



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA

Thursday, September 14, 2006
5:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo
Council Chambers

601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California 93010

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda upon completion of a speaker card. Individual Board Members may briefly respond to Public Comments or ask questions for clarification.

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
6. **APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA**
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

SUGGESTED MOTION: *Motion/Second to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented.*

- A. **Minutes** – Adopt the Minutes of the July 13, 2006 Meeting.
- B. **Update on Implementation of 2006 Workplan** – Receive and file report. Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated September 5, 2006.

MEMBERS

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ITEM 7.A.

Minutes of July 13, 2006 Meeting



**VENTURA COUNCIL
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DRAFT MINUTES
Thursday, July 13, 2006 – 5 p.m.
City of Camarillo Council Chambers
601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Member Sharkey led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Member Patrick Hunter	City of Moorpark
Member Jacqui Irwin	City of Thousand Oaks
Member Jan McDonald	City of Camarillo
Member Paul Miller	City of Simi Valley
Member Carl Morehouse	City of San Buenaventura
Member Linda Parks	County of Ventura
Member Jonathan Sharkey	City of Port Hueneme
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Member McDonald thanked everyone for participating in the VCOG Annual Meeting held on June 22, 2006.
6. **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA:** Member Sharkey moved to approve the final agenda as presented; Member Morehouse seconded the motion, which was carried without objection by a voice vote.
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Member Sharkey moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Member Morehouse seconded the motion, which was carried without objection by a voice vote
8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
- 8A. **Update of VCTC/VCOG Issues**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz reported that representatives of VCOG and VCTC met on June 22, 2006, to review the governance options. He stated that Ginger Gherardi, VCTC Executive Director, would review the document, and a final draft would be presented at the September 28, 2006 meeting, which would be held at the Camarillo Police Station.

- 8B. **Ventura Youth Correctional Facility/SB 1589 (Romero), As Amended**
Member MacDonald noted that the Camarillo City Council voted strongly to oppose SB 1589 (Romero), and asked the VCOG members for their support to also strongly oppose the bill.

After much discussion regarding the original use of the facility and ambiguity in the language of the bill, it was moved by Member MacDonald, seconded by Member Miller, to direct the Chair and Interim Executive Director to send a letter under the signature of VCOG strongly opposing SB 1589. Motion carried without objection by a voice vote.

- 8C. **Report of Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee**

Bruce Feng provided an oral report and noted that the subcommittee was in the process of developing a work program. He noted that the subcommittee organized the emergency preparedness display at the VCOG Annual Meeting, would sponsor a terrorism seminar for elected, management employees, and emergency preparedness staff on August 3, 2006, in Camarillo; and would conduct a tour of the Southern California Distribution Operation Center on August 4, 2006 to explain what occurs during power outages. He stated that the subcommittee would continue to work on disaster preparedness fairs, outreach efforts, shared personnel with other agencies, emergency preparedness seminars, and evacuation topics. Lastly, he distributed a copy of an emergency preparedness DVD for households, which could be customized for each city.

- 8D. **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update**

Member Morehouse noted that he attended the July 6, 2006 RHNA meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments. He expressed concern that cities would be dealt RHNA numbers without the benefit of providing their input.

Chris Stephens, Ventura County Planning Director, stated that County Planning staff has been sending technical and procedural comments and questions to SCAG; however, no clear response has been received. He also stated that SCAG adopted the Draft RHNA Pilot Program language. He noted that the Ventura County Planning Directors Association reviewed the language and found three items they felt were important. He recommended that a letter be sent from VCOG to SCAG outlining these issues:

1. The factors that SCAG will consider in its growth forecasting process. There is a factor in state law that was omitted from this list regarding preservation of agricultural land and natural habitat.
2. Legislation regarding protection of military facilities. Important to suggest to SCAG that they add the preservation of military facilities.
3. Identification of suitable lands for growth. Important to remind SCAG that voter-approved initiatives are not a locally adopted land use regulation as traditionally thought.

It was moved by Member Parks, seconded by Member MacDonald, for a letter to be sent from VCOG. Motion carried without objection by voice vote.

8E. **Report of Legislative Subcommittee**

Mina Layba provided an oral report and noted that the subcommittee conducted three meetings in the last year and has advocated positions regarding opposition to AB 2987 Telecommunications bill, federal communications act, and federal reductions of CDBG funding. She also noted that the subcommittee is monitoring November bond initiatives, including infrastructure ballot measures and the eminent domain initiative, and legislation regarding the RHNA process. She stated that the subcommittee would like direction regarding the Romero bill (SB 1589).

