



VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
VCTC Large Conference Room
751 East Daily Drive, Suite 420, Camarillo, CA
Wednesday, October 16, 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 CALTRANS UPDATE

Recommended Action:

- Receive and discuss

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan, Programming Director

ITEM 6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action:

- Approve the meeting minutes from September 2024.

Responsible Staff: Jeni Eddington, Administrative Assistant

ITEM 7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) PROPOSED PROGRAMMING PROCEDURES FOR FHWA-ADMINISTERED FUNDING / PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR 2025 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Recommended Action:

- Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan, Programming Director

ITEM 8 STATUS OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) PROJECT COSTS

Recommended Action:

- Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan, Programming Director

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ITEM 9 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) CYCLE 7 REGIONAL PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY

Recommended Action:

- *Approve a methodology to prioritize local projects for funding under the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component of the ATP Cycle 7 Call for Projects (Attachment 1).*

Responsible Staff: Geiska Velasquez, Program Manager

ITEM 10 SENATE BILL (SB) 1 TRADE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR HUENEME ROAD WIDENING PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Recommended Action:

- *Approve grant application for \$11,340,000 in SB 1 funds through the SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), to provide 60% of the estimated cost for the final design and right-of-way phases for the project to widen Hueneme Road between Edison Road and Rice Avenue in the Ventura County unincorporated area.*

Responsible Staff: Peter De Haan, Programming Director

ITEM 11 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 (2024)
 - City of Ventura - Santa Paula Branch Line Bike Trail (2024)
 - City of Oxnard - Rice Street Grade Separation Project (2024)
 - VCTC - Highway 101 Planning Updates

ITEM 12 ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024, AT 1:30 P.M., at the Ventura County Transportation Commission located at 751 East Daily Drive Suite 420, Camarillo, CA 93010



VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

VCTC Large Conference Room
751 East Daily Drive, 4th Floor, Camarillo
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
1:30 PM

Item 6

MEETING MINUTES

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura (Chair)
Andrew Grubb, City of Camarillo
Justin Link, City of Simi Valley
Masoud Razavi, City of Thousand Oaks
Ben Emami, County of Ventura
Rodrigo Zaragoza, 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, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District
- EX OFFICIO ABSENT:** California Highway Patrol
Gold Coast Transit District
- VCTC STAFF PRESENT:** Heather Miller, Programming Manager
Geiska Velasquez, Programming Manager

- ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Hereford called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.
- ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Geiska Velasquez announced the change in Single Audit thresholds from \$750k to \$1M.
- ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.
- ITEM 4 AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** – None.
- ITEM 5 CALTRANS UPDATE**
Robert Wong updated the committee on near-future meetings, trainings, and workshops.
- ITEM 6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION:
Link moved, seconded by Grubb, that the committee approve the July 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7 STREETLIGHT PLATFORM PRESENTATION

Isabelle Legare, SCAG, presented how to leverage big data analytics using StreetLight InSight including 1) defining big data analytics, 2) their big data platform, and 3) system access instructions. Andrew Kent, VCTC, presented two use cases including 1) analysis for the Port Hueneme Naval Construction Battalion Center and 2) Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction estimate associated with the Santa Paula Branch Line Recreational Trail.

ITEM 8 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ARTICLE 3 MAINTENANCE ALLOCATIONS

ACTION:

Link moved, seconded by Grubb, that the committee approve the allocation of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 TDA Article 3 Bike Path Maintenance funds totaling \$249,188. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 9 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
- Statewide Active Transportation Plans Presentation (Oxnard)
- Periodic Highway Construction Updates
- Construction Project Updates
 - County of Ventura - El Rio Sidewalk Project Costs (2024)
 - City of Ventura - Santa Paula Branch Line Bike Trail (October 2024)
 - City of Oxnard - Rice Street Grade Separation Project (November 2024)
 - VCTC - Highway 101 Planning Updates

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hereford adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m



October 16, 2024

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
**SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)
PROPOSED PROGRAMMING PROCEDURES FOR FHWA-ADMINISTERED
FUNDING / PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR 2025 CALL FOR PROJECTS**

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

As has been previously discussed, in 2021 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) notified Caltrans that multi-county Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as SCAG must 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 later indicated that 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.

