

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Allocations

**MEETING DATE:** October 19, 2006

**AGENDA ITEM:** 6C

**STAFF CONTACT:** Bob Perkins

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution allocating \$4,531,015 in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to local claimants for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

### DISCUSSION:

The STA program is one of two funding programs under the Transportation Development Act (TDA). Funds for the other program - the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) - in the amount of \$15,530,000 were allocated last June for monthly disbursement in the current year for transit and street/road projects. STA funds were not allocated in June because the final estimate of STA funds for the current year was not available until September. Based on the FY 2006-2007 estimate provided by the State Controller, a total of \$4,531,015 is available for allocation this fiscal year as shown in the attached table.

Unlike LTF revenues, which are generated by 1/4th cent of the state sales tax, STA funds are generated from sales taxes on diesel fuel and gasoline. STA funds are allocated pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 99313 and 99314. The State Controller apportions Section 99313 funds to the Santa Barbara County region based on population. SBCAG, in turn, apportions the funds by population among four planning areas: South Coast, Santa Maria Valley, Lompoc Valley and Santa Ynez/Cuyama Valleys. Local agencies work cooperatively to develop their claims so that the total funds claimed from each planning area will not exceed the apportionment for that area. PUC Section 99314 funds are apportioned directly by the State Controller to transit operators based on fare revenues.

STA funds are restricted to transit and transportation planning purposes. The use of STA funds for transit operations is permissible only if claimants satisfy the STA qualifying criteria mandated by state law.

### COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The allocations reflect the apportionments reviewed by the Technical Transportation Advisory Committee and are consistent with the amounts claimed by the local agencies.

#### Member Agencies

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

Recommended

**STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND  
ALLOCATIONS  
FY 2006-07**

PUC SECTION 99313 (Population Based)				
Apportionment Area	Claimant		2006-07 Allocations	Purpose
South Coast	SBMTD		\$ 1,651,422	Transit Capital
	Easy Lift		86,917	Transit Operating
			<u>\$ 1,738,339</u>	
Lompoc Valley	Lompoc		\$ 353,380	Transit Operating
			154,047	Transit Capital
			<u>\$ 507,427</u>	
Santa Maria Valley	Santa Maria		\$ 1,009,998	Transit Capital
	Guadalupe		51,684	Transit Operating
	SMOOTH		55,878	Transit Operating
			<u>\$ 1,117,560</u>	
Santa Ynez & Cuyama Valleys	Buellton		\$ 38,523	Transp. Planning
	Solvang		158,005	Transit Operating
	County		11,427	Transp. Planning
			<u>\$207,955</u>	
<b>Total 99313</b>			<b>\$ 3,571,281</b>	

PUC SECTION 99314 (Farebox Revenue Based)			
Claimant		2006-07 Allocations	Purpose
County		\$ 6,574	Transp. Planning
Lompoc		13,835	Transit Operating
Santa Maria		55,152	Transit Capital
Solvang		6,337	Transit Operating
SBMTD		877,836	Transit Capital
<b>Total 99314</b>		<b>\$ 959,734</b>	

**TOTAL STA**

**\$4,531,015**

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA  
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ALLOCATION OF STATE TRANSIT )  
ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR FISCAL )  
YEAR 2006-2007 )  
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RESOLUTION NO. 06-27

WHEREAS, Chapter 105 of the 1989 Statutes (SB-300 & SB 3) amended the State Transit Assistance Program established pursuant to Chapters 161 and 1002 of the 1979 Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments has created a State Transit Assistance Fund pursuant to Section 99313.6 of the Public Utilities Code to deposit all monies allocated and transmitted to it by the Secretary of the Business, Housing and Transportation Agency; and

WHEREAS, State Transit Assistance funds in the amount of \$4,531,015 will be available for allocation in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 based upon the State Controller's revised estimate; and

WHEREAS, eligible agencies have submitted claims for use of the funds estimated to be available in Fiscal Year 2006-2007; and

