



MEETING AGENDA

Technical Advisory Committee

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Date: July 20, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, (March 18, 2020), the Governing Board meeting will only be conducted via video conferencing and by telephone.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Farshid Mohammadi, **Chair** / Gilbert Hernandez, City of Riverside

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Brittney B. Sowell / Rohan Kuruppu, SunLine

Patrick Thomas / Amer Attar, City of Temecula

Christopher Grey / Chris Tzeng, WRCOG

Dan York / Craig Bradshaw, City of Wildomar

STAFF

Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director

Jillian Guizado, Planning and Programming Manager

Jenny Chan, Planning and Programming Senior Management Analyst

Martha Masters, Planning and Programming Senior Management Analyst

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Subject to the supervision of the Commission, the Committee shall provide technical assistance to the Commission by reviewing and evaluating the various transportation proposals and alternatives within Riverside County. The Committee shall review, comment upon, and make recommendations on such matters as are referred to it by the Commission, including all matters relating to the programming of federal funds apportioned to the Riverside County and allocated by the Commission.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA***

***Actions may be taken on any item listed on the agenda.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **HOUSEKEEPING REMARKS**
3. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2020 and MAY 18, 2020 MINUTES**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – This is for comments on items not listed on agenda. Comments relating to an item on the agenda will be taken when the item is before the Committee.
5. **STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Overview

This item is to receive and file an update on state and federal legislation.

6. **UPDATE ON MEASURE A AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND SALES TAX REVENUES**

Overview

This item is to receive and file an update on Measure A and Local Transportation Fund (LTF) sales tax revenues.

7. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS’ REGIONAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES – 20 POINTS DISTRIBUTION OPTIONS FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROJECT APPLICATIONS**

Overview

This item is to discuss and provide input on staff’s 20 points distribution options to the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Metropolitan Planning Organizations’ (MPO) Regional Program Guidelines for the county share.

8. **2019 AND 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

Overview

This item is to receive and file an update on the 2019 and 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

9. **FACILITATING RIVERSIDE COUNTY’S COMPETITIVENESS FOR GRANT FUNDING**

Overview

This item is to provide information on how staff proposes to facilitate local agencies’ competitiveness for grant funding.

10. CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: JUNE 2020

Overview

This item is to receive and file the June 2020 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting highlights.

11. RCTC COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: JUNE 2020

Overview

This item is to receive and file June 2020 Commission meeting highlights.

12. CALTRANS DISTRICT 8 LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Overview

This item is to receive and file an update from Caltrans District 8 Local Assistance.

13. COMMITTEE MEMBER / STAFF REPORT

Overview

This item provides the opportunity for the committee members and staff to report on attended and upcoming meetings/conferences and issues related to committee activities.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the TAC is scheduled to be held September 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at the Riverside County Transportation Commission, 4080 Lemon Street, Third Floor Conference Room A, Riverside, CA 92501.

MINUTES

**SPECIAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Special Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Lorelle Moe-Luna, RCTC, at 9:04 a.m. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, (March 18, 2020), the meeting was conducted via video conferencing.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

By Teleconference: Amer Attar, City of Temecula
Brad Brophy, City of Canyon Lake and City of Perris, City of San Jacinto
Jesse Eckenroth, City of Rancho Mirage
Patrick Thomas, City of Temecula
Remon Habib, Lake Elsinore

Others Present: Kwasi Agyakwa, Caltrans District 8
Jenny Chan, RCTC
Jillian Guizado, RCTC
Bobby Hilo, City of Riverside
Launa Jimenez, City of Moreno Valley
Martha Masters, RCTC
Lisa Mobley, RCTC
Lorelle Moe-Luna, RCTC
David Salgado
John Standiford, RCTC
Julie Tarrant, City of Temecula
Theresia Trevino, RCTC

3. LISA MOBLEY, RCTC, READ THE HOUSEKEEPING NOTES.

4. MEASURE A LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS

Lorelle Moe-Luna, RCTC, provided a PowerPoint presentation and said the annual Capital Improvement Plans are due to RCTC on May 4. Revised Measure A revenue projections were sent out in early April. COVID-19 will have significant economic impacts on the transportation sector and staff has been getting questions from various cities concerned about meeting their MOE requirements.

Lorelle Moe-Luna introduced Theresia Trevino, Chief Financial Officer of RCTC. Jesse Eckenroth, City of Rancho Mirage, said the City has no concerns.

Pat Thomas, City of Temecula, suggested re-sending the email regarding the excess MOE.

Lorelle Moe-Luna stated that other than just a couple of cities that don't have at least double their MOE requirement, the cities' carryover amounts should be sufficient for this year and next. If the downturn continues, staff will return to the TAC to review guidelines to see if any adjustments or analyses need to be made.

