

**REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
invites applications for the position of:**



Transit Planner for the Ventura County Transportation Commission

SALARY:	\$24.08 - \$43.88 Hourly
DEPARTMENT:	Ventura County Transportation Commission
OPENING DATE:	09/29/21
CLOSING DATE:	11/01/21 11:59 PM

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is seeking its next Transit Planner. The individual selected for this role will have advanced experience in performing a wide variety of analytical and coordination duties for transit programs, including fixed route, paratransit and other services both for the general public and special populations. If this describes you, we want to hear from you.

Regional Government Services (RGS) and its staff are conducting this recruitment on behalf of the Ventura County Transportation Commission.



The Transit Planner, under general supervision of the Programming Director, will assist with transportation initiatives by performing professional-level, analytical, and technical duties in support of transit planning, coordination, and operation activities.

The Ideal Candidate will possess:

- Experience with Excel and other data management systems including management of quantitative data.
- Transportation grant experience including experience with state and federal transportation funding programs and their respective requirements.
- The organizational ability to work on multiple concurrent projects while adhering to deadlines and communicating with stakeholders appropriately.

About VCTC

The [Ventura County Transportation Commission \(VCTC\)](#) is a regional transportation planning agency committed to keeping Ventura County moving! If you drive, take transit, bike or walk in Ventura County, chances are, the VCTC has helped you do it. By working in close partnership

with each of the cities and the County, the VCTC is ever mindful of maintaining the character of Ventura County while prioritizing transportation investments.

VCTC has a hybrid work arrangement combining working from home with work in the VCTC office. The supervisor's permission is required, and the policy is subject to change.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Manages the VCTC Unmet Transit Needs process.
- Leads particular plans for VCTC including the Transit Asset Management Plan.
- Supports plans and studies being conducted as part of the regional transit planning function.
- Meets with community groups to address transit issues.
- Organizes workshops for the purpose of informing the public and local agencies on transportation issues affecting the region.
- Oversees the work of consultants retained to work on transit projects.
- Manage right-of-way tasks and activities for VCTC owned rail property.
- Support administration of the Metrolink and LOSSAN program.
- Works with state and federal officials to advocate for transit-friendly policies.
- Serves as liaison to the area's regional transit-agency representing Ventura on transit/public transportation issues; advocates for effective coordination between the agencies.
- Coordinates the public involvement process for the department; stages public appearances and announcements, organizes public meetings, gives presentations, and educates the public concerning transportation issues.
- Serves as staff to the Transit Operators' Advisory Committee (TRANSCOM), transit related subcommittees and ad hoc committees, and interacts regularly with other technical and policy committees.
- Provides project updates, presents on certain aspects of the transportation program and provides other information, as requested.
- Plans, develops, and implements public transit planning.
- Assures system implementation, grant administration, and compliance with FTA regulations.
- Supports development and implementation of various public outreach and marketing programs.
- Develops and recommends policies for transit riders, transit performances standards for countywide transit planning through the Short Range Transit Plan.
- Analyzes demographic and travel data and prepares reports providing the data to VCTC and to county transit providers. Prepares the quarterly performance report for the Commission.
- Works with other governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to provide efficient transportation systems and services.
- Develops and analyzes customer surveys to determine customer satisfaction; develops methods of operation to meet public demand for service.
- Prepares reports for presentation to the Commission and other elected officials and public groups.
- Provides responsible technical and administrative support for transportation-related programming and planning; prepares policy documents, reports, memos, and analyses.
- Monitors and comments on regional, state, and federal actions, programs, and plans impacting the Agency and other local transit services; provides analysis about the impacts.
- Prepares contract proposals, grant applications, and similar documents; prepares reports and monitors grants for contract compliance.
- Prepares presentation materials and documentation for use by funding agencies in considering projects nominated for funding and monitoring status of approved projects.
- Works with project sponsoring agencies and funding agencies to resolve issues and facilitate project approval.

- Keeps up-to-date with transportation funding requirements; reviews regulations and procedures.
- Performs related duties and responsibilities as assigned.

TYPICAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Specific experience and education requirements are any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities would be qualifying.

A typical way to obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities would be:

Experience:

Three years of progressively responsible experience in transportation-related programming, planning, or analysis.

