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STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: FY 2006-2007 TDA/LTF Apportionments

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2006

AGENDA ITEM: 7C

STAFF CONTACT: Bob Perkins

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the estimated apportionments of Local Transportation Funds to local agencies for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

DISCUSSION:

As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Santa Barbara County, SBCAG is responsible for apportioning and allocating funds made available under the state Transportation Development Act (TDA).

TDA provides funds under two separate funding programs: Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance Fund (STAF). LTF revenues are apportioned among the local agencies on the basis of population. STA funds are apportioned in part on the basis of the population of each of the four transit service areas within the county and in part on the basis of each transit operator's fare receipts.

As usual, FY 2006-2007 STA funds will not be apportioned until the State Controller furnishes SBCAG with a final estimate. It is anticipated that STA funds will be apportioned after August when this estimate is received.

LTF revenues are generated from 1/4 cent of the state sales tax. The Auditor-Controller has estimated that a total of \$15,620,000 in LTF funds will be available for allocation next year. This estimate reflects an increase of more than \$1.4 million over the amount allocated in the current year. Note that \$90,000 of the estimated total is being set aside to cover costs associated with Triennial Performance Audits. These audits must be completed next year for each of the transit operators for the three-year period FY 2003-04 to 2005-06. At the present time no TDA litigation expenses are anticipated for FY 2006-07 and no funding provisions have been made.

LTF revenues can be used for public transit, paratransit, pedestrian and bikeway projects, transportation planning and, under certain circumstances, for street and road purposes. The estimated apportionments to each jurisdiction are shown on the attached table by purpose. Staff will issue the necessary documents and guidelines to local agencies for claiming funds (a summary of important dates follows the apportionment table).

COMMITTEE REVIEW: The recommended LTF apportionments were approved by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC).

Member Agencies

Buellton ■ Carpinteria ■ Goleta ■ Guadalupe ■ Lompoc ■ Santa Barbara ■ Santa Maria ■ Solvang ■ Santa Barbara County

**Transportation Development Act
Local Transportation Fund (LTF)
Apportionments
2006-2007**

CLAIMANTS	Population ¹	% of Total Population	Maximum Apportionment ²	Bike & Ped. Funds (2%)	Planning Funds (2%)	Article 4.5 (5%)	Available for Articles 4 & 8
Buellton	4,552	1.0857225%	\$168,613	\$3,372	\$3,305		\$161,936
Guadalupe	6,296	1.5016935%	233,213	4,664	4,571		\$212,779 *
Lompoc	42,320	10.0939751%	1,567,594	31,352	30,725		\$1,505,518
Santa Maria	88,793	21.1785051%	3,289,022	65,780	64,465		\$3,000,838 *
Solvang	5,429	1.2949005%	201,098	4,022	3,942		\$193,134
SB County (Unincorp. North County)	65,876	15.7123590%	2,440,129	48,803	47,827		\$2,284,335 *
SMOOTH (S. M. Valley CTSA)						\$228,302	
So. Co. Claimants (See Below)	205,994	49.1328443%	7,630,331	152,609	149,554	366,408	\$6,961,760
T o t a l	419,260	100.0000000%	\$15,530,000 **	\$310,602	\$304,389	\$594,710	\$14,320,300
SOUTH COUNTY CLAIMANTS							
SBMTD	205,994		\$7,111,314		\$149,554		\$6,961,760
Easy Lift			366,408			\$366,408	
Carpinteria	14,340	3.4203120%	10,624	\$10,624			
Goleta	30,679	7.3174164%	22,728	\$22,728			
Santa Barbara City	90,518	21.5899442%	67,059	67,059			
SB County (Unincorp. South County)	70,457	16.8051717%	52,198	52,198			
T o t a l	205,994	49.1328443%	\$7,630,331	\$152,609	\$149,554	\$366,408	\$6,961,760

¹ January 2005 Department of Finance figures.

² TDA revenue estimate from County Auditor-Controller, January 2006.

* Adjusted to provide funding for SMOOTH (Santa Maria Valley CTSA).

** Adjusted for Triennial Performance Audit costs (estimated at \$90,000)

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES FOR LTF/STAF CLAIMANTS

- January:** County Auditor-Controller furnishes SBCAG with an estimate of funds to be generated in the Local Transportation Fund within the county in the upcoming year.
- January/
February:** SBCAG holds public hearings to receive input on the existence of unmet transit needs.
- April 1:** Claimants file annual LTF claims with SBCAG.
- April/May:** SBCAG makes findings concerning the existence of unmet transit needs that can be reasonably met.
- June 15:** SBCAG approves LTF allocations and conveys instructions to the County Auditor and to claimants.
- July:** County Auditor reports to SBCAG actual LTF revenues received during the prior fiscal year. SBCAG advises prospective claimants if unallocated funds are available.
- August:** State Controller sends revised STAF estimate to SBCAG.
- August/
September:** SBCAG advises claimants of STAF apportionments.
- September/
October:** Claimants file STAF claims with SBCAG.
- October 1:** Article 8(a) (e.g., non-transit) claimants submit expenditure reports to State Controller (Section 6665).
- October 1:** SBCAG submits annual report to State Controller (Section 6660).
- October/
November:** SBCAG approves STAF allocations.
- December 31:** Annual fiscal audits are due to the State Controller (Section 6664).