

City of Port Hueneme

September 30, 1999

Honorable Judge Charles Campbell
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Ventura County Hall of Justice
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

**RE: 1998/99 VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT:
THE VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION AND ITS ROLE IN PUBLIC TRANSIT**

The City has received the Grand Jury Report entitled, The Ventura County Transportation Commission and Its Role in Public Transit. Responses to the reports recommendations are outlined below.

Recommendation R-1: Set up Public Transit as an independent department in each jurisdiction.

The City of Port Hueneme is a small City where staff is required to perform many overlapping duties. Though it would be nice to have an independent transit department, it would not be cost effective for the taxpayer's. Currently, transit issues are handled by the Engineering Department, which for the City of Port Hueneme consists of a staff of two.

Recommendation R-3: Require transit decision makers to use public transit regularly.

We agree it is important for decision makers to use public transit services, however, private transportation selection is a personal choice and cannot be a condition of employment.

Recommendation R-4: Increase percentage of budget for marketing and advertising to attract automobile drivers.

We will increase public awareness by additional advertising in the Hueneme Magazine and through additional printed information available at City Hall. This approach is consistent with the marketing plan promoted by SCAT.

Recommendation R-5: Improve access to transit scheduling and other information on the Internet for the benefit of employee transportation coordinators and the public.

We agree with this recommendation and will reference the SCAT web site (www.scat.org) on the City's web site.

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Recommendation R-8: Arrange with newspapers to print schedules on a regular basis every week, as theater schedules are printed.

SCAT compiles and issues the bus schedules and it would not be feasible for the City to execute this recommendation separately.

Recommendation R-10: Use staff members and volunteer speakers to address high school students, senior citizen groups, service clubs, and social clubs on transit options available.

We agree with this recommendation and will continue to coordinate this effort with the talented staff at SCAT.

Recommendation R-12: Insert bus and train schedules in City Council proceedings on television.

We agree with the intent of the recommendation, but the City of Port Hueneme Council meetings are not televised.

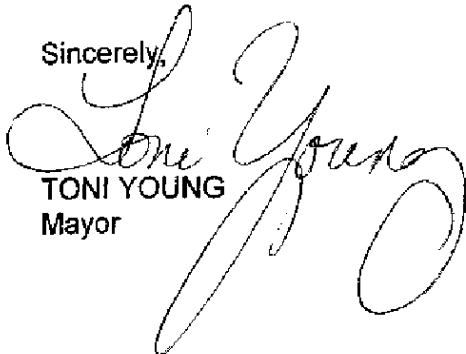
Recommendation R-16: Provide well lit shelters with benches at bus stops, with large maps and schedules posted to make bus stops more visible and more comfortable.

We have lighted bus shelters with benches at every bus stop in our jurisdiction. We will add additional Guide-A-Ride schedules.

Recommendation R-17: Increase local and commuter transit service to major employers, schools and regional transit transfer points.

SCAT provides the transit service for the City of Port Hueneme. The existing SCAT routes adequately provide local and commuter transit service to major employers, schools, and regional transit transfer points in the area.

Sincerely,



TONI YOUNG
Mayor