Education:

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college with major coursework in transportation or urban planning, public or business administration, political science, public policy, environmental studies, engineering, or a related field.

Knowledge of:

- Methods, practices, and procedures involved in transit planning, operations, and management.
- Methods, practices, and procedures involved in local government management, operation, and funding of transit services.
- Transit equipment and relevant technologies, including CARB requirements.
- Federal and state laws and regulations governing transit.
- The requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Marketing concepts.
- Research techniques, methods, sources of information for report preparation and presentation.
- Applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
- Report preparation and record keeping techniques.
- Governmental procurement and contracts management requirements.
- Standard administrative practices and procedures, including the use of standard office equipment.
- Business letter writing and the standard format for reports and correspondence.
- Meeting noticing and agenda setting requirements for public meetings.
- Public record acts and Roberts Rules of Order for legislative bodies.

Ability to:

- Work independently with minimal supervision.
- Interact with citizen groups, elected officials and high-level administrators.
- Provide leadership in formulating and directing policies and programs and engendering a creative environment.
- Schedule, coordinate, and manage various projects of varying degrees of difficulty, size and complexity.
- Review complex, organizational, and administrative problems, and recommend an effective course of action.
- Listen carefully, understand concerns or viewpoints presented, and respond clearly with sensitivity and compassion.
- Prepare for publications and distribution a wide variety of informational pamphlets and bulletins.
- Analyze issues, develop a positive course of action, and follow through on its implementation.
- Demonstrate sound professional judgment, reason logically, and think creatively.
- Research and interpret applicable federal and state rules and regulations as well as Agency policies.

- Communicate effectively in writing, orally, and with others to assimilate, understand, and convey information, in a manner consistent with job functions.
- Prepare and present clear, effective, and accurate reports, correspondence, policies, procedures, and other oral and written materials.
- Make effective public presentations.
- Use initiative, discretion, and sound independent judgment within policy and procedural guidelines.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of the work.
- Represent the Agency effectively in contacts with elected and other officials, representatives of other agencies, and the public, occasionally in situations where relations may be difficult or strained.
- Organize own work, set priorities, meet critical deadlines, and follow-up on assignments with a minimum of direction.
- Work in a safe manner following correct Agency safety practices and procedures.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive information.

Skill in:

- Enabling the analysis of major problems that necessitate complex planning for interrelated activities that can span one or several work units.
- Situational reasoning skills allowing for the ability to exercise judgment, decisiveness and innovation in situations involving broader aspects of the organization.
- Using a personal computer and associated applications.
- Rapid note taking and accurate transcription of own notes.

Licenses and Certificates

All licenses and certificates must be maintained as a condition of employment.

- A valid appropriate California driver's license may be required.
- Maintain a satisfactory driving record.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

SALARY AND BENEFITS

The pay range for this position is \$24.08 - \$43.88 per hour. Candidates will be placed within the range based on qualifications and experience.

VCTC offers a comprehensive benefits package, with the key provisions as follows:

Employer provided:

- Vacation: accrued per pay period, at 80 hours a year, increasing with VCTC years of service
- Sick leave: accrued per pay period at 96 hours a year
- Holidays: 9 holidays (72 hours) & 3 floating holidays (24 hours) per year
- Health insurances including medical, dental and vision benefits are available under group plans. VCTC pays the premiums for eligible family members.
- Employee Assistance Program
- Educational Reimbursement Program
- Long term Disability, Life, AD&D Insurances
- State Disability Insurance (SDI)
- PERS Miscellaneous formulas are Classic members: 2% @ 60, "New" members: 2% @ 62, VCTC does not participate in Social Security, but does contribute to Medicare

Optional benefits:

- Deferred Compensation Savings Plans (457), Flexible Spending Account

APPLICATION PROCESS AND SELECTION PROCEDURE:

To be considered for this opportunity, please submit a complete application no later than

Monday, November 1, 2021, 11:59 PM PST. Late applications will not be considered. The link to apply may be found at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/rgs>.

RGS will evaluate each applicant's qualifications based solely on the information provided on the application, supplemental questions, and resume. Failure to fully complete the application, supplemental questions, and resume may eliminate you from consideration. While a resume is required, providing a resume is not a substitute for completing the application. RGS may also conduct a remote screening to determine candidate qualifications in relation to the needs of the position.

