



Item #8D

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MEMO TO: VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE II TEN POINT CRITERIA

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve recommended criteria that achieve an additional award of 10 points allowing VCTC to advance competitive applications for grant funds in the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

BACKGROUND:

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and by Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to fund projects that increase and promote bike and pedestrian trips. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted guidelines for the 2015 ATP and released the Cycle II call for projects on March 26, 2015. This call for projects includes three years of funding in Fiscal Year 2016/17, FY 2017/18 and FY 2018/19. Per the CTC guidelines, agencies applied to Caltrans for funding from the statewide portion of ATP funds by June 1, 2015. Caltrans is currently reviewing these applications and will assign scores to each of the projects based on the CTC guidelines. Projects that are not selected for funding by Caltrans will be passed on to SCAG and the other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) around October 2015. VCTC will not know the CTC's project scores until that time. SCAG will select projects eligible for regional funding around December 2015.

DISCUSSION:

In addition to CTC guidelines, project applicants are subject to SCAG regional guidelines. Per the SCAG regional guidelines, VCTC can add up to 10 points to the Caltrans-assigned scores to projects that are consistent with local and regional plans within the county. The 10 points will put consistent plans in a better position to compete against other Ventura County projects that do not receive Caltrans ATP funds. In the case that some projects within Ventura County are not selected to receive funding from the statewide portion of ATP funds, they will be eligible for the VCTC proportion of SCAG ATP funds, which is approximately \$1.9 million for Cycle II, which is similar to the previous cycle.

For Cycle II of the Statewide ATP, the SCAG region's annual share is approximately \$25 million, which includes 100% of SCAG's federal Transportation Alternative Program apportionments (approximately \$14 million) plus approximately \$11 million/year from other federal and state funding programs that were consolidated by SB 99 into the ATP.

Discussion at the previous TTAC meeting resulted in a desire to review a palate of criteria that VCTC could apply to the ATP applications in the amount of 10 points. A project application that demonstrates

commitment toward implementation through its consistency with local and regional plans is likely to compete better within the SCAG pool of regional applications. Therefore, the assignment of an additional 10 points on an application, based on consistency with other local and regional plans, would enhance the competitive position of a project applicant from the Ventura County region. The following table illustrates resources and existing local plans that VCTC staff could reference when considering when to award an additional 10 points.

A subcommittee formed by TTAC members met and consensus was reached in May on the amount of points split among the 10 points, which would be awarded to projects that are consistent with plans in this list. The local area plans in this table are listed because they include specific goals and objectives in them that pertain to active transportation activities that go beyond the typical circulation goals and objectives that might be listed in a jurisdictional general plan. To ensure that pedestrian-oriented projects are adequately considered, the subcommittee recommended that projects consistent with a local jurisdiction's Safe Routes 2 School program be considered for a portion of the 10 points.

Point Award Consideration	Title of Regional/Local Plan
5 points awarded if the proposed project is consistent with 1 or more of the following:	Ventura County Bike Plan (2007)
	City of Ojai Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (1999)
	Santa Paula Branch Line Recreational Trail Compatibility Survey (2015)
	Santa Paula Branch Line Trail Master Plan (1996)
	Fillmore Business Park Master Plan (2008)
	Heritage Valley Parks Specific Plan, Fillmore CA (2002)
	Moorpark College Facilities Master Plan (2005-2015)
	Moorpark Master Bicycle Transportation Plan (2008)
	City of Simi Valley Bicycle Master Plan (2008)
	Simi Valley Green Community Action Plan (2010)
	City of Thousand Oaks Bicycle Master Plan (2010)
	Thousand Oaks Boulevard Specific Plan (2012)
	Camarillo Commons Strategic Plan (2007)
	City of Oxnard Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2011)
	Santa Clara River Trail Master Plan (2011)
	Oxnard Corridor Transportation Improvement Plan – A Livable Oxnard (current)
5 points awarded if the proposed project is consistent with:	City of Ventura Bicycle Master Plan (2011)
	City of Port Hueneme Bicycle Master Plan (
	County of Ventura Transportation Strategic Master Plan (2012)
	Safe Routes 2 School grant application