



Meeting Summary

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

CAMARILLO CITY HALL
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016
9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Matsuoka, City of Camarillo
Thang Tran, City of Camarillo
Farhad Zaltash, City of Oxnard
Butch Britt, City of Port Hueneme
John Ilasin City of Santa Paula
Kamran Panah, City of Simi Valley
Cliff Finley, City of Thousand Oaks
Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura
Tom Mericle, City of Ventura (Chair)
Anitha Balan, County of Ventura
David Fleisch, County of Ventura

Claire Johnson-Winegar, Gold Coast Transit
Ben Cacatian, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District
Fred Bral, Caltrans
Morris Zarbi, Caltrans
Robert Wong, Caltrans

MEMBERS ABSENT:

City of Fillmore
City of Moorpark
City of Ojai
Port of Hueneme

VCTC STAFF PRESENT:

Peter De Haan
Judy Johnduff

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mericle called the meeting to order at 9:10: a.m.

ITEM 2 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. De Haan introduced the new VCTC Administrative Assistant, Jeni Eddington.

ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 4 JUNE 16, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Fleish moved to approve the June 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Matsuoka seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

ITEM 5 CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATES

Morris Zarbi, Caltrans District 7, asked that numbers be actual, not rounded, when submitting requests for authorization. He stated that when the project is not in the current Federal Fiscal Year, a memo from VCTC is required. Mr. Zarbi also stated that the funds are available on a first-come first-serve basis and although an application is submitted on time, the funds may no longer be available.

Robert Wong, Caltrans District 7, said that there are about 15 days remaining in the fiscal year and all Ventura County projects have been processed. He added that the 2016 Earmark Repurposing effort was successful. Two Ventura County cities will now be able to use \$3M worth of earmarked funds that have been repurposed.

ITEM 6 DISCUSSION OF CMAQ AND TDA ARTICLE 3 BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PROGRAMS

Peter De Haan, VCTC, gave a brief history of the CMAQ and TDA Article 3 Bicycle & Pedestrian Programs. He stated that CMAQ is the main source of funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. TDA amounts to \$650,000 each year with 25% allocated to maintenance.

Mr. De Haan said that VCTC is proposing that the calls for project from CMAQ and TDA be combined, with both TTAC and CTAC reviewing the priorities. He said that there would be a need to divide the roles and tasks of each committee.

Discussion

Chair Mericle asked if the time-frame for calls for project would be affected.

Mr. Fleisch said that if Measure AA passes, then the criteria for projects should be consistent. He suggested that the Committee be presented with the Bicycle Master Plan in the near future and that this agenda item be presented as an action item at the November meeting.

The Committee discussed whether CTAC should review TTAC's recommendation or make the initial ranking of projects.

The Committee discussed the various funding sources and the order in which projects should be presented in order to leverage matching funds from other funding sources.

Mr. De Haan responded that calls for project would take place in spring 2017 rather than fall 2016. He said that if Measure AA passes then the call for projects could include both CMAQ and sales tax money.

ITEM 7 ATP TEN-POINT CRITERIA FOR VENTURA COUNTY PROJECTS

Judy Johnduff, VCTC, provided a brief background and summary of the application review process for the Active Transportation Program (ATP). She stated that up to ten additional points were awarded to various projects that that are consistent with one or more of the twenty-one identified regional/local plans and five points if the project is a Safe Routes to Schools project. She said that seven projects met the criteria with six of the seven projects being awarded an additional ten points and the seventh project being awarded five additional points.

Finley moved, seconded by Fleisch, to approve additional points for Ventura County projects as shown in Table 1 (Attachment 1) allowing the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to advance competitive applications for grant funds in the SCAG Regional Cycle 3 Active Transportation Program (ATP).

ITEM 8 CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP)

Wilford Melton, Caltrans, gave an overview of the California Transportation Plan 2040 (CTP2040) which is the statewide, long-range transportation plan done every five years with a 20-year horizon. Mr. Melton shared Federal and State legislation associated with the plan.

Mr. Melton said that the CTP2040 is important because 1) it allows us to better understand interregional travel patterns and promote system cohesiveness; 2) provides a summary of trends, challenges and themes from around the state; 3) offers a forum to elevate issues to policy and decision makers, and better coordination in general; 4) provides data consistency and transparency on interregional and freight movement; and 5) models what kind of system is needed to reach California's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals.

Mr. Melton said that the plan integrates statewide programs; regional plans and sustainable communities strategies; and modal plans including the Highway Plan, Transit Plan, Freight Plan, Aviation Plan, Rain Plan and Bike & Ped Plan.