Pat Thomas asked for confirmation that the five-year CIPs are still required by their previously requested submittal date. Ms. Moe-Luna replied that agencies should let staff know if additional time is needed. If there are a lot of needs, staff may consider adjusting the schedule. It does help to keep the schedule as close to originally planned to make sure staff can get it through RCTC's Commission for approval.

Question: The next TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 18. Will that be a Zoom meeting as well?

Response: Jillian Guizado, RCTC, said it is scheduled for May 18 and will, most likely, be a Zoom meeting.

Lorelle Moe-Luna reported that staff has been receiving questions about MOE requirements for the state's SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Program. The CTC will be meeting tomorrow and discussing the Local Streets and Roads Program. The League of California Cities is advocating for some changes to the MOE requirement but it appears they are not making any recommendations to the MOE requirement. She recommended that agencies continue to work through the League of California Cities if there are any concerns about the SB 1 MOE requirement.

Jillian Guizado also stated that the SB 1 MOE requirement is in state law; therefore, CTC doesn't have any ability to be flexible on that without changes to statute.

Lorelle Moe-Luna reported that revised Measure A projections and local transportation fund projections were taken to the Budget and Implementation Committee, which were approved. More information is available on RCTC's website.

Pat Thomas requested that Lorelle let the TAC know if there are any changes in any of the competitive programs. His agency is planning to apply for ATP and getting their application ready based on the current schedule that he said may be delayed.

Jillian Guizado said Planning & Programming staff plans to send a summary email tomorrow to the TAC following the CTC meeting.

In response to a question of whether there are any updates on the November ballot, John Standiford, RCTC, stated RCTC will not pursue a half-cent sales tax measure in November. The final Traffic Relief Plan will be completed and taken to the Commission in May.

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There being no further business for consideration by the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:29 a.m. The next meeting will be July 20, 2020, 10:30, at the Coachella Valley Association of Governments' Board Room, 73710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert 92260.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jillian Guizado". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jillian Guizado

Planning and Programming Manager

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday, May 18, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Chair Farshid Mohammadi at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 18, 2020) the TAC meeting was conducted via video conferencing and by telephone.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

By Teleconference: Brad Brophy, Cities of Canyon Lake, Perris, San Jacinto
John Corella, Cathedral City
Jesse Eckenroth, City of Rancho Mirage
Tom Garcia, City of Palm Desert
Carlos Geronimo, City of Menifee
Remon Habib, City of Lake Elsinore
William Hemsley, City of Eastvale
Rohan Kuruppu, Sunline Transit Agency
Eric Lewis, City of Moreno Valley
Martin Magana, CVAG
Bryan McKinney, City of La Quinta
Bob Moehling, City of Murrieta
Farshid Mohammadi, City of Riverside, Chair
Joel Montalvo, City of Palm Springs
Daniel Porras, City of Desert Hot Springs
Patricia Romo, Riverside County
Ken Seumalo, City of Indian Wells
Patrick Thomas, City of Temecula
Michael Thornton, City of Calimesa
Art Vela, City of Banning
Albert Vergel De Dios, Caltrans District 08
Kristin Warsinski, Riverside Transit Agency
Tim Wassil, City of Indio
Michael Wolfe, City of Moreno Valley

Others Present: Leslie Avila, Caltrans District 8
Jenny Chan, RCTC
Cheryl Donahue, RCTC
Shirley Gooding, RCTC
Jillian Guizado, RCTC
Gary Hamrick, Cambridge Systematics
David Knudsen, RCTC
Martha Masters, RCTC

Lisa Mobley, RCTC
Lorelle Moe-Luna, RCTC
Neil Peacock, Caltrans Headquarters
Alejandro Romero, Twining, Inc.
Mojahed Salama, Riverside County

CHAIR FARSHID MOHAMMADI READ THE HOUSEKEEPING NOTES.

3. APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2020 MINUTES

B/C/A (Corella/Habib) to approve the Minutes as submitted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arnold San Miguel, Southern California Association of Governments, reported the State Department of Housing and Community Development requested SCAG reach out to jurisdictions to remind them that housing funding is available. Applications are due July 1. Technical assistance is available for the application. There will be a joint SBCTA/WRCOG subregion workshop May 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

5. TRAFFIC RELIEF PLAN FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Aaron Hake, RCTC, announced the Traffic Relief Plan (expenditure plan) was adopted by the Commission; however, it will not be on the November 2020 ballot. The expenditure plan, which was included in the May TAC agenda, has been adopted and could be on a future ballot.

6. INLAND EMPIRE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN – DRAFT

Jenny Chan, RCTC, stated at the last TAC meeting she provided an update on the Inland Empire Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (IE CMCP) that RCTC is developing in coordination with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and Caltrans District 8. At the previous meeting, she presented the project list and the 10 sub-corridors being studied within the IE CMCP. The first draft of the IE CMCP is close to being finalized and will be available to the TAC for review.

