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April 4, 2016

**VCTC** 

Attn: Judy Johnduff

950 County Square Drive, Suite 207

Ventura, CA 93003

SUBJECT: SB 821 FY 2016-17 APPLICATION

Dear Ms. Johnduff:

Enclosed is the FY 2016-17 application package for SB 821 funds for upgrading approximately 50 school crosswalks to the Continental/ladder design. The package includes 16-stapled copies and one stapled original of the following items:

- 1. TDA Claim Form
- TDA Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Claims Financial Reporting Form 2.
- 3. Standard Assurances for Bicycle and Pedestrian Claimants
- **Project Application** 4.
- Vicinity Map (page 5) 5.
- Exhibits (pages 6-7) 6.

Note that an electronic pdf version has been included.

We thank you and the Ventura County Transportation Commission for supporting our previous applications. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 583-6794.

Sincerely,

James A. Brunner

Principal Engineer/Traffic

Attachments

### **GRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Successful applicants will be required to submit the following forms and information:

- VCTC Article 3 Claim Form
- VCTC Article 3 Financial Reporting Form
- Standard Assurances Form for Bicycle and Pedestrian Claims
- Authorizing Resolution of Allocated Article 3 Funds for Bicycle and Pedestrian Purposes (A sample resolution is attached)

VCTC staff will contact selected applicants with a deadline date to submit these forms.

For each fiscal year of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Program, VCTC funding requirements state that project sponsors must submit a fiscal and compliance audit within 180 days after the close of the fiscal year for each ongoing project, in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 99245. Therefore, please ensure that your financial staff reports your Article 3 claim as part of VCTC's annual compliance audit.

# VCTC TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIM FORM BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES CLAIMS ARTICLE 3 / PUC 99233.3

Fiscal Year:	2016/17	Date: <u>March 31, 2016</u>
Claimant: Address:	City of Sin 2929 Tapo	ni Valley o Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA _93063
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REQUESTED	PAYMENT:	AMOUNT
Article	3 Funds Requ	sted \$ <u>25,000</u>
County Transposition and the allocation	portation Comn d to the provisi instruction issu	payment by the County Auditor of an allocation made by Ventura nission is subject to such monies being on hand and available for on that such monies be used only in accordance with the terms of ed by the Ventura County Transportation Commission and in tate regulations.
Authorizing S	Signature:	James Brum
Print Name a	_	James Brunner, Principal Engineer
	Date:	3/31/2016

## TDA ARTICLE 3 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES CLAIMS FINANCIAL REPORTING FORM

Claimant:	City of Simi Valley	Date: 3/31/2016

### TDA ARTICLE 3 REVENUES & EXPENSES OF CLAIMANT

		FY 15/16 Estimated	FY 16/17 Requested
	Revenues		
1	Article 3 Revenues	50,000	25,000
2	Interest		
3	Refunds		
4	Total	50,000	25,000
	Expenditures	MINERAL AREA TO	
5	Construction		25,000
6	Maintenance		
7	Planning (Design)	50,000	
	Balance		
8	Excess of Revenue over expenditures (subtract Lines 5, 6 & 7 from Line 4)	0	0
	Fund Balance		وتمدي المتناز المتحراري
9	Beginning of Year	50,000	25,000
10	End of Year	0	0

ProjectName: School Crosswalk Upgrades  Description: Upgrade approximately 50 school crosswalks to the continental/ladder design.				
Project Revenue Budget:				
TDA Article 3 Bike/Ped TDA Article 8 Local Streets Other (specify) City General Funds	\$ 25,000 \$ 0 \$ 25,000			

\$ 50,000

TOTAL

### STANDARD ASSURANCES FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CLAIMANTS

Claimant	City of Simi Valley	Fiscal Year: 2016/2017
CLAIMANT	ASSURANCE: (Initial below)	
Initial		
90-DAY ANN	IUAL REPORT	
with the unifor Controller, pu	tifies that it has submitted a State Controller's report orm system of accounts and reports, to VCTC and to ursuant to PUC 99245, for the prior year (project yea sures that this report will be completed for the curren minus one).	o the State ar minus two).
The undersig	ned hereby certifies that the above statement is true	and correct.
	(Authorizing Signature)	