RGS will provide VCTC a list of qualified candidates for further consideration in the recruitment process. All candidate communication will be provided by RGS through this point. Please direct any questions regarding the position or the recruitment to Kris Harapan at kharapan@rgs.ca.gov.

Once VCTC takes on further candidate evaluation, the remainder of candidate communication will be provided by VCTC staff. VCTC staff will evaluate each candidate's background on the basis of information submitted at the time of application, and the most qualified candidates may be invited to participate in a preliminary remote interview. Candidates may also be invited to take a possible remote or in person knowledge and skills evaluation. Further hiring interviews may also be conducted by VCTC staff.

Neither Regional Government Services nor VCTC are responsible for the failure of internet forms or email transmission in submitting your application. Applicants with any questions or those who may require special assistance in any step of the selection process should advise RGS by emailing kharapan@rgs.ca.gov upon submittal of their application.

The Ventura County Transportation Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, medical condition or disability.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT:
<https://www.rgsjpa.org/>

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jobs@rgs.ca.gov

Transit Planner for the Ventura County Transportation Commission Supplemental Questionnaire

- * 1. Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed.
- Less than High School Diploma or GED
 - High School Diploma or GED
 - Some college coursework completed (less than 59 semester units or less than 89 quarter units)
 - Associate's Degree (at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units)
 - Bachelor's Degree (at least 120 semester units or 180 quarter units)
 - Master's Degree
 - Juris Doctor
 - PhD
- * 2. Please indicate your degree attained. If none, please indicate N/A.

- * 3. Please describe any other relevant certifications or trainings you have completed.
- * 4. Which of the following best describes your skill level utilizing Microsoft Excel?
- None
 - Basic (navigate; data entry; editing text, values, and formulas; apply formatting techniques; saving files in various formats; creating tables; sorting data; move and copy data and formulas; work with ranges, rows, and columns; create and modify charts, and work with graphics; and review workbooks for spelling errors, modify page setup, and print worksheets).
 - Intermediate (use multiple worksheets and workbooks efficiently; linking workbooks; applying special number formats, using workbook styles and themes, adding backgrounds, and mimicking watermarks; create outlines and subtotals; sort and filter data, and create and format tables; insert and edit hyperlinks, and how to share workbooks; protect worksheets; and audit worksheets for errors).
 - Advanced (use pivot tables; use of advanced functions and formulas, such as VLOOKUP, MATCH, and INDEX; data validation, and advanced data filtering; advanced chart formatting options; export and import data, and query external databases; and run and record macros, and explore VBA code).
- * 5. How many years of increasingly responsible experience do you have in grants management (soliciting, applications, funding management)? Please ensure the years of experience indicated are reflective on your application.
- None.
 - Less than 1 year of experience.
 - At least 1 year of experience but less than 2 years.
 - At least 2 years of experience but less than 3 years.
 - At least 3 years of experience but less than 4 years.
 - At least 4 years of experience but less than 5 years.
 - Five or more years of experience.
- * 6. How many years of increasingly responsible experience do you have in transportation programming? Please ensure the years of experience indicated are reflective on your application.
- None.
 - Less than 1 year of experience.
 - At least 1 year of experience but less than 2 years.
 - At least 2 years of experience but less than 3 years.
 - At least 3 years of experience but less than 4 years.
 - At least 4 years of experience but less than 5 years.
 - Five or more years of experience.
- * 7. How many years of increasingly responsible experience do you have in managing project budgets? Please ensure the years of experience indicated are reflective on your application.
- None.
 - Less than 1 year of experience.
 - At least 1 year of experience but less than 2 years.
 - At least 2 years of experience but less than 3 years.
 - At least 3 years of experience but less than 4 years.
 - At least 4 years of experience but less than 5 years.
 - Five or more years of experience.
- * 8. How many years of increasingly responsible experience do you have in project management? Please ensure the years of experience indicated are reflective on your application.

- None.
- Less than 1 year of experience.
- At least 1 year of experience but less than 2 years.
- At least 2 years of experience but less than 3 years.
- At least 3 years of experience but less than 4 years.
- At least 4 years of experience but less than 5 years.
- Five or more years of experience.

* Required Question