Jenny Chan introduced Gary Hamrick, Cambridge Systematics, who provided a PowerPoint presentation that included:

CMCP guidelines focus on SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) funding and for overall corridor planning. For SCCP Cycles 1 and 2, it is not necessary to have a project included in a CMCP to apply for and receive SCCP funds. For Cycle 3, projects will have to be in a CMCP.

Gary Hamrick stated the CMCP guidelines allow local jurisdictions to create plans that match their characteristics and how to go about doing the corridor plan but not specifics.

Question: Patty Romo, Riverside County, asked when the IE CMCP project list will be available.

Response: Gary Hamrick said the working draft was sent out this morning by Steve Smith, SBCTA, that includes the background analysis information but does not yet include the project list. The list should be available in about two weeks.

7. CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE FUNDING REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF I-15/MAIN STREET INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Lorelle Moe-Luna, RCTC, stated the City of Lake Elsinore requested \$5.483 million to construct the I-15/Main Street Interchange (Main Street). In March, RCTC's Lake Elsinore Commissioner requested that RCTC utilize project savings from the I-15/Railroad Canyon Road Interchange (Railroad Canyon) project to fund the Main Street project.

Remon Habib, City of Lake Elsinore, added that the City recently completed an extension of Camino Del Norte, a frontage road, that connects the Railroad Canyon Road interchange with the Main Street interchange. Without signals at the Main Street interchange, traffic backs up significantly.

Question: Pat Thomas, City of Temecula, asked what the funding source for the Railroad Canyon project is.

Response: Lorelle Moe-Luna said it is a combination of state, TUMF, and MARA funds. Remon Habib added that SB 1 funds are on the project, as well.

Staff is seeking the TAC's concurrence to program \$5.483 of MARA funds for construction of the Main Street project. There were no objections.

Staff will forward this to the Commission in June.

8. OBLIGATION DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE – FFY2019/20

Jenny Chan stated the draft obligation plan for 19/20 is attached in the agenda packet. She further stated that each month, staff meets with Caltrans Local Assistance to discuss project delivery status to ensure timely obligation of CMAQ and STBG funds. If a local agency using federal funds has a schedule slip, please inform RCTC as soon as possible. Currently, Riverside County is at 33 percent OA delivery.

9. LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING NEEDS

Jenny Chan introduced Neal Peacock, Caltrans Headquarters, who stated NEPA Implementation Training is available as listed in the agenda packet.

Alberto Vergel de Dios, Caltrans District 8, requested agencies contact Local Assistance if they have any training needs.

William Hemsley, City of Eastvale, commented that it would be appreciated if tools like Zoom would be available for future meetings. Alberto Vergel de Dios said an invitation could be extended to Caltrans Headquarters to participate in meetings with local agencies.

10. GENERAL PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Jillian Guizado, RCTC, stated that adjustment factors to the EMFAC models, in response to the SAFE Vehicles Rule, have been approved. Part Two of the Rule will be effective June 29.

Jillian Guizado further stated that SCAG's current RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal) is due to expire in a couple of weeks. On May 7, the SCAG Regional Council approved the RTP portion of Connect SoCal so it could be submitted for the necessary reviews and approvals so as not to let the region fall into a conformity lapse. Approval of the SCS was delayed up to 120 days.

11. CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY 2020

Jenny Chan reported that in March, the CTC adopted the 2020 Transportation Improvement Program and a host of SB 1-funded competitive program guidelines. A special CTC meeting was held at the end of April. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CTC extended the deadline for submitting various competitive grant applications, including Active Transportation Program Cycle 5, Local Partnership Program Competitive, SCCP, and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. The CTC extended deadlines related to local streets and road programs. Thus far, the CTC has been unable to make changes to the MOE requirements. Staff will notify the TAC of any updates.

The next CTC meeting will be June 24 via webinar.

Question: John Corella, Cathedral City, asked if the MOE referred to is for SB 1.

Response: Jenny Chan said it is.

12. RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: APRIL AND MAY 2020

Lorelle Moe-Luna reported the final 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was approved by the CTC in March. Four projects were submitted from Riverside County and approved by the CTC, totaling \$121.6 million.

The Commission approved revised funding projections for the Local Transportation Fund (LTF).

13. CALTRANS DISTRICT 8 LOCAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Alberto Vergel de Dios reported:

- Hired a Transportation Engineer
- DBE Program Guidelines changes during COVID-19 pandemic
- Construction Contract Administration Guidance changes during COVID-19 pandemic
- Online training is available for the bus rapid transit design and operations
- Statewide needs assessment deadline is extended; agencies should complete their statewide needs assessment survey
- Local highway bridge program reform policy – webinars June 3 and June 4
- Local HSIP 10 Call for Projects – webinar May 20
- Proposed deadlines for closing out this Federal Fiscal Year were sent out by headquarters:
 - RFAs are due by June 26
 - FTA transfers due by July 24
 - RFAs should be submitted to the district two weeks prior to these deadlines
 - Keep sending inactive project invoices

14. COMMITTEE MEMBER / STAFF REPORT

Pat Thomas asked if it would be possible to have the ability to videoconference future TAC meetings rather than attend in person. William Hemsley stated he is interested in attending remotely, as well.