The federal agencies required that the new regionwide competitive programming process must be in place by June 30, 2024, thus allowing VCTC and the other county commissions to continue programming projects until then. Since Caltrans had already apportioned to counties the funds made available by IIJA, VCTC conducted its own call for projects, with projects to use the Ventura County apportionment approved by the Commission on December 2, 2022. The projects approved by VCTC were then forwarded to SCAG for programming in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) as provided under the old policy.

SCAG staff worked closely with the county transportation commissions to develop regionwide 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 by SCAG. The first regionwide call for projects under the new guidelines was opened on January 4, 2024, with the Commission approving the recommendations to SCAG on March 1, 2024. On June 6, SCAG approved the project award list consisting of 61 projects totaling \$279.7 million, which included 11 projects in Ventura County totaling \$11.6 million.

Now that SCAG has approved the first list of projects selected on a regionwide competitive basis, it has now turned its attention to establishing policies for ongoing program management. On September 12th, SCAG staff provided the county commissions staff with a proposed draft for Programming Procedures, with comments due back by September 30th, and VCTC staff submitted comments.

SCAG's proposed Programming procedures address a number of issues, including deadlines for project delivery and consideration of requests for increased funding due to cost increases.

SCAG staff has also commenced writing Guidelines for a second regionwide call for projects in 2025. The previous funding cycle programmed an incremental increase in funds projected to be available under the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA), which extends through Fiscal Year 2025/26. The upcoming call for projects will program two-years' of additional funds, for FY 2026/27 and FY 2027/28, based on the assumption that federal transportation programs will be reauthorized after the IIJA. VCTC staff has been told that the project application preparation period will tentatively be from early April to mid-May, 2025. Staff expects that next year's call for projects will provide a significantly larger amount of funds than SCAG's first call, since it will represent two years of full funding, while last year's call only programmed an incremental increase in IIJA-period revenue where most of the funds had previously been committed. Staff will provide the Committee with more details regarding the call for projects as the guidelines development moves forward, including information on the estimated funding targets for Ventura County.

ANALYSIS

A significant issue raised by the proposed programming procedures is deadlines by which projects must obligate funds or lose them. In particular, SCAG is proposing that all funds programmed prior to June 2023, when the old programming rules ended, must be obligated by mid-December 2026, with no provision for extensions. Since the IIJA extends through FY 2025/26, some of the projects programmed in VCTC's call for project were scheduled for obligation in FY 2025/26, so this provision will mean that those projects will lose their funds if they experience more than a few months' schedule delay.

The federal STP, CMAQ, and CRP funds lapse if not obligated within three years of the year of apportionment. For many years, the counties in the SCAG region have made this requirement applicable to the individual projects, so approved projects have three years to spend their funds, unless an extension is approved. VCTC has been unusual in that it has not placed such a requirement on individual projects, but has instead considered the apportioned funds to be spent under "first in / first out" and expected that the agencies in the county as a whole will maintain timely delivery so that the overall apportionment would not lapse, even if a limited number of projects experience delays. But now that apportionments to individual counties are not permitted, it is reasonable that SCAG would adopt a regionwide lapsing policy that continues the general practice in most of its region.

As for the proposed requirement that projects programmed prior to June 2023 must be obligated by mid-December 2026, even if they are programmed in FY 2025/26, with no possibility of extension, VCTC staff and some of the other counties have raised this issue in their comments to SCAG regarding the draft policies. Nevertheless, at this time all agencies with projects funded prior to the first SCAG call for projects should take into account that those funds might be required by SCAG to be obligated no later than December 2026.

It should also be noted that under federal law, the name STP has been changed to Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), so going forward VCTC will be referring to that program as STBG.



