



# ON THE MOVE

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## ON THE AGENDA

### VENTURA/SANTA BARBARA 101 WIDENING LIKELY DELAYED

Because of budgetary issues, the State Treasurer has moved to cancel the Spring 2011 sale of General Obligation Bonds. Given the uncertainty of available transportation funding in the past few years, this comes as no surprise to the Commission.

This cancellation delays projects for VCTC that are currently awaiting additional funding, including the Route 101 Widening from Mussel Shoals to Carpinteria in Santa Barbara County. The delay of the project is disheartening for both counties who have collaborated and spent much of their efforts to see it through.

### METROLINK TO CHANGE STATION NAME

VCTC has requested the Montalvo Metrolink Station be officially renamed the East Ventura Station as of Metrolink's next schedule printing. This change is an effort to identify the name of the city in which the station is located. East Ventura Station is more reflective of the area served by the station, thereby making it easier to locate for Metrolink system riders unfamiliar with western Ventura County.

### AGRICULTURAL WORKER VANPOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

In July 2009, the Agricultural Worker Vanpool Program began operating in Ventura County. The program was developed to provide safe, efficient, reliable, and affordable vanpool services to agricultural workers commuting to and from worksites in rural areas. In the last 12 months, the Agricultural Worker Vanpool Program has reduced 18,677 auto trips and reduced 3,025,350 Vehicle Miles Traveled.



*Commissioners Zaragoza, Strobel, Fulton*

### COMMISSIONERS

The Ventura County Transportation Commission welcomes Bill Fulton, Mayor of the City of Ventura, as the new Commission Chair. He most recently served the Commission as its Vice Chair. Commissioner Fulton has served on the Ventura County Transportation Commission since 2006.

The members of the Ventura County Transportation Commission elected County Supervisor John Zaragoza to the position of Vice Chair at the February meeting. A lifelong resident of Oxnard, Commissioner Zaragoza has been the District 5 County Supervisor since 2009, representing Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and surrounding areas.

The Ventura County Transportation Commission welcomes its newest Commissioner, Carlon Strobel. Commissioner Strobel currently serves as a City Councilmember for the City of Ojai.

## IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

MAKING VENTURA COUNTY A BETTER PLACE FOR BUSINESS

Early this year we began a survey specific to businesses in order to receive feedback on what transportation improvements or needs are out there. The business survey is still open to the public. We encourage you to submit your ideas and feedback regarding transportation issues within Ventura County as it relates to your business.

Results from the survey will help guide future decisions that can benefit your company's mission as well as your employees. Visit our website ([www.goventura.org](http://www.goventura.org)) today to let your voice be heard. Click on the "Take Survey" button at the bottom of the page to get started.

The ten minutes you invest can make a big difference for the future.

Thank you for keeping Ventura County moving!

The seventeen-member board of the VCTC meets monthly on the first Friday of each month except in August. The meetings are open to the public and comments on transportation topics are welcomed. Meetings are held at:

Camarillo City Hall  
601 Carmen Drive  
Camarillo, CA  
Starting time: 9:00 AM

Dates and times are subject to change, so check the Current Agenda (available at [www.goventura.org](http://www.goventura.org)) for the most up-to-date information.

**Ventura County Transportation Commission**

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## ON THE STREETS

### POTHoles ONLY GETTING WORSE

As recently reported in the Ventura County *Star*, it appears that the inclement weather conditions of last month did nothing to alleviate the problems caused by potholes in Ventura County roadways.

As the state and counties attempt to resolve the problem, it is apparent that without proper maintenance, the streets are rapidly deteriorating. "There is not a quick and easy fix out there at this point," said Darren Kettle, Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission. Because local government is dependent on the gas tax funding for street repairs,

Ventura County is financially impacted. More residents are driving fewer miles and buying cars with better gas mileage. It is estimated that \$380 million is needed for basic road maintenance over the next 10 years, for which there is no projected funding.

The VCTC is in the process of conducting a comprehensive study of transportation issues, including how we maintain our local streets and roads. If you have a group that would like to talk about our transportation future, please e-mail VCTC's Public Information Officer Donna Cole at [dcole@goventura.org](mailto:dcole@goventura.org).

## ON THE MAP

### DID YOU KNOW?

Simi Valley was known as **Simiopolis** for a short period of time in the late 1800s due to its rapid growth around the newly built Southern Pacific Railroad Depot.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ventura County Transportation

#### Commission Meeting

March 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Camarillo City Hall

## IN YOUR COMMUNITY

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Would you like to be a part of shaping transit service in Ventura County? The county's annual unmet transit needs process is currently underway. A series of public meetings concluded on Monday, February 7, but there is still time to contribute your comments and suggestions.

The public comment period ends on February 14. After that time, your comments and suggestions will be reviewed and analyzed. Transit improvements will then be recommended for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2011. The Commission will work with local bus and dial-a-ride providers to make sure you receive the best transit services possible.

#### HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

By phone/email: Call VCTC's Transit Information Center at 1-800-438-1112 with your comments and suggestions. Email comments and suggestions to [vkamhi@goventura.org](mailto:vkamhi@goventura.org)

By mail: Send your comments and suggestions to VCTC, Attention Vic Kamhi  
950 County Square Drive #207, Ventura, CA 93003

## ON YOUR MIND

### Do you have an idea for an article in a future edition of On the Move?

Email your idea to Donna Cole at [dcole@goventura.org](mailto:dcole@goventura.org). Be sure to include your contact information so we can follow up with you for more details.

### Would you like to request a presentation by VCTC to your group or organization?

Contact Donna Cole at (805) 642-1591, ext. 101 today for more information or to schedule your presentation.