(Note: The resolution does NOT need to accompany the claim; it can be sent later. However, it must be submitted before any Article 3 funds can be allocated)

### VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PROGRAM

### FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 PROJECT APPLICATION

l.		Project Name and Funding Request		
	a.	Applicant Agency:	City of Simi Valley	
	b.	Funds Requested:	\$25,000	
	C.	Project Title:	Continental Crosswalks	
	d.	Project Summary (100 words):	To upgrade crosswalks in school areas to the Continental or "ladder" design.	
	e.,	Project Type (select one):	☐ Comprehensive Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan☐ Bicycle Safety Education	

### III. Clear and Complete Proposal

Local match provided:

Please complete section III.a. for all project types:

a. Describe the project elements. For capital projects indicate location, length, scope, size or extent.

To upgrade approximately 50 school area crosswalks, including many at uncontrolled locations, to ultimately look like figure 2. The locations are identified on the attached list and vicinity map. The work at each location generally involves the installation of two foot wide longitudinal yellow thermoplastic lines to be placed 5 feet on center. Note that the City has approximately 270 school crosswalks, so if the bids ultimately allow, we will complete more than 50 for this project.

X Capital: Pedestrian and/or Bicycle facility

☐ Capital: Bicycle facility only

	crosswalks, project.	so if the bids ultimately allow	, we will complete more than 50 for this	
b.	Please complete section III.b. for Comprehensive Plan projects only: Check one:   New Plan			
		☐ Update to existing plan	Date of previous plan:	
C.	Funding and	l Local Cash Match	89	
	Enter total p	roject cost, totaling funds fror sources,	n all here: <u>\$_50,000</u>	
	Funds reque	ested: \$25,000		

\$25,000

Local match percentage:

50%

To calculate local match percentage, divide Local match by Funds Requested e.g.:

Local match provided Funds requested

= percentage match

\*When a local match is provided by the applicant, the local match % must be used at each dollar is spent on the project.

d. Please provide the total Class I pathway miles in your jurisdiction: 11.0

### IV. Meets Evaluation Objectives

- a. Please complete section SAFETY
  - How will the proposed project affect safety at existing facilities or improve safety by building new facilities? When describing the project conditions, include any accident statistics and describe how the project will correct or improve the situation.
  - How will the project be maintained?

Upgrading the school crosswalks will significantly improve safety by making the presence of the crossing area more visible, and will bring more awareness to drivers of the potential presence of school children. Crosswalks at uncontrolled locations are installed with caution because of the false sense of security that may result from the pedestrian seeing bright lines across the road but the motorist barely noticing the transverse lines. The longitudinal designs of the Continental or ladder crosswalks help the drivers to see the crosswalks. On established routes to school, there are crosswalks that help guide school age children to school, and having drivers recognize the locations where children cross is a significant safety benefit. The before and after example photos in figure 1 and figure 2 show how the visibility of the crossing area is enhanced.

Once installed, the project (crosswalk markings) will be maintained by the City.

- b. Please complete section TRAFFIC GENERATORS
  - Please describe how the project connects to transit stops, train stations, schools, senior centers, work sites and other major traffic generators.
  - Please describe how the project encourages multi-modal transit use.
  - How will project benefit transit-dependent areas?

The crosswalks on the vicinity map are in school areas, but since these devices exist 24/7, they are utilized by all pedestrians at all times of the day. In addition to the obvious connection to schools, many of these crosswalks serve areas at or near transit stops that serve patrons of the transit system. Having an upgraded safe and user friendly environment for transit patrons will help encourage the use of buses in these areas, and the connection to the Metrolink Station as well. The ultimate multi-modal trip would be one where the pedestrian utilizes the upgraded and safe crosswalk to cross the street to get to the transit stop, then takes the bus to the Metrolink station and takes Metrolink to their final destination. The

School District does not provide bus service except for special needs children, so other school children that want to take the bus to school will in some cases utilize these crosswalks not only to get to the local school but to get to the transit stop to take the bus to a school that is farther away.

