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Prepared By: Martin R. Erickson Agenda Item No. I-6

Reviewed By: City Manager [Signature] City Attorney [Signature] Finance N/A Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** March 15, 2006

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Ken Ortega [Signature]  
Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Support for South Coast Area Transit's (SCAT) Request for Federal Section 5309 Bus Discretionary Funds

**RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council execute a letter of support for SCAT'S request for Section 5309 Bus Discretionary Funds.

**DISCUSSION**

South Coast Area Transit (SCAT) is a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) with five members: City of Oxnard, City of Ventura, City of Ojai, City of Port Hueneme and the County of Ventura.

SCAT is requesting the City Council to support their request for Section 5309 funding for two projects. The first involves converting SCAT's fleet to state-of-the-art gasoline hybrid-electric buses that operate cleaner than the current Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fleet and generate less noise. SCAT proposes replacing one CNG bus (1995-97 model year) with one gasoline hybrid-electric bus.

The second project is for SCAT to develop plans to expand or replace SCAT's current facility, which was designed to support a 35-bus fleet. The facility is inadequate for today's 48-bus fleet and 125 person workforce. At present, SCAT cannot expand its fleet or fixed route services due to facility constraints.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact at this time.

Attachment #1 Letter of support for SCAT's funding request.

March 21, 2006

The Honorable Lois Capps  
United States Congresswoman  
1707 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Capps:

This letter confirms the City Council of the City of Oxnard's support of South Coast Area Transit's (SCAT) request for Section 5309 Bus Discretionary Funds to purchase clean, quiet gasoline hybrid-electric buses and to make improvements to its Oxnard operating facility.

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The City Council appreciates your past support and advocacy on behalf of SCAT, particularly recent Section 5309 earmarks for SCAT fueling station upgrades and facility paving. Please do not hesitate to contact Edmund F. Sotelo, City Manager, at (805) 385-7430 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Thomas E. Holden  
Mayor

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Andrés Herrera  
Mayor Pro Tem

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