8F. **Request to Co-Sponsor Application with Ventura County Civic Alliance for “2% Strategy” Funds from the Southern California Association of Governments for “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County”**

Ron Bottorff, representing the Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA), stated that no city funds would need to be committed at this time, and letters were sent to cities to consider adopting resolutions of support. He noted that the Vacant Land Study would include all land that is within cities that are vacant, undeveloped, and zoned commercial or residential, and that no land in agricultural or unincorporated areas would be included. He also noted that the intent of the application is to have a partnership between VCOG and the VCCA to collect data, update the 2002 Vacant Land Study, and analyze a preliminary set of scenarios.

Member Parks expressed support for VCOG’s role in this project, but also expressed concern with VCCA’s position. Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz suggested that the Board could approve Phase 1 at this point and condition the approval with the creation of an oversight committee with two members from VCOG and two members from VCCA.

It was moved by Member Sharkey, seconded by Member Morehouse, to approve Phase 1 and make it contingent on the creation of an oversight committee with two representatives from VCOG. Motion carried without objection by voice vote.

Following discussion regarding who would serve on committee, Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz indicated that he would bring back more information at the next meeting.

8G. **Final Report on June 22, 2006 Annual Meeting**

Upon receiving Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz’s report, Chair Hunter acknowledged Mr. Bobkiewicz for efforts.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. Southern California Association of Governments: Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz referred members to the SCAG Executive Director Report in the agenda packet.
- B. Ventura County Transportation Commission: Mary Travis, VCTC, reported on the transit vision workshop. She stated that VCTC would be visiting cities and the Board of Supervisors in the Fall.
- C. League of California Cities: None.
- D. Other Agencies: None.

10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz noted that the next VCOG meeting would be held on September 14, 2006, and a joint meeting with VCTC would be held on September 28, 2006.

Member Morehouse indicated that he serves on the League of California Cities' Housing and Community Development Committee and that a strong issue in front of this committee is the eminent domain initiative. He stated that implications of this bill would control local land use and zoning. He also noted that he spoke briefly with Senator Pedro Nava and Assemblymember Lloyd Levine regarding implications from the telecommunications bill. Lastly, he mentioned that he attended the SCAG annual retreat, and that Councilmember Cook from the City of Huntington Beach provided a presentation regarding the implications of the future of energy. He noted that he would follow-up with Councilmember Cook regarding whether she would be able to provide the same presentation to VCOG on a future agenda.

11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**: None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2006**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. to the September 14, 2006 meeting.

ITEM 7.B.

Update on Implementation of 2006 Workplan



**VENTURA COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Update on Implementation of 2006 Workplan**
DATE: September 5, 2006

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this update on implementation of the 2006 Workplan.

Discussion: The following is an overview of the status of the implementation of the 2006 Workplan.

1. AB 939 Task Force: There are no issues pending on this subject.
2. Regional Housing Needs Assessment: Staff will provide an update at the September 14, 2006 meeting.
3. Future Governance Models: Staff will provide an update at the September 14, 2006 meeting.
4. Santa Barbara/Ventura County Issues: No new information to report.
5. Legislative Agenda: A copy of the Legislative Committee's August 10, 2006 minutes are attached for your information.
6. Informal Gatherings of Ventura County Officials: Event was held at the Reagan Library on June 22, 2006.
7. Emergency Preparedness: The VCOG-Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee co-hosted a Department of Homeland Security one day seminar on weapons of mass destruction and terrorism incident preparedness for 19 elected and senior officials from Ventura County and Cities. The seminar was entirely funded by Texas A & M University and was extremely informative on media relations, communication techniques and a case study on the Oklahoma Federal Building bombing.

VCOG-EP co-produced an educational DVD on household emergency preparedness uniquely designed for each City's local contact information. Currently five Cities and the County are airing the DVD on their government access channel.

Emergency preparedness outreach was conducted at several large summer events to take advantage of reaching out to the large crowds in attendance with emergency contact numbers and informational brochures.

The next VCOG-EP meeting is scheduled for the Edison EOC with a tentative date of September 29, 2006.

VCOG Legislative Committee
August 10, 2006
Meeting Notes

1. League of California Cities Update- Mullinax

- a) Telecommunications:
Analysis shows that “build-out” threshold fairly low at 30%. Federal Reform Bill H.R. 5252 is under consideration by Congress.
- b) Eminent Domain:
Proposition 90 aka the Anderson Initiative will be on the November ballot. The League is coordinating educational outreach to consumer groups. Fact sheets provided on the initiative.

