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SUBJECT: Update on Efforts to Establish the Proposed Gold Coast Transit District

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file presentation from Gold Coast Transit Agency on forming a Transit District

DISCUSSION:


Gold Coast Transit (GCT) is a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) comprised of the Cities of Oxnard, Ventura, Ojai, Port Hueneme and the County of Ventura to provide regional transit service in western Ventura County.

The GCT Board of Directors has conducted several strategic planning workshops over the past few years and has directed staff to pursue the development of draft legislation to create a Transit District. The draft legislation assumes the existing JPA members will be part of the new District and that other municipalities may join later if desired. An Ad Hoc Committee of the GCT Board has been meeting over the past year to draft legislative language based on the existing JPA which would outline the structure and operation of the proposed District.

As our Board knows from Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) Meetings, Senate Bill 716, enacted in 2009, requires that all local Transportation Development Act Funds allocated to jurisdictions be committed solely to transit effective July 1, 2014. Currently those funds may be spent on street and road maintenance once all unmet transit needs have been met. In response to SB 716, VCTC adopted a Regional Transit Study which supported the creation of the Gold Coast Transit District to assume responsibilities for west county public transportation services. Transit operations outside the GCT area including VISTA would be provided with the opportunity to join the District.

It is expected that the legislation for the District will be finalized in early 2013 after review by the affected jurisdictions.

Respectfully,


John C. Zaragoza, Board Chair
Supervisor, Fifth District
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