plan Update and EIR-EIS	Highly Recommended	STBG	\$1,600,000	STBG	\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000	
VCTC	Ventura County	Ventura Avenue Pedestrian and Bike Lane Improvements	Highly Recommended	CMAQ	\$500,000	CRP	\$500,000			\$500,000
VCTC	VCTC	Ventura County Community Traffic Calming and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program (CTCP)	Highly Recommended	STBG	\$300,000	STBG	\$300,000		\$300,000	
VCTC	Gold Coast Transit District	Ventura Road Demonstration Route	Highly Recommended	CMAQ	\$1,300,000	CMAQ	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000		
VCTC	City of Simi Valley	Simi Valley Electric Bus Portable Battery Chargers	Recommended	CRP	\$168,000	CRP	\$168,000			\$168,000