



VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
VCTC Large Conference Room
751 East Daily Drive, Suite 420, Camarillo, CA
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
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:

- For discussion.

Responsible Staff: Vanessa Schoenewald, Programming Director

ITEM 6 MEETING MINUTES

Recommended Action:

- Receive and file.

Responsible Staff: Cecilia Perez, Administrative Assistant

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION ON CLEARGUIDE YEAR 3 UPDATE & TRAINING

Recommended Action:

- Receive and File

Responsible Staff: Andrew Kent, Program Manager

ITEM 8 PRESENTATION ON VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MODEL UPDATE

Recommended Action:

- Receive and File

Responsible Staff: Andrew Kent, Program Manager

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ITEM 9 VCTC PROJECT NOMINATION PACKAGE FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) REGIONWIDE CALL FOR PROJECT NOMINATIONS FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) AND CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING

Recommended Action:

- Recommend the Commission approve the VCTC Nomination Package and submit to SCAG

Responsible Staff: Geiska Velasquez, Program Manager

ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Active Transportation Program Update
- Transportation Emergency Response (Fire and Flood Seasons)
- Construction Project Updates (upon completion)
- State Route 118 Complete Streets (Caltrans)

ITEM 11 ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025, AT 1:30 P.M., in the Ventura County Transportation Commission Large Conference Room located at 751 East Daily Drive, Suite 420 in Camarillo.



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Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

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Wednesday, April 16, 2025

1:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Justin Link, City of Simi Valley (Chair)
Andrew Grubb, City of Camarillo
Debbie O'Leary, City of Oxnard
Chris Bates, Port Hueneme
Dale Goodman, City of Santa Paula
Masoud Razavi, City of Thousand Oaks (Vice Chair)
Letitia Austin, Port of Hueneme
Christopher Solis, County of Ventura

MEMBERS ABSENT:

City of Fillmore
City of Moorpark
City of Ojai
City 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:

Peter De Haan, Programming Director
Geiska Velasquez, Programming Manager

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Link called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ITEM 2

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT

Geiska Velasquez gave an update on the SCAG CMAQ/STBG Call for Projects and encouraged applicants to log in to the on line system soon.

ITEM 3

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEM 4

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS - None

ITEM 5

CALTRANS UPDATE

Robert Wong encouraged agencies to submit their Request for Obligation documents in time.

ITEM 6

MEETING MINUTES

The committee received the minutes and recommended edits.

ITEM 7 RICE AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT UPDATE

Debbie O'Leary made a presentation on the Rice Avenue at SR-34/Fifth Street Grade Separation currently under construction.

ITEM 8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items to discuss.

ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Link adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 21, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.



Item #9

June 18, 2025

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: GEISKA VELASQUEZ, PROGRAM MANAGER

**SUBJECT: VCTC PROJECT NOMINATION PACKAGE FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) REGIONWIDE CALL FOR PROJECT
NOMINATIONS FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) AND
CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING**

RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend the Commission approve the VCTC Nomination Package and submit to SCAG

BACKGROUND:

The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program are Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) programs that provide funding for transportation. STBG provides funding to best address state and local surface transportation needs, and CMAQ provides funding for projects or programs that improve air quality, relieve congestion, and generate an emissions reduction in, or offer a benefit to, a nonattainment or maintenance area.

In past years VCTC was provided, per state law, with a county apportionment for these funds and would make recommendation to SCAG the projects to be programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). As of July 1, 2023, SCAG is now responsible for conducting a regionwide request-for-project nominations process for selection of STBG and CMAQ-funded projects.

On March 31st SCAG released guidelines for the call-for-project nominations for STBG and CMAQ funds. As per these guidelines, project sponsors submitted applications by the deadline of May 16th. Although in 2024 SCAG distributed an incremental increase in funds, this call-for-project nominations represents the first time of utilizing this new process for prioritization and the full amount of funds for one funding cycle.

VCTC is now responsible for the coordination and submission to SCAG of a Ventura County Project Prioritization Framework and a Project Nomination Package. SCAG will review the Project Nomination Packages submitted by VCTC and the other County Transportation Commissions (CTC's) against the program criteria and develop a list of prioritized projects for approval by the SCAG Regional Council.

Projects approved by SCAG for STBG and CMAQ funding will then be programmed in the 2027 FTIP, and a contingency list will be maintained by SCAG for any cost savings or future funding opportunities.

Staff are seeking committee and VCTC approval of the Project Nomination Package (Attachment A) and direct staff to submit the Project Nomination Package and associated documentation to SCAG for evaluation and project selection.