Jillian Guizado said hopefully the Governor will continue to afford public agencies opportunities to have these types of meetings and still be in compliance with the law, at least maybe through the end of the year. Our situation will be very fluid and there will probably be a lot of people who still are not able to join us in person. Once COVID-19 gets resolved, if we end up having to just resort back to what is currently in law, we're definitely willing to look at ways we can improve meetings, whether it's setting up a couple of meeting sites or another accommodation, but ultimately we have to be in compliance with the Brown Act.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:09 a.m. The next meeting will be July 20, 10:30 a.m., at the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Board Room, 73710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

Respectfully submitted,



Jillian Guizado
Planning and Programming Manager

AGENDA ITEM 5

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	July 20, 2020
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	David Knudsen, Legislative Affairs Manager
SUBJECT:	State and Federal Legislative Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to receive and file an update on state and federal legislation.

State Update

2020-21 State Budget

Governor Gavin Newsom signed the 2020 Budget Act, a \$202.1 billion spending plan, on June 29, 2020, that addresses numerous pressing issues related to emergency response, public health and safety, and economic recovery while focusing on the State's \$54.3 billion budget deficit resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The enacted 2020-21 budget continues investment in transportation. While fuel tax revenues used to fund transportation projects are expected to decline by a total of \$1.8 billion through 2024-25, the budget maintains Caltrans' current planning and engineering staffing levels to continue developing and designing previously programmed projects. Caltrans will accelerate projects to achieve cost savings, support the creation of new jobs in the transportation sector, and improve roads. Caltrans did see a \$500 million overall budget reduction, but the Department plans to award all of the projects it currently has programmed for construction in the coming year.

Senate Bill 743 Implementation

At the June 10, 2020 Commission meeting, Commissioners received an update on Caltrans' Senate Bill (SB) 743 (Steinberg, 2013) implementation and the use of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary method for assessing transportation impacts on the environment for projects subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. The Commission also approved sending a letter to Governor Newsom requesting a two-year implementation delay.

As of this report, RCTC staff has not received a formal response from the Administration to the Chair's request for delay. Instead, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and Caltrans held a joint stakeholder virtual Town Hall meeting titled: Rethinking How We Build So Californians Can Drive Less, celebrating July 1, 2020 when SB 743 took effect. During that Town Hall, archived

here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=za7vJw4jRuE> (17:48), Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin stated it is not the goal to "kill" a self-help county's voter approved project, but he noted that those projects will need to be reviewed to meet state law and "where necessary, push for mitigation where needed, on many cases." This means that the VMT policy will affect CEQA review of capacity-increasing projects on the state highway system that are included in voter approved programs. Caltrans is in the process of developing and organizing research, materials, and best practices related to mitigating induced VMT but actual mitigation policy has not yet been finalized. Transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure projects are among the project types that will not be subject to VMT analysis.

RCTC staff will continue to participate in Caltrans' process so that voter approved transportation projects can be delivered in Riverside County.

Federal Update

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation

With the current federal surface transportation bill, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, set to expire on September 30, 2020, Congress continues to work on legislation to reauthorize federal transportation programs. As part of this effort, on June 3, 2020, the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee Chairman, Peter DeFazio (D-OR), introduced the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST) Act, a five-year reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs. The measure would invest nearly \$500 billion over five years across highway, transit, and rail programs. The bill's major themes are "Fix It First" policies, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing climate change, and infrastructure resiliency.

After more than 24 hours of debate that included the consideration of 177 amendments, the INVEST Act was approved by the T&I Committee by a party-line vote. The INVEST Act has since been incorporated into H.R. 2, The Moving Forward Act, a broader \$1.5 trillion infrastructure bill that includes school construction, affordable housing, clean water, broadband, and transportation programs. The bill does not identify a funding source to pay for these programs. The House of Representatives passed H.R. 2, mostly along a party-line vote, on July 1, 2020.

Based on the Commission adopted 2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform, RCTC staff successfully proposed amendments to the legislation that were included in the final bill. These amendments advance priorities in Riverside County by:

- Increasing the competitiveness of grade separation projects for federal funding.
- Ensuring RCTC and other self-help counties in California are eligible to compete for new grant funding programs.

Representative Pete Aguilar of Redlands submitted both adopted amendments.