Item 8

October 16, 2024

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: STATUS OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) PROJECT COSTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past few years there has been significant escalation for infrastructure construction costs, and some particularly significant escalation appears to be happening with pedestrian-oriented projects such as sidewalks. This year the County of Ventura began construction for the El Rio Sidewalk Improvement project, funded with the first Statewide ATP grant awarded for a Ventura County project. However, the bids came in significantly over the estimate, requiring the County to use its own funds to award the contract.

There is a significant amount of ATP and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds programmed for bicycle and pedestrian projects that are currently under design, so the experience with the El Rio project raises significant issues regarding the upcoming projects, including whether cost estimating methodology updates are needed. Another issue is whether a large amount of additional funding will be required to award those contracts, and potential sources for that funding. One possible scenario would be for the project sponsors to reevaluate costs in light of recent bids for project in Ventura County, and then apply for additional funds in next year's SCAG call for projects, with funding requests tentatively projected to be due in May 2025 as described in another item in this agenda. But since the funds programmed by SCAG would be federal, that would only be an option for projects that are federalized. In the case of the ATP, some of the projects are programmed for state-only funds, so those projects could not be considered for future federal funds unless a decision were made fairly soon for those projects to be federalized.

At this meeting, County of Ventura Public Works Agency staff will make a presentation on the El Rio project cost increase, to assist the Committee to consider the potential need for revised cost estimates and added funding.



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ITEM 9

October 16, 2024

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)
FROM: GEISKA VELASQUEZ, PROGRAM MANAGER
**SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) CYCLE 7 REGIONAL
PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY**

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve a methodology to prioritize local projects for funding under the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Component of the ATP Cycle 7 Call for Projects (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND

The California Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes 2013), to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The ATP consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program, Bicycle Transportation Account and State Safe Routes to School, into a single program. As such, the ATP program has six main goals:

1. Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking.
2. Increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users.
3. Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals as established pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) and Senate Bill 391 (Chapter 585, Statutes of 2009).
4. Enhance public health, including reducing childhood obesity through programs including, but not limited to, projects eligible for Safe Routes to School Program funding.
5. Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program.
6. Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

Statewide and Regional Funding Opportunities

Active Transportation funding is awarded to projects through two funding programs: the Statewide ATP and the Regional ATP. The statewide guidelines and regional guidelines provide direction on project selection for each of the respective programs.

There is a consolidated call for projects for the Active Transportation Program issued by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in the spring of every even year, to solicit applications for all eligible project types. Applications that are submitted to the statewide call for projects but are unsuccessful in receiving funding there are automatically considered for funding in the Regional ATP, administered by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the region including Ventura County.

As part of the Regional ATP, SCAG also issues a supplemental call for projects, through the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP), for active transportation and safety (ATS) projects that implement regional priorities identified in the SCAG Connect SoCal plan.

Active Transportation Program - Cycle 7

The June 2024 state budget significantly reduced the expected ATP Cycle 7 funding. On Sept. 5, SCAG adopted the “Amended 2025 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines” and the “Amended Connect SoCal 2024 Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation and Safety Guidelines,” to align regional guidelines with the amended State guidelines and to secure funding for the ongoing 2024 SCP-ATS call for applications. The ATP Cycle 7 includes funding for fiscal years 2025-26 through 2028-29 and will offer an estimated \$168.7 million in funding across California.

The Statewide ATP call for projects includes the following project types:

- **Infrastructure Projects:** Capital projects that typically include the environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction phases of a capital (i.e., facilities) project.
- **Plans:** The development of a community-wide bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school or active transportation plan that encompasses or is predominately located in a disadvantaged community.
- **Non-Infrastructure Projects:** Education and encouragement programs.
- **Infrastructure Projects with Non-Infrastructure Components:** Capital projects with education or encouragement components.
- **Quick-Build Projects:** Interim capital infrastructure projects that require construction; are built with durable, low to moderate-cost materials; and last from one year to five years.