This item supports the 2023 VCTC Strategic Plan Tier 2 Top Priorities including integrating the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), encouraging local partners to plan and prioritize building new bike lanes (and seeking funding for this purpose), and coordinating efforts to prioritize and submit grant applications for goods movement.

DISCUSSION:

The CMAQ and STBG Program Guidelines established the structure for project selection and allocation of federal funds within the SCAG region. The guidelines were developed by SCAG in consultation with CTCs in the region. There were three workshops for Ventura County eligible applicants on the SCAG guidelines and new application process; two were held virtually by SCAG and one was hosted in person by VCTC at the Camarillo library with excellent turnout.

This nomination package will primarily make funding available from apportionments for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2026/27 and FFY 2027/28. STBG and CMAQ funding are subject to the Timely Use of Funds with obligation and/or Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Transfer deadlines for these apportionment years being September 30, 2029, and September 30, 2030, respectively. The current federal surface transportation authorization, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, is in effect through September 2026. Therefore, funding availability for the call for project nominations is subject to a subsequent congressional reauthorization or continuing resolution.

Table 1, Project Selection Milestones, outlines the tentative dates for key milestones for the call-for-project nominations process and is updated as necessary with communication to this committee.

Table 1: PROJECT SELECTION MILESTONES	Expected Date
PROJECT NOMINATION RECOMMENDATIONS TO TRANSCOM	June 11, 2025
PROJECT NOMINATION RECOMMENDATIONS TO TTAC	June 18, 2025
PROJECT NOMINATION RECOMMENDATIONS TO VCTC	July 11, 2025
VCTC PROJECT NOMINATION PACKAGE TO SCAG	July 31, 2025
SCAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	November 6, 2025
SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARDS FUNDING	December 4, 2025
IMPLEMENTATION INTO THE FTIP	Jan - Feb 2026

The funding availability for this call for project nominations per the SCAG guidelines, is set by program target percentages. The Ventura County region STBG target percentage is 4.3%, or roughly \$27M, and the CMAQ target percentage is 3.3% or roughly \$20M.

The VCTC Project Nomination Package presented in Attachment A identifies the prioritized list of projects scored through the rubrics of the VCTC Project Prioritization Framework approved by VCTC April 4, 2025, which outlined how projects would be prioritized for funding as part of the final SCAG selection. This framework was posted to the VCTC website and was presented at the March 2025 workshop as well. VCTC staff worked closely with local agencies throughout Ventura County to navigate the new project application software, ensure air quality improvement calculations and cost benefit were sufficient for CMAQ applications, and answer any questions that came up throughout the process.

All told there were thirty (30) project applications from twelve (12) agencies from throughout Ventura County. Many of the projects requested CMAQ, however STBG had higher requested dollar amount overall. The smallest project request was \$443,000 while the largest single request was just over \$3 million. The majority of applications had prior funding from either STBG and/or CMAQ, or from other

sources such as Active Transportation Program or other federal programs and had incurred cost increases in the past five years requiring additional funding to complete. All projects listed “highly recommended” will be ready to obligate the federal funding in the first year of the program (FFY 2026/27).

At the top of the recommendation table in Attachment A are two projects of note. The \$4 million for the Oxnard Harbor District was previously approved for immediate use by SCAG at the recommendation of VCTC for the Shoreside Power Project cost increase. The project second is the US 101 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and it will not need additional funds within the time horizon of the available funds in this call for projects, but the project must be shown on the recommendation list to document that it has been selected through the new SCAG managed project selection process.

Staff recommend the committee approve for recommendation to the Commission the Project Nomination Package as shown in Attachment A.

This item was supported by the Transit Operators Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM) at their meeting on June 11, 2025.