RCTC proposed additional amendments that were not included as part of H.R. 2. These amendments would have:

- Added special grant funding consideration for counties that have voter-approved sales taxes.
- Added special grant funding consideration for projects that use innovative finance and funding.
- Allowed the Coachella Valley Rail project and many other surface transportation projects to be eligible for assistance from the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council. Assistance from this Council would have expedited federal reviews and approvals and helped resolve disputes.

RCTC staff worked closely with the offices of Representatives Calvert, Ruiz, and Takano, as well as Representative Aguilar, Representative Harley Rouda of Newport Beach, and Representative Grace Napolitano of El Monte. These Members supported RCTC's efforts to make our region more competitive for federal transportation dollars.

There are still several steps, including bill conference with the Senate, that have to take place before a final surface transportation reauthorization bill can be enacted into law. Last year, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed its FAST Act reauthorization legislation that would authorize \$287 billion for only highway programs over five years. Several committees in the Senate have to act before a surface transportation bill can be considered by the full Senate. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has indicated that he does not support the provisions of H.R. 2, but has intimated a willingness to consider a companion Senate bill at the appropriate time. If surface transportation programs are not reauthorized by September 30, 2020, Congress will have to enact an extension of current programs for a period of time.

RCTC staff will continue to participate in the federal process to advocate for transportation infrastructure policies that benefit Riverside County residents and commuters.

COVID-19 Federal Response

Four COVID-19 relief packages have been enacted to date: Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (March 4, 2020); Families First Coronavirus Response Act (March 18, 2020); the \$2 trillion CARES Act (March 27, 2020), and Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (April 24, 2020). With these legislative packages - already enacted into law - Congress has appropriated nearly \$3 trillion in COVID-19 relief and response spending. In addition, the House on May 15th passed a further COVID-19 package - the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act. The HEROES Act is a \$3 trillion COVID-19 relief package, with nearly \$1 trillion of that for state, local and tribal governments; direct payments to individuals; hazard pay for essential workers; funding for coronavirus testing and tracing; increased spending on food stamps; housing support; student loan forgiveness; and a new employee retention tax credit and extension of unemployment benefits. While Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has not yet committed to a timeframe

for the Senate to consider its version of a fifth coronavirus relief bill, he has expressed a willingness to consider such legislation as the country sees an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. According to reports, any Congressionally enacted fifth relief package could focus on liability reform, schools, jobs, aid to states and local governments and healthcare. The Senate is on recess until July 20, 2020 and once they return will only have a few weeks to act before the House is on recess until September.

Appropriations

A two-year budget deal (FY20 and FY21) passed by Congress and signed by the President in 2019 should help facilitate the appropriations process. The House Appropriations Committee is expected to take up their version of the FY21 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill the week of July 13, 2020. While it is possible that the full House could consider the legislation prior to the August recess, a date has not been set for the Senate to begin to work on FY21 Appropriations bills.

Based on a shortened timeframe and competing COVID-19 issues, it is not anticipated that Congress will be able to pass the 12 appropriations bills before the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30, 2020. Congress had to delay work on the normal appropriations bills to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. In addition, there are considerable policy differences between the House and Senate. Therefore, it is expected that there will need to be a continuing resolution before the end of the federal fiscal year to fund federal programs until sometime after the 2020 November election.

AGENDA ITEM 6

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	July 20, 2020
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Theresa Trevino, Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT:	Update on Measure A and Local Transportation Fund Sales Tax Revenues

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to receive and file an update on Measure A and Local Transportation Fund (LTF) sales tax revenues.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In early March 2020, the federal government as well as the California Governor issued emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued an executive stay at home order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the State to slow the spread of COVID-19. The County of Riverside also issued a directive to county residents supporting the Governor’s executive order. COVID-19 and the related “stay at home” orders have negatively impacted the local, regional, state, and federal economies; the magnitude and duration of these impacts is uncertain.

At its May meeting, the Commission approved revised FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21 revenue projections for Measure A, LTF, and TUMF to establish more realistic projections and expectations for the Commission’s FY 2020/21 budget and impacts on local jurisdictions. Based on the analysis performed for sales tax revenues by economic category and underlying economic segments, the revised projections anticipate significant decreases in Measure A and LTF revenues. Due to the uncertainties related to the magnitude and duration of COVID-19 impacts, the FY 2020/21 budget approved by the Commission in June is based on the best available economic information and will require continuous monitoring, assessment and potential adjustment throughout the fiscal year.

Staff will present an update on Measure A and LTF sales tax revenues based on current information available.

