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MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: FY 2017/18 ESTIMATED FEDERAL TRANSIT APPORTIONMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and file.

DISCUSSION:

VCTC is now starting the process for developing the Program of Projects (POP) for transit projects to be programmed in FY 2017/18 in Ventura County. As you are aware, each year all projects funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must be included in a publicly-reviewed POP, which is adopted by VCTC. In addition, projects must be included in the SCAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and VCTC uses the adopted POP as a basis for preparing a TIP Amendment for SCAG to include the upcoming transit projects in the TIP. Transit operators are therefore requested to provide to VCTC staff by May 1st a program of projects that is proposed for funding using its share of the available funds.

The attached revenue tables (Attachment A) calculate the amount of funds estimated to be apportioned by FTA to each urbanized area, along with the source of the various funds generated by FTA's formula. The estimated funding amounts are based on what is authorized in the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Since the FY 2016/17 federal budget has not yet been adopted, it is not known if funds will continue to be appropriated at the authorized level as has been typical in recent years.

The Attachment A expense table shows how the various estimated expenses are funded from the different areas. The amount available for each agency to program is the total of the "Local Bus/Capital" and "5339 Funds" columns. In addition, Gold Coast, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, and Moorpark may program up to the amount shown in the "ADA" column for their ADA service, and may also use the funds in the "ADA" column for other eligible transit uses if they chose not to use all of the funds for ADA. For Thousand Oaks and Moorpark, the two cities will need to agree on how much of the \$1,583,336 available from 5307 and 5339 on the "Thousand Oaks/Moorpark" line (including the ADA funds) will be used by each of their respective cities.

As in past years, Section 5307 funds are taken off-the-top to cover VCTC countywide planning costs. This year, VCTC staff identified significant carryovers in several countywide planning line items resulting in what is mostly a one-time reduction in the anticipated need for new funds. Staff has also changed the proportional population-based distribution of countywide planning funds in two ways: (1) The population-share of the remaining planning funds that are associated with the unincorporated area outside of the Gold Coast service area are now distributed proportionally based on population shares among the urban areas, rather than all being charged to the Gold Coast District, since Gold Coast doesn't serve those areas although they are in the District; and (2) \$100,000 in estimated costs for VCTC to administer grants on behalf of Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, and Camarillo has been spread among those three agencies only, proportionally based on the funds received by those cities. Attachment B provides the calculation of the countywide planning amount.

Since the previous federal transportation authorization, MAP-21, consolidated the Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program with Section 5307, the portion of 5307 funds generated based on low-income population is separated out. Under VCTC policy, those funds will be distributed to eligible projects based on a call for projects to be issued shortly.

VCTC will use the programs submitted by the transit operators to prepare the countywide draft Program of Projects, to be reviewed by TRANSCOM at its May 11, 2017 meeting, and adopted by VCTC at its June 2, 2017 meeting. The final version of the POP will be reviewed by TRANSCOM in August, and approved by VCTC at its September 2, 2016 meeting.