Attachment A

2025 STBG/CMAQ Call for Project Nominations - Project Nomination Recommendation Package

Project	Recommend STBG	Recommend CMAQ	Agency	Total Project Cost	Project Type	Total Points	Recommend Level	Points to SCAG
Port of Hueneme North Terminal Shore Power Project		\$ 4,000	Port of Hueneme	\$18,613	Clean Transportation	55	Highly	50
US 101 HOV LANES	\$ -	\$ -	VCTC	\$163,014	Trans System Management/Goods Movement	55	Highly	50
Countywide Transit Outreach Activities		\$ 1,387	VCTC	\$2,830	Transit and Multimodal Integration	65	Highly	50
Regional Rideshare Program	\$ -	\$ 443	VCTC	\$2,215	Transportation Demand Management	60	Highly	50
Lynn Road Bike Lane and Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 2,000		THOUSAND OAKS	\$16,114	Complete Streets	60	Highly	50
Pedestrian and Bike Safety Improvements; Ojai Ave and Maricopa Hwy	\$ 3,541	\$ -	OJAI	\$8,498	Complete Streets	60	Highly	50
Residential Street Sidewalk and HAWK Signal	\$ -	\$ 1,438	SAN BUENAVENTURA	\$7,839	Complete Streets	60	Highly	50
VCTC Intercity Service Expansion		\$ 500	VCTC	\$500	Transit and Multimodal Integration	59	Highly	50
Valley Express Service Expansion		\$ 1,169	VCTC	\$1,321	Transit and Multimodal Integration	59	Highly	50
GCTD Demand Response Alternative Fuel Vehicle Replacement	\$ 1,785	\$ -	GCTD	\$2,017	Clean Transportation	59	Highly	50
GCTD Fixed Route Fleet Modernization Phase 1	\$ -	\$ 5,786	GCTD	\$6,565	Clean Transportation	59	Highly	50
Eastside Neighborhood Greenway (ROW)	\$ -	\$ 655	SAN BUENAVENTURA	\$8,668	Complete Streets	57	Highly	50
Saticoy Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 4,700	\$ -	VENTURA COUNTY	\$9,589	Complete Streets	57	Highly	50
Accessible Pedestrian Enhancements	\$ 575	\$ -	OXNARD	\$4,849	Complete Streets	55	Highly	50
Oxnard Boulevard Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities	\$ 1,700	\$ -	OXNARD	\$4,126	Complete Streets	55	Highly	50
Pleasant Valley Road Bike Lanes ST-5006, CML-5393(036)	\$ 4,000	\$ -	CAMARILLO	\$11,464	Complete Streets	55	Highly	50
Simi Valley Vehicle Replacement Project	\$ -	\$ 443	SIMI VALLEY	\$500	Clean Transportation	54	Highly	50
Ventura County Adaptive Ramp Metering Feasibility Study	\$ 531		VCTC	\$600	Trans System Management/Goods Movement	54	Highly	50
Santa Paula Trail Connectivity Project	\$ -	\$ 4,189	SANTA PAULA	\$7,060	Complete Streets	54	Highly	50
TOTC EV Infrastructure	\$ 1,549	\$ -	THOUSAND OAKS	\$1,750	Clean Transportation	53	Highly	50
Piru Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 4,700	\$ -	VENTURA COUNTY	\$9,692	Complete Streets	52	Highly	50
Highly Recommended Subtotal	\$ 25,081	\$ 20,010						
Bridge Replacement at Las Posas Road and Ventura Boulevard SD-5052	\$ 4,000		CAMARILLO	\$26,883	Resilience of At-Risk Infrastructure	49	Recommended	40
Victoria Ave Pavement Rehabilitation from Ralston to Valentine	\$ 3,387		SAN BUENAVENTURA	\$4,208	System Preservation	49	Recommended	40
Eastside Neighborhood Greenway (CON)		\$ 5,770	SAN BUENAVENTURA	\$8,668	Complete Streets	48	Recommended	40
GCTD Fixed Route Modernization Phase 2		\$ 3,874	GCTD	\$4,376	Clean Transportation	48	Recommended	40
Mountain Fire Adaptive Signal Infrastructure Improvement Project	\$ -	\$ 2,744	CAMARILLO	\$3,100	Trans System Management/Goods Movement	44	Recommended	40
Port Hueneme Road Corridor & Enhancement Reconstruction	\$ 3,983	\$ -	PORT HUENEME	\$4,500	Resilience of At-Risk Infrastructure	43	Recommended	40
Mills Road Pavement Rehabilitation from Loma Vista to Main	\$ 3,408		SAN BUENAVENTURA	\$3,850	System Preservation	43	Recommended	40
Recommended Subtotal	\$ 14,778	\$ 12,388						
Neighborhood Street Resurfacing	\$ 13,023		OXNARD	\$14,710	System Preservation	39	Contengincy	20
Hueneme Road Widening: Edison Drive to Rice Avenue (PE/ROW)	\$ 3,744		VENTURA COUNTY	\$17,801	Transportation System Management and Goods M	38	Contengincy	20
US 101/Del Norte Boulevard Interchange Improvement (PE Only)	\$ 3,099		OXNARD	\$3,500	Transportation System Management and Goods M	38	Contengincy	20
Contingency Subtotal	\$ 19,866	\$ -						
Total	\$ 59,725	\$ 32,398						