2. City reports

- a) Camarillo- Presented information on SB 1589 (Romero) Juvenile Justice: During a special legislative session the Governor asked the legislature to seek remedies to prison overcrowding. The bill would impact Ventura County by replacing the use of the Ventura County Youth Correctional Facility (Ventura YCF) from low-risk youth females to high risk male inmates.
Camarillo is also supporting AB 2522 (Nava) Groundwater Protection: Septic Tank Systems.
- b) Moorpark- City sent letter of opposition- SB 1589
- c) Simi Valley- City sent letter of opposition- SB 1589
- d) Ventura- Working on a local half cent Public Safety Initiative.
- e) Fillmore- Council split on AB 2987
- f) Thousand Oaks- City sent letter of opposition- SB 1589

3. Committee Recommendations for Board Advocacy

Cities provided with copies of VCOG opposition letter- SB 1589.

Committee discussed individual City disposition endorsing or opposing ballot measures e.g. propositions, special interest taxes, etc. Cities unanimously avoid taking a position unless there is a direct impact to their City or budget.

4. Next Meeting

October 12, 2006- Tentatively Camarillo City Hall Conference Room, 8:30 a.m.
Exact meeting location will be confirmed prior to meeting date.

5. Announcements

LCC Annual Conference in San Diego, September 6-9; Channel Counties
Division Luncheon to be determined.

ITEM 7.C.

Correspondence



OF GOVERNMENTS

970 Ventura Street
Santa Paula, CA 93060

July 21, 2006

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments
818 West Seventh Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3435

Subject: Draft RHNA Pilot Program Language

Dear Mr. Pisano:

At its July 13th meeting, the Ventura County Association of Governments (VCOG) discussed the subject document adopted by the SCAG Regional Council on July 6th. While we appreciate the continuing efforts of you and your staff to develop an improved RHNA process for the SCAG region, the VCOG Board was unanimous in recommending the following revisions to the draft pilot program language:

1. We believe it is critical that Section 65584.01(e)(5), the factors to be considered in the forecasting process, be amended to include the state-adopted goal of "preservation of prime and important agricultural land and natural habitats."
2. Section 65584.01(e)(5) should be further amended to include "the protection of military facilities from urban encroachment" as a factor to be considered.
3. The language in Section 65584.01(e)(5)(ii) is overly broad when it refers to "...existing zoning ordinances and land use restrictions of a locality..." In Ventura County, many of our local jurisdictions are bound by voter-approved initiatives which neither the City Councils nor the Board of Supervisors, as the case may be, can abrogate. We would strongly recommend the language be revised to respect this reality by adding the phrase "except for voter-approved initiatives establishing urban limit lines" after the word "locality."

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We believe the above changes would greatly improve the draft language. Explicitly adding the two state-endorsed factors and respecting the political reality of our state's initiative process, the Draft RHNA Pilot Program Language is unquestioningly made a clearer and better document.

Thank you for your consideration of these VCOG-adopted recommendations. If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Stephens, Ventura County Planning Director, at 805-654-2481 or chris.stephens@ventura.org.

Sincerely,



Patrick Hunter
Chair

c: VCOG Board Members



VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

970 Ventura Street
Santa Paula, CA 93060

July 18, 2006

The Honorable Gloria Romero
Majority Leader, California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1589 (Romero), as amended 6/21/06 - Juvenile Justice: Specialized Programming NOTICE OF STRONG OPPOSITION

Dear Senator Romero:

Ventura Council of Governments is **Strongly Opposed SB 1589, as amended** as it would threaten public safety within our region. We urge you to withdraw SB 1589, for the following reasons:

Ventura Youth Correctional Facility (Ventura YCF) houses high risk, high need female offenders. The average age of Ventura YCF female wards is 18.9 years, with an average stay of 29 months. Over 90% come to the facility with physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse backgrounds and their mental health demands are great.

SB 1589 would eliminate the only female juvenile correctional facility in California. There is no verification that a correctional facility for female youth offenders is no longer needed.

Ventura YCF is located in a highly populated suburban community. This measure would replace female juveniles, the lowest level offenders with male juveniles or adult inmates who are significantly higher level offenders. This is entirely incompatible with the residential, commercial and agricultural land uses in the surrounding region.

Ventura YCF is 44 years old and lacks high-risk security features. In its current condition, the facility is not secure enough for higher-level offenders. Moreover, even after an extremely costly retrofit, SB 1589 would have unprecedented and unacceptable public safety impacts on our local citizens.

