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MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

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SUBJECT: 2018 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) SUBMITTAL

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve 2018 STIP submittal to the California Transportation Commission.

BACKGROUND:

State law requires the adoption and submittal of a five-year State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by December 15 of each odd-numbered year. The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is the agency responsible for developing the STIP for Ventura County working cooperatively with Caltrans. The STIP is comprised of a five-year list of capital improvement projects to be funded from VCTC's share of STIP Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds for the period starting July 1, 2018 (FY18/19) and ending June 30, 2023 (FY 22/23).

The 2018 STIP for Ventura County is due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on December 15, 2017. Projects to be included in the STIP must be submitted to SCAG for modelling no later than September 29th. The CTC is responsible for reviewing and approving STIP submittals. The CTC is scheduled to publish the 2016 STIP staff recommendations on February 28, 2018, and adopt the 2018 STIP on March 21, 2018.

DISCUSSION:

The 2018 STIP is projected to have substantial programming capacity primarily for two reasons. First, existing revenues have been running ahead of what was forecasted during the adoption of the 2016 STIP. In addition, under the provisions of SB 1, in 2019 the fuel tax will be adjusted to equal what it was in 2010, plus inflation, and in subsequent years will continue to automatically adjust for inflation, thus increasing resources for the STIP starting in FY 19/20. As a result, for the 2018 STIP VCTC has an available balance in its county share of \$59,981,000.

Under VCTC's adopted policy, the Route 101 and 118 Freeway Improvement projects are the priority for STIP as well as Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. However, without a source of local funds, these state and federal resources can provide only a fraction of what is required for these two projects. Therefore, VCTC staff believes that at this point all available STP funds and STIP funds must be

conserved to accomplish as much as can be done with available funds to improve Route 101. As TTAC is aware, VCTC is currently in the procurement process for a consultant to prepare the required environmental document and preliminary design for Route 101. Based on state law, the project has not been sufficiently developed at this time to nominate it for STIP funds, but the Ventura County STIP balance can be carried over to future STIP cycles. Meanwhile, staff estimates that during the next five years there will be \$57.5 million in STP funds available that can be used to fund the pre-construction phases of the Early Action Items on 101 that can be accomplished with the available funding.

PROPOSED 2016 PROGRAM

Planning, Programming & Monitoring (PPM)

PPM is utilized annually by VCTC to fund planning and programming activities performed by VCTC staff and consultants, and can be programmed up to a maximum of 5% of the county share. There is \$1,007,000 in new programming capacity for PPM over the last three years of the STIP. Staff recommends that this new money be spread equally over the three years, to provide \$336,000 in 20/21, \$336,000 in 21/22, and \$335,000 in 22/23.

Programmed PPM Amounts (\$1,000)					
FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	FY21/21	FY22/23	Total
\$412	\$412	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$824

Proposed Changes (\$1,000)					
FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	FY21/21	FY22/23	Total
\$0	\$0	\$336	\$336	\$335	\$1,007

Proposed PPM Amounts (\$1,000)					
FY18/19	FY19/20	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	Total
\$412	\$412	\$336	\$336	\$335	\$1,831

Route 101 Construction

As described above, the Route 101 project has not reached a sufficient stage of development to allow the request of STIP. Therefore, after programming \$1,007,000 of new STIP funds for PPM, the remaining \$58,974,000 in the Ventura County share can be carried over to the future. It is anticipated that the Route 101 environmental clearance will have proceeded sufficiently to allow the nomination of a specific Early Action improvement phase of the Route 101 Improvement Project for the 2022 STIP, with construction funds for construction likely becoming available in FY 25/26.