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Ms. Dawn S. Hall Foreperson
Ventura County Grand Jury
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, Ca 93009

VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY

Subject: Grand Jury Report: "Ventura County Transportation Commission Oversight Review."

Dear Ms. Hall,

Thank you for the recent Grand Jury Report titled, "Ventura County Transportation Commission Oversight Review." The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) appreciates the thorough investigation and report on this agency's operations. The report in its entirety was included in the VCTC's July Agenda for consideration at the monthly Commission meeting.

The VCTC agrees with the Grand Jury's conclusions and recommendation contained within the report. Unfortunately the VCTC does not have the authority to mandate that all projects, especially those exempted from the CEQA process, come to us for review. In hopes of improving the communications between local planning staffs and the VCTC staff, the attached letter referencing the Grand Jury Report and requesting VCTC's early participation in planning efforts will be forwarded to each of the cities and the County. The letter will also identify key VCTC staff members, their contact information and their specific area of expertise. It is our hope that this letter will serve as a reminder to local planning staffs that review of a project from a regional perspective is important.

Again, thank you for the Grand Jury's efforts in learning about the mission of the Ventura County Transportation Commission and issuing a thorough report and valuable recommendation. If you have any further comments or questions please feel free to contact me at (805) 642-1591.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ginger".

Ginger Gherardi,
Executive Director



County of Ventura

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2005

TO: Thomas W. Womack, Chief Deputy Executive Officer

FROM: Jim Becker, CEO Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Response to 2004-05 Grand Jury Report No. 15 entitled, "**Ventura County Transportation Commission Oversight Review**" on behalf of the Board of Supervisors

R-01: The county and cities should provide VCTC with all construction and development plans involving transportation arterial interfaces or potential effects on public transit as early in the planning stages as possible. Follow-up dates should be set and met to update data.

Response: Concur. On July 28, 2005, in response to the Grand Jury's recommendation and request from VCTC, the County Executive Office requested that all County departments involved in the planning and development process work with VCTC at the earliest possible stage so that transportation issues are fully considered in project planning.

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