Of the ATP Cycle 7 funding \$35 million is set aside for the SCAG Regional ATP. State guidelines indicate that of that portion:

- A minimum of 25% of regional funds must benefit disadvantaged communities.
- A maximum of 2% of regional funds for the development of plans, such as active transportation plans, safe routes plans, and bicycle or pedestrian plans.

The estimated portion of the Regional ATP set aside identified for Ventura County is roughly \$1,493,000 for the implementation of projects category and \$79,000 for planning and capacity building category.

SCAG Supplemental Active Transportation Program

SCAG has also issued a supplemental call for additional applications through the SCP – Active Transportation and Safety component. This call opened on July 8, 2024, and closed on Sept. 27, 2024. The 2024 SCP – ATS call comprises some ATP Cycle 7 regional funds and a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant and will award between \$6.3 million and \$8.2 million (down from \$10.4 million) for the following categories:

- **Community/Area-wide Plans:** up to \$700,000 available (down from \$2.4 million).
- **Quick-Build Projects:** between \$5.6 million and \$7.5 million available (pending final availability).

Upcoming Actions for ATP Program by Agency

October 2024	TTAC	Approve Methodology & Recommend to VCTC
November 2024	VCTC	Approve Methodology
November 2024	CTC	Statewide Recommendations Released
December 2024	CTC	Adopts Statewide & Small Urban/Rural Projects
January 2025	VCTC	Approves and Submits Recommendations to SCAG
February 2025	SCAG	Submits Regional Program Recommendations to CTC
April 2025	SCAG	Adopts Regional Program of Projects
June 2025	CTC	Adopt Regional ATP Programs

DISCUSSION

Caltrans and the CTC review all statewide submitted ATP project applications and scores are assigned to each application based on the adopted CTC Scoring Criteria. Applications can receive a maximum of 100 points. Once the applications are scored by Caltrans and the CTC, the projects are ranked. Those projects with the highest ranking will receive funding through the statewide competitive program. The CTC staff recommendation for Statewide, Small Urban & Rural components, and Quick-Build Pilot Program will be released in November with adoption expected in December of 2024.

Regional Program

Projects that do not score high enough to be funded under the Statewide Program, are reconsidered for funding through the Regional ATP project selection process. As in past years SCAG developed Regional Guidelines for distribution of the region's ATP share. VCTC plays a role in the selection of projects at the regional level for Ventura County's share (based on population) estimated to be \$1,493,000 for the implementation of projects category and \$79,000 for planning and capacity building category.

VCTC's role in the regional project selection process:

- The SCAG guidelines allow VCTC to develop a methodology to prioritize local projects for funding that flows through SCAG. As a means of prioritizing projects, VCTC can add up to twenty (20) points to supplement the CTC scores for regional consideration.
- The Commission is required to adopt the final recommended list of projects for Ventura County, which is submitted to SCAG in January 2024; and
- VCTC also adopts a prioritized list of contingency projects should Cycle 7 funds be made available through project cancellations or cost savings (subject to CTC approval).

Among the goals approved at the VCTC's recent goal-setting session were both making it a priority to build new bike lanes countywide and implementing strategies to promote transit ridership. Encouraging multi-modal transportation options is a key goal of the region.

It is recommended then that a maximum of 20 points be awarded to the CTC Cycle 7 project scores based on the methodology outlined in Attachment A.

