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**MEMO TO:** TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)

**FROM:** PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** STATUS OF FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) AND CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECTS

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Review and update project schedules.

**DISCUSSION:**

Under federal law, STP and CMAQ funds apportioned to California lapse if they are not used within three years. AB 1012, which became law in October 1999, applies the three-year lapsing rule to CMAQ and STP funds in each county. It is important for VCTC to have an accurate schedule of STP and CMAQ (Attachments 1 and 2, respectively) projects to ensure that our region does not lose funds.

VCTC also uses this project schedule to ensure that the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) includes all of the projects which are ready-to-go and to manage the county's Obligation Authority (OA). The 2017 FTIP is now federally-approved and VCTC has also gotten approval of amendments for the projects as indicated on this list.

Attached are draft schedules of upcoming STP (Attachment A) and CMAQ (Attachment B) projects. Staff requests the Committee review the table and inform staff of any revisions that should be made. It is particularly important to have the correct status information and schedule for projects in the upcoming fiscal year (2017/18). If a project currently shown in later years is anticipated for delivery in 2017/18, then it is also important to provide the correct anticipated obligation date for that project.

As shown in the tables, there are anticipated to ample projects delivered to ensure that funds do not lapse in 2017/18. However, at this time there are not sufficient committed projects for the following years. However, the CMAQ call for projects currently underway should provide sufficient projects to prevent a CMAQ lapse for several years into the future.

Regarding STP, the Committee in June requested that VCTC provide further information on the anticipated expenditure of future funds. Due to SB 1, staff anticipates that future-year state funds will become available for construction of several large Ventura County projects. However, money is unlikely to become available quickly enough to move forward with pre-construction work for those projects in a timely manner. Staff will be come to the Committee in September with more detail on a strategy for use of SB 1 funds, but staff expects to propose use of STP to avoid project delay through preconstruction, and these expenditures should be sufficient to avoid a lapse of STP for many years to come.