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1.	11/17/2025	Jillian Guizado, RCTC Planning & Programming Director, on behalf of Aaron Hake, Executive Director	RCTC	AI #1	Letter of Support for SCAG Staff's FFY 2026-27 & FFY 2027-28 STBG/CMAQ Award Recommendations

**From:** Jillian Guizado <JGuizado@rctc.org>

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**Cc:** Martha Masters <MMasters@RCTC.org>; Warren Whiteaker <whiteakerw@scag.ca.gov>

**Subject:** RE: STBG/CMAQ Award Recommendations Item Posted

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Good morning, Heidi:

Please find attached a letter of support from RCTC which is intended to be attached as a public comment on the RC item for the STBG/CMAQ award recommendations. I wasn't able to write it as such since I didn't want to wait until the agenda was posted. Please let me know if you need me to send this somewhere else within SCAG.

Best regards,

**Jillian Guizado**

Planning & Programming Director

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November 17, 2025

Honorable Cindy Allen  
President  
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Subject: Letter of Support for SCAG Staff's FFY 2026-27 & FFY 2027-28 STBG/CMAQ Award Recommendations

Dear President Allen:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) supports the six recommended Riverside County projects included in SCAG staff's recommendations for funding in its Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2026-27 and 2027-28 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program for a total of \$152.8 million. Additionally, we support staff's recommendation to place six Riverside County projects on the contingency list.

The projects recommended for funding across Riverside County truly offer improvements for every mode of transportation, including freight (rail and truck), passenger vehicle, transit, biking, and walking. More specifically:

- The Riverside Transit Agency purchase of 10 replacement buses will serve a 2,500 square mile area while producing no emissions;
- RCTC's Interstate 15 Express Lanes Project will extend the existing Interstate 15 toll facility another 15 miles from Corona to Lake Elsinore at State Route 74, giving travelers a reliable trip and mode choice options;
- The Coachella Valley Association of Governments' (CVAG) Coachella Arts and Music Line will expand active transportation opportunities in the desert, building off its latest active transportation success story, CV Link;
- Palm Desert will modernize its traffic management system, resulting in reduced vehicle emissions and improved safety;
- The Interstate 10 Monroe Street Interchange improvements is an impressive partnership between the City, CVAG, and the County of Riverside, which is delivering this large project on behalf of the growing city. This is not your typical interchange project; it includes operational improvements to the freeway mainline *and* builds a connection to the CV Link active transportation corridor; and
- Beaumont's Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation will deliver air quality and safety improvements to Pass Area residents, one of Riverside County's fastest-growing subregions.

Our staff will do everything in its power to ensure the six Riverside County projects are delivered timely. Furthermore, they will endeavor to facilitate the six contingency list projects to get as shovel ready as possible in the event additional federal formula funding comes available.

I encourage the SCAG Regional Council to approve staff's recommendations and thank you for your support of Riverside County's multimodal future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aaron Hake", is written over a light blue background.

Aaron Hake  
Executive Director