AGENDA ITEM 7

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	July 20, 2020
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Jenny Chan, Senior Management Analyst
SUBJECT:	Active Transportation Program – Metropolitan Planning Organizations’ Regional Program Guidelines –20 Points Distribution Options for Riverside County Project Applications

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to discuss and provide input on staff’s 20 points distribution options to the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Metropolitan Planning Organizations’ (MPO) Regional Program Guidelines for the county share.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ATP is a highly competitive statewide program that funds bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs to enhance or encourage walking and biking. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) awards 50 percent of the funds at the statewide competitive level, 10 percent to small urban and rural regions, and 40 percent at the large MPO level. The ATP process allows applicants two opportunities for award – at the statewide level and the large MPO level. As part of the sequential project selection, projects are first evaluated statewide and those that are not ranked high enough for statewide funding are automatically provided a second opportunity for funding through the large MPO share. As the MPO, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is required to work with county transportation commissions, the CTC, and Caltrans to develop its regional program recommendations.

Provided in Table 1 is the Cycle 5 MPO fund estimate for the SCAG region. Five percent of the total funds supplement the SCAG Sustainable Communities Program that funds non-infrastructure projects and plans. The remaining 95 percent is reserved for implementation projects and are distributed to each county based on population, as shown in Table 2. RCTC will have approximately \$11 million to award for Cycle 5.

Table 1 – MPO Fund Estimate

Fiscal Year	Funds (\$1000s)
21/22	20,310
22/23	21,157
23/24	25,976
24/25	25,976
Total	93,419

Table 2 – County Share for Implementation Projects

County	Population %	Funding Amount (\$1000s)
Los Angeles	54%	\$47,506
Orange	17%	\$14,930
Riverside	12%	\$11,305
San Bernardino	11%	\$10,157
Ventura	5%	\$3,969
Imperial	1%	\$882
Total	100%	\$88,748

As part of the development of the regional program guidelines, SCAG allows each county transportation commission to assign up to 20 points to the CTC's project scores. Each county transportation commission in the SCAG region is responsible for defining "plans" and developing its guidance and methodology for assigning the 20 points.

DISCUSSION:

For the current ATP Cycle 5, staff is recommending an update to the points distribution to award agencies that invested in pre-construction activities and fund more "shovel-ready" projects. Staff recommends project readiness be a factor that should be weighted more heavily as it illustrates the local agency's commitment to leverage other funding sources and meets one of the Commission's goals to deliver active transportation facilities as a partner with local agencies. Additionally, in past cycles, every project was awarded the full 10 points for inclusion in an active transportation plan, staff is recommending either eliminating the criteria or reducing the maximum points for this criterion. See proposed options in Table 3.

Table 3 – Proposed Options for 20 Points Distribution

	Criteria	Cycle 4	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
1.	Requesting construction-only funding	4	6	4		3
2.	Construction funding in the first two years of programming	6	-			
2a.	Construction funding in the first two years of programming & PA/ED completed	-	10	10	10	10
2b.	Construction funding in the first two years of programming & PA/ED & PS&E completed	-		16	16	14
3.	Projects identified in WRCOG Sub-regional Active Transportation Plan or CVAG Non-Motorized Plan; or an adopted local active transportation plan, bike or pedestrian master plan, or Safe Routes to School Plan	10	4			
4.	Project located on the SCAG Pedestrian/Bike High Injury Network (Map , Data Source: TIMS, data from 2010-2014)				4	3

Staff is seeking feedback and recommendations from TAC members on the proposed options for the 20 points distribution. Staff will also consider other options proposed by TAC members. The final revisions will be brought back to the TAC in September 2020 for recommendation to forward to the October Budget and Implementation Committee/November Commission for approval and inclusion into SCAG's ATP MPO Regional Program Guidelines.

AGENDA ITEM 8

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	July 20, 2020
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Martha Masters, Senior Management Analyst
SUBJECT:	2019 and 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to receive and file an update on the 2019 and 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 2019 FTIP was officially adopted on December 17, 2018. As of today, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has processed ten formal amendments; one consistency amendment, No. 19-12, associated with the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendments; and eleven administrative modifications. All formal amendments, except for Amendment No. 19-23, have received the reviewing agencies' conformity approvals and the consistency amendment has been approved. Administrative modification approvals are delegated to SCAG and all eleven administrative modifications have been approved. The next amendment is an administrative modification (No. 19-24) and is due to SCAG on July 28, 2020 per the attached 2019 FTIP schedule (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION:

2019 FTIP

In late summer 2019, Commission staff worked with several local agencies to update projects through the RTP Consistency Amendment No. 19-12 in the FTIP which was approved in early June 2020. Please be aware that changes made to projects in Amendment No. 19-12 supersede any amendments made between amendment Nos. 19-13 and 19-22.

Planning and Programming staff keep track of the needed changes for local agency projects to ensure obligation of funds without any delays. Staff recommends local agencies' staff be familiar with their respective project information currently programmed in the 2019 FTIP and notify Commission staff of any changes so they can properly be incorporated into an upcoming FTIP amendment to avoid obligation delays.

The current 2019 FTIP Approved Listing, including Amendment Nos. 1-22, is available on SCAG's website <http://ftip.scag.ca.gov/Pages/2019/approved.aspx>.