WHEREAS, the claims submitted by the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District, Easy Lift Transportation Inc., SMOOTH, the County of Santa Barbara (for Cuyama Transit), Solvang (for Santa Ynez Valley Transit) and the cities of Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Lompoc and Buellton have been evaluated and found to be consistent with the applicable provisions of the Public Utilities Code and the California Code of Regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments as the Transportation Planning Agency for Santa Barbara County does hereby allocate monies from the State Transit Assistance Fund to the following claimants according to the terms and conditions set forth below:

**Allocation No. 06-1-STA**

Allocation: \$ 1,651,422  
                  \$ 877,836  
Purpose: \$ 2,529,258  
Terms & Conditions:

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District**

(Section 99313.3)  
(Section 99314.3)  
(Transit - 6730b)  
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

**Allocation No. 06-2-STA**

Allocation: \$ 86,917  
Purpose: \$ 86,917  
Terms & Conditions:

**Easy Lift Transportation Inc.**

(Section 99313.3)  
(Transit - 6730d)  
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

**Allocation No. 06-3-STA**

Allocation: \$ 1,009,998  
                  \$ 55,152  
Purpose: \$ 1,065,150  
Terms & Conditions:

**City of Santa Maria**

(Section 99313.3)  
(Section 99314.3)  
(Transit – 6730b)  
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

**Allocation No. 06-4-STA**

Allocation: \$ 507,427  
                  \$ 13,835  
Purpose: \$ 367,215  
                  \$ 154,047  
Terms & Conditions:

**City of Lompoc**

(Section 99313.3)  
(Section 99314.3)  
(Transit - 6730a)  
(Transit – 6730b)  
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

**Allocation No. 06-5-STA**

Allocation: \$ 158,005  
                  \$ 6,337  
Purpose: \$ 164,342  
Terms & Conditions:

**City of Solvang (for SYVT)**

(Section 99313.3)  
(Section 99314.3)  
(Transit - 6730a)  
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

**Allocation No. 06-6-STA**

Allocation: \$ 38,523  
Purpose: \$ 38,523  
Terms & Conditions:

**City of Buellton**

(Section 99313.3)  
(Planning - 6731b)  
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

**Allocation No. 06-7-STA**

Allocation: \$ 11,427  
                  \$ 6,574  
Purpose: \$ 18,001  
Terms & Conditions:

**County of Santa Barbara (for Cuyama Transit)**

(Section 99313.3)  
(Section 99314.3)  
(Planning - 6731b)  
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

**Allocation No. 06-8-STA**

Allocation: \$ 51,684  
Purpose: \$ 51,684  
Terms & Conditions:

**City of Guadalupe**

(Section 99313.3)  
(Transit - 6730a)  
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

**Allocation No. 06-9-STA**

Allocation: \$ 55,878  
Purpose: \$ 55,878  
Terms & Conditions:

**SMOOTH**

(Section 99313.3)  
(Transit – 6730d)  
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, in allocating these funds, finds that:

1. Claimants’ proposed expenditures as described in the individual claims are in conformance with the Regional Transportation Plan.
2. The level of passenger fares and charges as described in the individual claims is sufficient to enable the claimant to meet the fare revenue requirements of Public Utilities Code Sections 99268.2, 99268.3, 99268.4, 99268.5 and 99268.9 as they may be applicable to the claimant.
3. The claimants are making full use of federal funds available under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.
4. The sum of each claimant's allocations from the State Transit Assistance Fund and from the Local Transportation Fund as described in the individual claims does not exceed the amount the claimant is eligible to receive during the fiscal year.
5. Priority consideration has been given to claims to offset unanticipated increases in the cost of fuel, to enhance existing public transportation services, and to meet high-priority regional, countywide, or area-wide public transportation needs.
6. Each operator has made a reasonable effort to implement the productivity improvements recommended pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99244. The specific

improvements recommended and efforts made by the operators to implement them are described in the individual claims.

- 7. Each operator is receiving from the Local Transportation Fund not less than the amount it received during the 1978-79 fiscal year.
- 8. The claimants are not precluded from employing part-time drivers or contracting with common carriers of persons operating under a franchise or license.
- 9. Each operator requesting STA funds for operating purposes has satisfied the qualifying criteria as specified in PUC Section 99314.6.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

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Jim Kemp  
Executive Director

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Joe Centeno, Chair  
Santa Barbara County  
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
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Deputy County Counsel