# Update on

Transit Integration & Efficiency Study (TIES)



#### **GOLD COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT**

Ojai | Oxnard | Ventura | Port Hueneme | County of Ventura



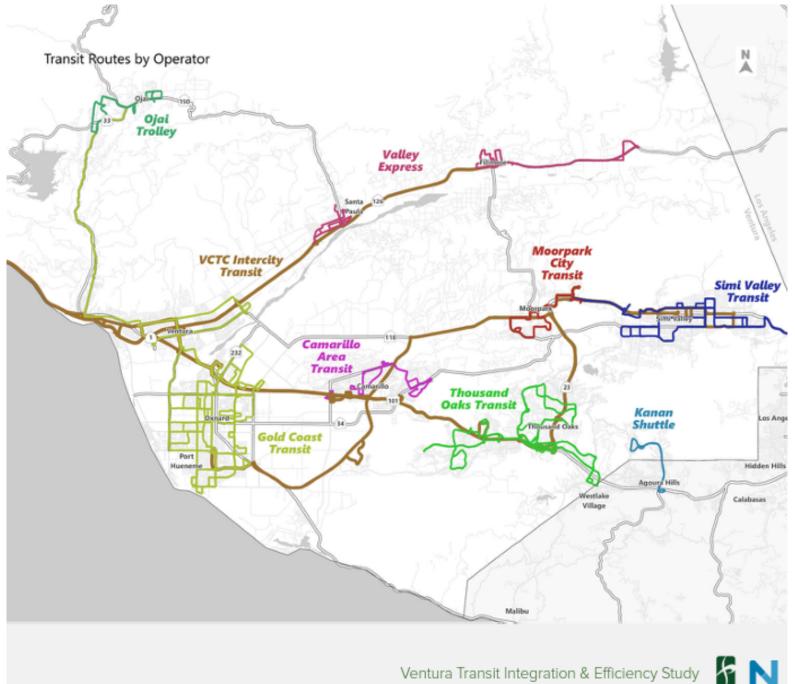
The Transit Integration and Efficiency Study (TIES Study) was initiated by the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) last year to examine system efficiencies and integration opportunities among VC bus transit operators.

This item is an informational update for the GCTD Board.



## **Update on TIES Study**

- GCTD staff have participated in three Regional Transit Operator working groups, and have had discussions with consultant team
- Potential draft strategies shaping up to provide a roadmap of options:
  - Better coordination among transit operators
  - Some consolidation for example East County / GCTD (West)
  - Full Consolidation
- VCTC continuing to work to get input and attempt to gain consensus among the cities
- Very challenging given different priorities for transit funds allocated to in Ventura County cities.



# Transit Funding History in Ventura County

In 1971, California enacted the Transportation Development Act (TDA), a quarter-cent gas tax that is a primary source of funding transit.

In 2009, SB716 passed requiring that TDA "transit" funds be used for public transit purposes in counties as they became more urban, over 500K.

In 2012, Ventura County was allowed to create its own plan to comply: The Regional Transit Study (VCTC), resulting in our current strucutres.

In 2014, cities of Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura and the County of Ventura formed a consolidated transit district for Western Ventura County (formerly a Joint Powers Authority).



### Transit Funds to GCTD Members

Each year, members may reclaim a portion of TDA funds for transit operating and transit related capital needs.

- OTC / VTC (Transit Center Maintenance)
- 2. Bus Stop Amenities, Maintenance, Equipment
- 3. Ojai Trolley Service
- 4. County Portion needed to fund Kanan Shuttle, ECTA and Valley Express











## **Update on TIES**

Since the member jurisdictions formed a District in 2014, many of the goals identified by the TIES Study are effectively inplace Western Ventura County.

Each city has unique needs, and expectations for public transit.

City concerns and questions may vary depending on strategies proposed.

In the coming months, the VCTC Commission will consider the TIES Study, and may vote on alternatives that impact GCTD.

#### **Staff Considerations**

- TDA funds committed to transit,
- FTA funds allocated,
- labor agreements,
- city assets and facilities,
- service levels,
- fare policies
- span of service
- etc.



# Questions / Input on Information

- Draft Report from VCTC coming out soon
- Future Update will be Brought to the Board once report is out
- VCTC staff invited to give a presentation