2021 FTIP

In January 2020, staff submitted 389 projects to SCAG for the 2021 FTIP. The cost of projects submitted totaled approximately \$12 billion dollars. It is important to note the 2021 FTIP was anticipated to be fully approved in December 2020 but the schedule has been delayed and approval is now anticipated in April 2021. Staff urges local agencies' staff to review the current 2019 FTIP and submit revisions to their projects if there are any federal obligations required between now and April 2021 to avoid obligation delays. The 2021 amendment schedule was released by SCAG and is attached for your information (Attachment 2).

RCTC Planning and Programming staff are available to assist with any questions about on-going projects that may require updates in the 2019 or 2021 FTIP for federal approvals and/or federal obligations.

Attachments:

- 1) 2019 FTIP Amendment Schedule
- 2) 2021 FTIP Amendment Schedule

2019 FTIP
AMENDMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION SCHEDULE

Only for projects that urgently need to be updated (emergency type)

Due Date (by Noon)	Amendments	Administrative Modifications
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	Amendment #19-17	
Tuesday, March 17, 2020		Administrative Modification #19-18
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	Emergency Amendment #19-19 (San Bernardino/ICTC County request)	
Tuesday, April 21, 202		Emergency Administrative Modificaiton #19-21 (RCTC Request)
Tuesday, April 28, 2020	Amendment #19-20	
Tuesday, May 19, 2020		Administrative Modificaiton #19-22
Tuesday, June 9, 2020	Amendment #19-23	
Tuesday, July 28, 2020		Administrative Modificaiton #19-24
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	Amendment #19-25	

Amendments submitted during this period should only be emergency type (necessary changes for obligations) as the 2021 FTIP is being developed. Dates and amendment types may change based on future guidance from FHWA/FTA as it relates to the SAFE-Vehicle Rule.

**2021 FTIP
AMENDMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION
SCHEDULE**

Due Date (by Noon)	Amendments	Administrative Modifications
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	Amendment #21-01*	2020 STIP, 2020 SHOPP, HBP and emergency type changes to address comments received on Draft 2021 FTIP only. Concurrent with 2021 FTIP base
Tuesday, January 19, 2021		Administrative Modification #21-02*
Tuesday, April 20, 2021	Amendment #21-03	
Thursday, June 15, 2021		Administrative Modification #21-04

AGENDA ITEM 9

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	July 20, 2020
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Jillian Guizado, Planning and Programming Manager
SUBJECT:	Facilitating Riverside County's Competitiveness for Grant Funding

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to provide information on how staff proposes to facilitate local agencies' competitiveness for grant funding.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since its passage in 2017, staff has sent emails and presented agenda items to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that communicated the status of several Senate Bill 1 (SB 1)-created competitive and formula funding programs, including:

- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP);
- Trade Corridors Enhancement Program (TCEP);
- Local Partnership Program-Competitive (LPP-C) and -Formula (LPP-F);
- Active Transportation Program (ATP); and
- Local Streets and Roads (LSR).

More recently, beginning in January 2019, staff communicated the impending guidelines update process the California Transportation Commission (CTC) was embarking on before releasing the next cycle of SB 1 grant opportunities in spring 2020. Subsequently, emails and TAC agenda items have been distributed to keep local agencies within Riverside County informed of requirements and timelines for participating in and pursuing funds from these programs.

DISCUSSION:

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting transportation revenues and has the potential to continue to do so for years to come depending how quickly and strongly the economy recovers after the pandemic. As such, grant funding is anticipated to be in higher demand necessitating local and regional agencies make their applications for funding as competitive as possible.

Commission staff proposes the following to facilitate Riverside County's competitiveness under SB 1 funding programs:

- In addition to the TAC email distribution list, create an additional email distribution list of local agency staff members;
- Host workshops, when applicable, leading up to or at the start of the next SB 1 cycles;

- Continue to be available for phone, email, and/or in-person consultations regarding project competitiveness and application strategy.

Staff welcomes TAC member ideas and feedback for alternative or additional ways staff can facilitate local agencies' competitiveness.

AGENDA ITEM 10

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	July 20, 2020
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Jillian Guizado, Planning and Programming Manager
SUBJECT:	California Transportation Commission Meeting Highlights: June 2020

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to receive and file June 2020 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting highlights.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

June 24, 2020 CTC Meeting ([Agenda](#))

TAB 16 – Budget and Allocation Capacity.

TAB 21 – Telework and Transportation.

TAB 23 – Adoption of the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Guidelines.

TAB 131 – Request of \$15,350,000 for two-locally-administered Local Partnership Formulaic Program (LPP-F) projects, on the State Highway System, programmed in FY 2020-21.