- c. Please complete section PROJECT READINESS
  - When will the project be implemented?
  - Have past funds been spent? If not, why not? Please refer to claimant's annual TDA Article 3 audit for details.
  - Can the project be partially funded or divided into phases? If yes, describe
    the different parts or how the project could be phased, and the cost
    associated with each phase:

The project is ready to be implemented within 12 months of funding. In some cases we will be meeting and/or discussing locations with the School District to determine if crosswalk removals are preferred to the upgrades, particularly in areas where schools have recently closed. This part of the project will be considered a non-cost effort and will be handled by staff between the approval and funding dates.

Last year's project funds have been spent (a City design project). Three other recent years have the funds encumbered but they have not yet been spent because they are part of Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Arroyo Simi Greenway construction, and these projects have larger outside grants associated with them and other deadlines (for Phase 2 the Park District is the lead agency on the project).

This project could be partially funded as we will have an estimate per location, and we would complete as many locations as possible based on the funding.

- d. Please complete section MISSING LINK AND CONNECTIVITY
  - Describe if other agencies are involved in the project and their role.
  - Does the project connect with facilities within a city, or with another area and/or regional facilities?
  - Please describe if or how the project fills in a "missing link" identified in the Countywide Bicycle Plan?

The School District is a main agency that will be involved and coordinating with the City. As mentioned, prior to proceeding with the project, discussions will be conducted between the District and the City (including the Police Department and Transit) to determine if all locations should be upgraded or if any of the proposed crosswalks are no longer necessary.

In addition to schools, some of the crosswalk locations connect to nearby parks and transit stops.

#### e. Please complete section - SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Please specify if a local match is being provided.
- Please describe how the project improves accessibility to the area.
- Please describe if there are special environmental advantages to the project.
- Please describe the degree of public support for the project.
- A 50% local match is being provided.
- Having more obvious and potentially safer crosswalks will provide for a better pedestrian environment for all pedestrians including those with disabilities.
- Any increase to the pedestrian environment provides for the likelihood of more people choosing to walk in the area, and that has the positive impact on the environment of lowering VMT and greenhouse gasses.
- Public support is just beginning for this potential project, but once approved we will be meeting with school principals and perhaps the associated PTA's to discuss some of the crosswalk locations and the benefits of improving them.

i. County of City facilities plan

ii. Circulation element of general plan

iii. Ventura County Comprehensive
Bicycle Plan

iv. Other bicycle, pedestrian, complete
streets, or similar plan(s):

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Project is consistent with local or regional plans (add lines, if necessary):

VIII. Project Contact Information
Please complete section VIII. for all project types:

Primary Contact Name and Title:

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Applicant agency and address:

Telephone:

