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STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: FY 2008-2009 TDA/LTF Apportionments

MEETING DATE: February 21, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: 6C

STAFF CONTACT: Bob Perkins

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the estimated apportionments of Local Transportation Funds to local agencies for the 2008-2009 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 2008-2009 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.

Submitted for your review are the recommended TDA/LTF apportionments for the next fiscal year (see attached table). LTF revenues are generated from 1/4 cent of the state sales tax. The Auditor-Controller has estimated that a total of \$15,710,998 in LTF funds will be available for allocation next year. This figure is unchanged from the estimate used in FY 2007-2008. For the second half of FY 2007-2008 the Auditor's staff has projected 0% growth month over month of the previous year. They have also recommended at this time to forecast total FY 2008-09 LTF revenue to be the same as was estimated for FY 2007-08. The recommended apportionments for individual claimants will be slightly different for FY 2008-09 due to changes in Department of Finance population estimates.

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.

Member Agencies

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

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).

**Transportation Development Act
Local Transportation Fund (LTF)
Apportionments
2008-2009**

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	4,663	1.0986629%	\$172,611	\$3,452	\$3,383		\$165,776
Guadalupe	6,397	1.5072156%	\$236,799	4,736	4,641		\$216,051 *
Lompoc	42,015	9.8992755%	\$1,555,275	31,105	30,483		\$1,493,687
Santa Maria	90,333	21.2836190%	\$3,343,869	66,877	65,540		\$3,050,879 *
Solvang	5,495	1.2946928%	\$203,409	4,068	3,987		\$195,354
SB County (Unincorp. North County)	68,506	16.1408376%	\$2,535,886	50,718	49,704		\$2,373,286 *
SMOOTH (S. M. Valley CTSA)						\$234,122	
So. Co. Claimants (See Below)	207,016	48.7756966%	\$7,663,149	153,264	150,198	367,984	\$6,991,703
Total	424,425	100.0000000%	\$15,710,998	\$314,220	\$307,936	\$602,106	\$14,486,736
SOUTH COUNTY CLAIMANTS							
SBMTD	207,016		\$7,141,901		\$150,198		\$6,991,703
Easy Lift			\$367,984			\$367,984	
Carpinteria	14,123	3.3275608%	\$10,456	\$10,456			
Goleta	30,169	7.1082052%	\$22,336	\$22,336			
Santa Barbara City	89,456	21.0769865%	\$66,228	66,228			
SB County (Unincorp. South County)	73,268	17.2629441%	\$54,244	54,244			
Total	207,016	48.7756966%	\$7,663,149	\$153,264	\$150,198	\$367,984	\$6,991,703

¹ January 2007 Department of Finance figures.

² TDA revenue estimate from County Auditor-Controller, January 2008.

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

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 21:** 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 and year-end balance apportionments (if a balance is available).
- September/
October:** Claimants file revised claims with SBCAG for STAF allocations and year-end balances (if available).
- 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).