With regard to the goals of managing GHG emissions so that they are the same levels in 2020 as they were in 1990 and 80% below the 1990 levels in 2050, Mr. Melton presented three scenarios. Scenario 1 includes MPO and State Modal Plans. Scenario 2 includes the MPO and State Modal Plans plus the CTP2040 package of GHG reduction transportation strategies. Scenario 3 includes the components of Scenario 2 plus a fleet mix of additional future fuel efficiencies and vehicle technologies designed to meet GHG emission reduction goals for 2020 and 2050. He said that Scenario 3 is the only scenario that meets the GHG goals and assumes that 1) fuel efficiency will be four times higher in 2050 for light duty vehicles and fifty times higher for heavy duty vehicles by 2030 and 2) zero emission vehicles will represent 12% of all sales by 2030 with approximately 20 million zero emissions vehicles on the road by 2050.

Mr. Melton discussed the implementation highlights such as improving transit; improving efficiency and technologies of the highways and roads; improving freight efficiency and the

economy, and improving communities. Other implementation highlights include 1) Fix it First; 2) reducing transportation-system deaths and injuries; 3) expanding the use and safety of bike and pedestrian facilities; making our vehicles and transportation fuels cleaner; improving public health and achieving climate/environmental goals; and securing permanent, stable, and sufficient transportation revenue.

Mr. Melton stated that public participation in the process included policy and technical advisory committees, public and tribal webinars, tribal listening sessions, public workshops, and statewide focus groups. He said that outreach methods included a public participation website, focus groups, a comprehensive database of stakeholder groups, printed material and other media, regional workshops, presentations to stakeholder groups, social media and surveys.

Discussion

Mr. Fleisch asked if the program is limited to State bridges. He said that in Scenario 3, the primary gain stems from switching to alternative fuel vehicles. He said that those working at the local level have to focus on behavior change and infrastructure, not the way cars are built.

Mr. Melton responded that he is not certain which bridges are included and will get back to the Committee with an answer.

ITEM 9

CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS

Daniel Kopulsky, Caltrans, presented the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program. He said that the overarching objectives identified to ensure consideration of state priorities/objectives include sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation economy, health, and equity.

Mr. Kopulsky said that the Strategic Partnerships Grants are funded by the Federal Highway Administration. There are approximately \$1.5 million available for the FY17-18 grant cycle.

Mr. Kopulsky said that primary applicants include Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) with a current Master Fund Transfer Agreement with Caltrans Headquarters Office of Regional Planning. He said that the cities, counties, and transportation agencies can be sub applicants but would need to apply through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) who would be the lead applicant.

Mr. Kopulsky said that a new element of the grant specific objectives in the "Climate-Ready Transportation" element which connects the grant program to the Governor's Executive Order B-30-15.

Mr. Kopulsky said that the Sustainable Communities Grants require an 11.47% local match of the total project amount and that cities and counties are eligible to apply as the primary applicants. The budget for this grant is \$7.8 million for the FY17-18 grant cycle.

Mr. Kopulsky said that the grant specific objectives are to 1) identify and address mobility deficiencies in the multimodal transportation system including the needs of environmental

justice and disadvantaged communities; 2) encourage stakeholder collaboration, 3) involve active public engagement, 4) integrate Smart Mobility 2010 concepts, and 5) result in programmed system improvements.

Mr. Kopulsky reviewed the anticipated schedule for the FY16-17 grant awards. He stated that the deadline is November 4, 2016 with notifications of award being issued in April 2017.

Discussion

Mr. Fleisch asked what "Climate-Ready Transportation" means.

Mr. Kopulsky responded that Climate-Ready Transportation leads to a reduction in greenhouse gases over time.

Ms. Johnson-Winegar recommended that information be sent to TRANSCOM so that the presenter does not have to come twice.

ITEM 10 UPDATE ON SCAG'S SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING GRANT/ATP SUPPLEMENTAL CALL FOR PROJECTS

Ms. Johnduff, VCTC, updated the Committee on the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Sustainability Planning Grant and Active Transportation Program (ATP) supplemental call for projects. She said that SCAG is using part of their non-infrastructure money, some ATP Cycle 3 funds, along with other SCAG-region funds to provide active transportation planning grants.

Ms. Johnduff said that while ATP had limited the projects to those that benefit disadvantaged communities, SCAG is accepting project submittals for all communities. She said that the program will fund three types of projects: community or area-wide active transportation plans including First-Last Mile Plans; non-infrastructure projects; and project level planning exercises.

Discussion

Chair Mericle asked if the grant funds would pay for environmental clearance elements of a plan. The Committee discussed the funding challenges associated with environmental clearance faced by the City of Oxnard and the City of San Francisco.

Mr. Fleisch suggested a submittal for an unincorporated county Safe Routes to School plan. He asked if funds could be used for the circulation element of the County's General Plan.

Mr. Joseph Briglio, SCAG, responded that the money can be used for the circulation element and shared examples of eligible projects including: active transportation plans; circulation plans associated with human events; grant writing assistance; transit and/or land-use integration; and innovative financing strategies. He said that these funds can also be used to leverage other monies.

ITEM 11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Fleisch suggested that the Committee receive a bike wayfinding presentation at the November meeting.

The City of Camarillo may make a presentation on Santa Rosa Road in November or December.

Steve De George, VCTC, may make a presentation to the Committee in January or February of 2017 about Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT).

ITEM 12 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mericle adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

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