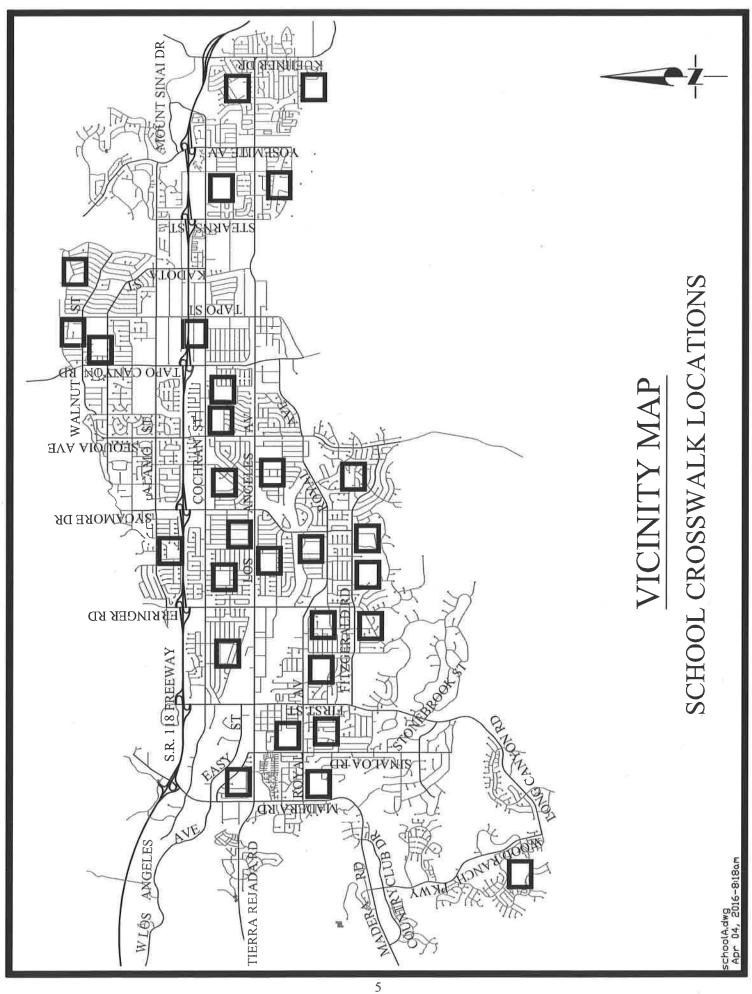
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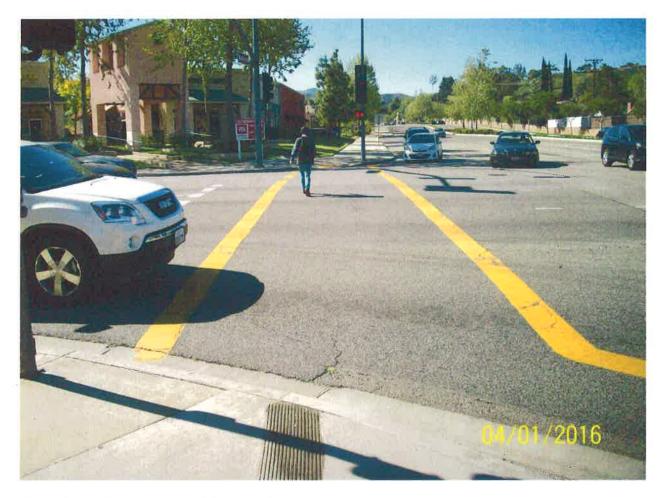


Figure 1 Before Continental Crosswalk



Figure 2 After Continental Crosswalk

#### PROPOSED CONTINENTAL CROSSWALK LOCATIONS

- 1. Caldwell Ave. at Anderson St.
- 2. Church St. at Court St.
- 3. Church St. at East St.
- 4. Circle Knoll Dr.-Sycamore Grove St. at Wood Ranch Pkwy.
- 5. Gibson Ave. at Dakin Ave.
- 6. Hempstead St. at Denton Ave.
- 7. Sinaloa Rd. at Capri Dr.
- 8. Township Ave. at Divernon Ave.
- 9. Walnut St. at Monticello Ave.
- 10. Walnut St. at Rachael Ave.
- 11. Alscot Ave. at White St.
- 12. Antioch St. at Hietter Ave.
- 13. Atherwood Ave. at Greensward St.
- 14. Cochran St. at Heather St.
- 15. Crosby Ave. at Dusan St.
- 16. Denny St. at Ysrella Ave.
- 17. Fitzgerald Rd. at Fletcher St.
- 18. Fletcher St. at Haviland St.
- 19. Greensward St. at Weyland Ct.
- 20. Heywood St. at Earl Ave.
- 21. Heywood St. at Kane Ave.
- 22. Katherine Rd. at Knolls Elementary School Driveway
- 23. Katherine St. at Kirsten Ave.
- 24. Ravenna St. at Waldo St.
- 25. Sinaloa Rd. at Vorale Ave.
- 26. Talbert Ave. at Dusan St.
- 27. Ulysses St. at Hermes St.
- 28. Aurelia St. at Geoffrey Ave.
- 29. Erringer Rd. at Wexford Cir.
- 30. Alscot Ave. at White St.
- 31. Alscot Ave. at Menlo St.
- 32. Alscot Ave. at Nelda St.