TAB 136 – Request of \$19,475,000 for 20 Active Transportation Program (ATP) projects, including:

- Moreno Valley’s segment of the Juan Bautista De Anza Multi-Use Trail; \$1,125,000;
- Perris’ Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel – Phase 2; \$524,000;
- Temecula’s Santa Gertrudis Creek Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail Extension and Interconnect; \$3,570,000; and
- Palm Desert’s San Pablo Avenue Improvements from Fred Waring Drive to Magnesia Falls Drive; \$3,222,000.

TAB 138 – Request of \$825,000 for two ATP projects, programmed FY 2020-21, including:

- County of Riverside’s Riverside County Safe Routes to School Program; \$325,000; and
- County of Riverside’s Riverside County Safe Routes to School Program, Desert Hot Springs; \$500,000.

TAB 153 – Request to extend the period of project development expenditure for 10 ATP projects, per ATP Guidelines, including:

- County of Riverside’s Cabazon Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Safety Improvements project for an 11-month project development expenditure extension for the right of way phase.

TAB 154 – Request to extend the period of project development expenditure for the locally-administered LPP-F State Route 91/71 Interchange and Connectors project on the State Highway System in Riverside County, per LPP Guidelines.

TAB 165 – Request to amend previously approved time extensions for the period of project allocation for 15 ATP projects, per Interim Timely Use of Funds policy, including:

- County of Riverside’s Cabazon Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Safety Improvements project for a 7-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction phase; and
- Temecula’s Santa Gertrudis Creek Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail Extension and Interconnect project for a 3-month extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction phase.

TAB 170 – Request to amend previously approved time extensions for the period of project allocation for four LPP projects, per Interim Timely Use of Funds policy, including:

- Calimesa/Yucaipa’s County Line Road Transportation Corridor project for an 8-month time extension amendment to allocate funding for the construction phase.

AGENDA ITEM 11

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	July 20, 2020
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director
SUBJECT:	RCTC Commission Meeting Highlights: June 2020

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to receive and file June 2020 Commission meeting highlights.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

June 2020 Commission Meeting [\(Agenda\)](#)

Item 5 – Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21

This item was for the Commission to conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget and adopt the proposed Budget for FY 2020/21.

Item 7H – City of Canyon Lake’s Request to Convert Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant to Local Measure A Regional Arterial Funds for the Railroad Canyon Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project

This item was for the Commission to approve the city of Canyon Lake’s request for conversion of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to local 2009 Measure A Western County Regional Arterial (MARA) funds to the Railroad Canyon Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project (Project).

Item 7Q – Inland Empire Telework Initiative

This item was for the Commission to authorize staff to develop and implement a comprehensive telework assistance program for Riverside County employers and residents, authorize staff to work with local and regional government partners, Riverside County businesses, and other stakeholders to identify and encourage additional options for virtual travel and other cost-effective transportation demand management (TDM) strategies, and authorize staff to quantify vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions resulting from the telework assistance program and additional TDM strategies for the purposes of creating potential mitigation credits for transportation projects subject to SB 743.

Item 7R – City of Lake Elsinore Funding Request for Construction of Interstate 15/Main Street Interchange Improvement Project

This item was for the Commission to approve programming \$5,483,000 of MARA funds for the city of Lake Elsinore’s Interstate 15/Main Street Interchange Improvement Project.

Item 8 – Award of Interstate 215/Placentia Avenue Interchange Project Construction Agreement to Riverside Construction Company

This item was for the Commission to award an agreement to Riverside Construction Company to construct the Interstate 215/Placentia Avenue Interchange Project in the amount of \$30,292,082 and to enter into other related agreements for the Project.

AGENDA ITEM 12

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE:	July 20, 2020
TO:	Technical Advisory Committee
FROM:	Jenny Chan, Senior Management Analyst
SUBJECT:	Caltrans District 8 Local Assistance Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This item is to receive and file an update from Caltrans District 8 Local Assistance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Caltrans' Local Assistance Program oversees more than one billion dollars annually available to over 600 cities, counties, and regional agencies for the purpose of improving their transportation infrastructure or providing transportation services. This funding comes from various Federal and State programs specifically designated to assist the transportation needs of local agencies. Annually, over 1,200 new projects are authorized through the Local Assistance Program of which approximately 700 are construction projects.

Caltrans District 8 Local Assistance is responsible for obligating and allocating federal and state funds, providing guidance on federal and state regulations, and direction on processes and procedures that are tied to each funding program. Local Assistance is responsible for the current funding programs as identified in Table 1.

Table 1: Caltrans Local Assistance funding program responsibilities

Federal Programs	State Programs
Active Transportation Program (ATP)	Active Transportation Program (ATP)
Emergency Relief (ER)	Local Partnership Program (LPP) <i>Off-system</i>
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)	Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) <i>Off-system</i>
Highway Bridge Program (HBP)	State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) <i>Off-system</i>
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) <i>Off-system</i>
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) <i>Off-system</i>	
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	