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SB 1589 does not provide for effective treatment and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders. The bill proposes sweeping changes such as "specialized programming" outside of juvenile justice facilities and placement of females in "other governmental agencies," without any further explanation or instruction. It fails to address your stated concerns for the "wholesale failure" of the Division of Juvenile Justice or the Office of the Inspector General's 2005 recommendations for improved health, mental health, education, staff training and safety at the Ventura YCF.

Ventura Council of Governments joins the California Districts Attorneys Association and the Chief Probation Officers of California in opposing SB 1589. We urge you to reconsider and withdraw this bill.

Sincerely,



Patrick Hunter
VCOG Chair

cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Senator Tom McClintock
Assembly Member Audra Strickland
Assembly Member Judy Chu
Assembly Member Sharon Runner
Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Ventura County Council of Governments
Camarillo City Council
League of California Cities
Gonsalves & Son

ITEM 7.D.

FY 2005/06 Year End Budget Report



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **FY 2005/06 Year End Budget Report**
DATE: September 5, 2006

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this report.

Discussion: Attached please find a spreadsheet listing our year-end budget report. Expenditures and revenues were within budget.

Attachment:

FY 2005/06 Year End Budget Report

**Ventura Council of Governments
Adjusted FY 2005/06 Budget
Adopted FY 2006/07 Budget**

	<u>FY 05/06 Adopted</u>	<u>FY 05/06 Adjusted</u>	<u>FY 05/06 ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY 06/07 Adopted</u>
REVENUES				
Membership Dues	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,375
SCAG OWP Project	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest Earned	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,556	\$750
Annual Dinner Meeting	\$0	\$2,250	\$585	\$2,250
Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$0
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$59,500
Total	\$111,500	\$24,750	\$24,145	\$71,875
EXPENDITURES				
Executive Administration	\$82,500	\$6,875	\$6,875	\$27,500
Administrative Support	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$231	\$2,500
Special Projects	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
RHNA Staff Support	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$15,000
Annual Dinner Meeting	\$0	\$13,000	\$8,281	\$10,000
Web Site	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$783	\$1,000
Accounting Services	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Supplies	\$4,000	\$10	\$14	\$500
Contingency Reserve	\$21,300	\$0	\$0	\$9,375
Total	\$127,800	\$23,885	\$17,184	\$71,875
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	-\$16,300	\$865	\$6,961	\$0
Fund Balance				
As of March 31, 2006	\$83,545			
Transfer 05/11/2006	-\$21,000			
As of June 30, 2006	\$62,545			
FY 2006/07 Operating Transfer	-\$59,500			
Estimated As of June 30, 2007	\$10,006			

ITEM 8.A.

Update on VCTC/VCOG Issues



**VENTURA COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Update on VCTC/VCOG Issues**
DATE: September 5, 2006

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this report.

Discussion: Attached are copies of the staff report and "pros and cons" attachment for the September 28, 2006 joint meeting of VCOG and VCTC.

Staff will walk through these documents and answer questions.

Attachments:
September 28, 2006 Joint Meeting of VCOG and VCTC Staff Report.

**VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Boards of Directors

FROM: Ginger Gherardi, Executive Director
Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: **VCTC/VCOG Structural Options**

DATE: September 28, 2006

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Boards of Directors: 1) receive this report; 2) review the options presented regarding structural or agency management changes for VCTC or VCOG; 3) determine which option if any to pursue; 4) provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Discussion: Since July, 2005, the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) has been examining options for its structure and management. In the Fall of 2005, the VCOG Board of Directors decided to approach the Ventura County Transportation Commission Board of Directors (VCTC) to determine its willingness to discuss structural or agency management changes. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of VCTC and VCOG met on December 16, 2005 to discuss these issues and reported back to their Boards. Both agencies agreed to continue discussing these issues.

On May 4, 2006, the Administrative Committees of each Board met to discuss these issues further and decided at that meeting to recommend that the Boards of VCTC and VCOG meet jointly in September, 2006 to discuss various options. Specific options were identified at that meeting and further reviewed at a second meeting of the Administrative Committees on June 22, 2006.

From these meetings, four options were developed for consideration:

1. VCOG and VCTC Remain Separate
2. VCOG and VCTC Merge Boards and Operations
3. VCOG Contracts with VCTC for Administration Only
4. VCOG Reestablishes Itself with Full-Time Staff

For the purpose of this meeting tonight, options one through four are presented for consideration. If it is determined that the two agencies remain separate, then the VCOG Board of Directors would consider option four on their own.

There is much history and background information associated with these options. To assist the Boards in their deliberations, staff is providing several documents as attachments to this report.

Staff recommends that the Boards consider these options, determine what option, if any, to pursue and to provide direction to staff.

