

TO: City Council

FROM: Bob Engler, Mayor Pro Tem
David Newman, Councilmember

DATE: January 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Ventura County Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the appointment of Geoffrey Ware to fill a regular member position; term ending November 30, 2027, on the Ventura County Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee.
2. Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act.

LEVINE ACT ITEM: No

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Additional Funding Requested. Minimal staff time for costs associated with coordinating interviews, appointments, and preparing support materials is included in the Adopted FY 2025-26 Transportation Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) was established in January 1989, by State legislation. One of the standing advisory committees to VCTC is the Ventura County Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (VCCTAC), as required under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) transit funding program.

The VCCTAC is composed of representatives appointed by VCTC, the County of Ventura, ten local cities in Ventura County, and members from social services agencies involved in transportation services and projects. Each City appoints two regular members. The Committee meets at least four times annually and provides input to VCTC on transportation-related issues. The current scheduled vacancy is for one of the two regular members. The term of this position is from January 1, 2026, to November 30, 2027.

As Committee members, the appointees advise VCCTAC on public transportation-related matters. The topics include bike and pedestrian access projects, the annual Unmet Transit Needs assessment (a requirement under state law), and related support to VCTC on an as-requested basis for special programs and projects.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Four applications were received during the application period from November 4, 2025, through December 4, 2025. The candidates were interviewed by Mayor Pro Tem Bob Engler and Councilmember David Newman on December 16, 2025.

Geoffrey Ware has been selected to fill this second scheduled vacancy resulting from the incumbent's (Victor Kamhi) expiring term. With this appointment, Geoffrey Ware will join Chaise Rasheed in representing the City on this Committee. Geoffrey Ware's application is included as Attachment #1 for reference.

Community Outreach: The vacancy was advertised on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office. Notices were also distributed according to the City's policies for recruitment of Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

COUNCIL GOAL COMPLIANCE:

Meets the following City Council goals:

B. Provide municipal government leadership which is open and responsive to residents, and is characterized by ethical behavior, stability, promoting public trust, transparency, confidence in the future, and cooperative interaction among civic leaders, residents, business representatives, and staff, while recognizing and respecting legitimate differences of opinion on critical issues facing the City.

H. Participate in public-private and multi-jurisdictional opportunities to ensure residents have access to high levels of parks, recreation, education and leisure programs and services.

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Attachments:

Attachment #1 – Selected VCCTAC Application