ATTACHMENT A

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) CYCLE 7
LOCAL PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY**

A maximum of 20 points will be added to the CTC Score based on the following methodology:

1. **For Construction Projects** -- Up to twelve (12) points will be awarded for project readiness:

- a. Four (4) Points will be awarded if a Project is identified in an adopted Plan below:
 - City of San Buenaventura Active Transportation Plan (2023)
 - City of Oxnard Sustainable Transportation Plan (2023)
 - City of Camarillo Bikeway Master Plan (2017)
 - City of Moorpark Bicycle Transportation Plan (2008)
 - Moorpark College Facilities Master Plan (2015)
 - Ojai Complete Streets Master Plan (2017)
 - Oxnard Corridor Transportation Improvement Plan – A Livable Oxnard (2016)
 - Santa Clara River Trail Master Plan (2011)
 - Simi Valley Bicycle Master Plan (2009)
 - Simi Valley Green Community Action Plan (2010)
 - City of Thousand Oaks Active Transportation Plan (2019)
 - Thousand Oaks Boulevard Specific Plan (2012)
 - County of Ventura Transportation Strategic Master Plan (2012)
 - Safe Routes to Schools Master Plan (2018)
 - Prioritized List for Construction of Pedestrian Facilities (2020)
 - Ventura County Prioritized List for Construction of Category B Bike Lanes (2017)
 - VCTC Bicycle Wayfinding Plan (2017), OR
- b. Eight (8) Points will be awarded if a project is identified in a plan listed above and the conceptual design has been completed, OR
- c. Twelve (12) Points will be awarded if the project is identified in a plan listed above and the conceptual design has been completed and the ATP Cycle 7 application shows the preconstruction phases fully funded by the Local Agency

AND

Up to three (3) points will be awarded for a project demonstrating enhanced access to transit stops.

2. **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

3. **For Any Project with a Safe Routes to Schools Component**: Projects will be awarded five (5) points if the Safe Routes to Schools box is checked in the Cycle 7 Application.



Item #10

October 16, 2024

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
**SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SB) 1 TRADE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR HUENEME ROAD WIDENING PRE-CONSTRUCTION**

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve grant application for \$11,340,000 in SB 1 funds through the SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), to provide 60% of the estimated cost for the final design and right-of-way phases for the project to widen Hueneme Road between Edison Road and Rice Avenue in the Ventura County unincorporated area.

BACKGROUND:

SB 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, includes a provision establishing the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) for infrastructure projects that improve freight movement. The California Transportation Commission subsequently approved \$106,969,000 of TCEP funds to fully program the Rice Avenue Grade Separation, which is about to start construction.

The Commission at its January 2022 meeting approved a list of local projects to utilize one-time federal funding that had been apportioned to Ventura County. This action provided \$1,172,000 to the County of Ventura to complete the environmental phase for the project to widen Hueneme Road. The County expects to complete the environmental approval in the fall of 2025.

Applications for the next round of TCEP are due to the California Transportation Commission on November 22nd.

DISCUSSION

SB 1 provides that 60% of the available TCEP funds are provided for regional goods movement projects, with a 30% match required. The program requires that the TCEP-funded phases of the project be ready to proceed within two years of TCEP program

adoption. Since the County anticipates that the right-of-way acquisition will take more than two years due to the anticipated right-of-way acquisition schedule at this location, it will only be possible at this time to apply for the remaining pre-construction phases, namely final design and right-of-way. The total estimate for these two phases is \$16.2 million, of which VCTC can request up to 70%, or \$11,340,000, from TCEP. The County of Ventura has identified \$1,116,000 that it can provide towards the match, leaving a balance of \$3,744,000 that would be required towards the match.

The TCEP Program Guidelines provide that the CTC will consider applications where match is identified as coming from discretionary federal grants for which the applicant intends to apply, provided that the application also provide a backup plan for providing the match should the project not be selected for discretionary federal grants. Therefore, staff recommends that VCTC express an intent to apply for \$3,744,000 in federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program, with the backup plan being to request funds from the SCAG apportionment of Regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds as part of SCAG's 2025 call for projects. The CTC requires that the match be committed by the start of the fiscal year in which the funds are programmed, or else the approved TCEP funds will be de-programmed. By requesting the final design and right-of-way for FY 26/27, VCTC will have all of 2025 to obtain the required match.

As could be expected, a much larger amount of funding will be required in future requests for the construction phase. Moving forward with pre-construction phases for this project should put this project in a good position to compete for construction funds from INFRA or other sources.