Attachments

1. Pros and Cons of Each Option (developed by the two Administrative Committees in their discussions).
2. August 16, 2005 report to the VCOG Board that details VCOG history and initial discussion of these issues.
3. Minutes of December 16, 2005 meeting of VCTC/VCOG Chairs and Vice Chairs
4. March 3, 2006 report to VCOG Board that discusses governance models of other county transportation and planning agencies in California.
5. "Future of VCOG", May 19, 2001
6. VCOG Organizational Study and Regional Forum Notice, October 5, 2001
7. Joint Powers Agreement – Ventura Council of Governments
8. Government Code Section XXXXX – Authorizing Ventura County Transportation Commission

PROS AND CONS VCOG / VCTC OPTIONS

Option #1 – VCOG and VCTC Remain Separate

PROS	CONS
Allows both organizations to focus on their existing core responsibilities.	Agencies continue to work on regional efforts separately, except where issues cross at SCAG
No impact on length of Governing Board meetings.	VCOG continues to struggle with resources and staffing.
Two elected officials from cities and all five County Supervisors continue to be engaged in regional planning.	No formal subregional connection between regional planning and transportation issues.

ISSUES:

- Are planning and transportation issues best served with two staffs working on regional issues?
- Are issues regarding planning and transportation so significant that two boards and two staffs are required to properly address them?
- Ventura County is a unique place and a unique structure of dealing with planning and transportation issues is appropriate.
- Allows more elected officials to be involved in regional issues.
- Takes advantage of expertise developed in various areas, ie., housing, emergency preparedness, animal control, solid waste, transportation, etc.
- Provides greater opportunity for coverage of regional issues at SCAG and its various committee/subregional meetings.
- No change in Board structure or bylaws required – citizen members can fully participate on VCTC. VCOG can retain one supervisor on that Board.
- VCOG will need to hire staff and/or reorganize to continue.

Option #2 - VCOG and VCTC Merge Boards and Operations

PROS	CONS
One organization focuses on regional transportation and planning issues.	Focus on non-transportation regional issues may be diluted.
One set of staff provides greater ability to cover issues.	Governing Board meetings could grow longer because of larger portfolio of issues.
Identity of one agency to public for regional issues.	Board membership issues. Only one elected official from each City, public members and all five Board of Supervisors.
Governing Board may be required to use more advisory committees, which could give more elected officials and members of the public opportunity to participate.	Loss of identity of existing organizations could confuse public.

ISSUES:

- One agency (VCTC or VCOG) would be the “lead” agency acting as VCOG and VCTC in the same manner that VCTC now operates as the ALUC, SAFE, and CTSA.
- Merger of boards would require VCOG JPA Agreement to be amended with agreement of all ten cities and the Board of Supervisors.
- VCTC would be required to amend its bylaws to include VCOG as a standing Committee and to restrict its two citizen members from participating on or voting on VCOG issues.
- VCTC would need to hire an additional planner to deal with VCOG issues not paid for with transportation funds.
- Who would be voting members of VCTC Board of Directors?
- Cities may wish to change their representation on VCTC (requiring additional bylaw changes) but this may result in a loss of “expertise” on various regional issues of importance to the county and create turf issues within cities.
- Use of more “advisory” committees will greatly increase the administrative workload, perhaps requiring that more than one new employee be hired. Any decision made by these recommending agencies would need to be acted upon by the full Commission, also increasing the workload.
- Would identity as a “transportation” agency get diluted – there is a great deal of advertising for buses, carpools and trains and there is considerable name recognition among the general public.
- How would time of the VCTC Executive Director be allocated to VCOG activities?

Option #3 – VCOG Contracts with VCTC for Administration Only

PROS	CONS
Professional and administrative staff available for administration of VCOG.	VCTC staff could encounter conflicts if staff time demands between VCOG and VCTC emerge.
Minimal negative disruption to existing operations of each agency.	Difficult balance of which agencies issues get priority when.
Focus of both Boards remain as is.	Issues on time and level of staff support for VCOG issues.

ISSUES:

- Would VCOG issues be lost with VCTC staff providing administration?.
- VCTC would need to hire an additional planner to deal with VCOG issues not paid for with transportation funds.
- How would time of the VCTC Executive Director be allocated to VCOG activities?
- Allows more elected officials to be involved in regional issues.
- Takes advantage of expertise developed in various areas, ie., housing, emergency preparedness, animal control, solid waste, transportation, etc.
- No change in VCTC Board structure or bylaws required – citizen members can fully participate on VCTC. VCOG can retain one supervisor on that Board.

Option #4 – VCOG Reestablishes Itself with Full-Time Staff