

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: FY 2010-11 TDA/LTF Apportionments

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2010

AGENDA ITEM: 6F

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the estimated apportionments of Local Transportation Funds to local agencies for the 2010-11 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.

Staff wishes to call your attention to the passage of SB 7 approved on Feb 20, 2009 which suspended the State Transit Assistance program as an eligible recipient of Public Transportation Account funds for 2009-10 to 2012-13 fiscal years. Although we do not know for certain if restitution of this funding will occur at the completion of this suspension period, it appears unlikely at this time to anticipate future STA funding. The Governor's recently released budget proposal for FY 2010-11 proposes to eliminate the state sales tax on gasoline and partially replace these revenues with a state excise tax. This proposal would eliminate the source of funding for Prop 42 (2006 ballot measure approved by voters which dedicates all sales tax revenues on gasoline to transportation purposes) including the Public Transportation Account. Since the PTA provides funding for the STA program, this gas tax swap proposal would have the effect of permanently eliminating STA funding.

Submitted for your approval 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 County Auditor-Controller has estimated that a total of \$12,968,647 in LTF funds will be available for apportionment next year. This estimate reflects a decrease of 3.11% (-\$415,971) from the amount allocated in the current year (\$13,384,618). SBCAG is required by statute to use the LTF estimate provided by the Auditor-Controller for apportioning these funds each year.

We are anticipating FY 2009-10 will end with total revenue at approximately \$12,469,853 for an overall 6.8% decrease from the current year's allocation. The estimated revenue for FY 2010-11 represents a 4% increase over the projected YE revenue for 2009-10.

Note that \$ 90,000 was set aside in FY 2009-10 to cover costs associated with the Triennial Performance audits. These costs will not be incurred in FY 2010-11. At the present time, no TDA litigation expenses are anticipated for FY 2010-11 and no funding provisions have been made.

The recommended apportionments for individual claimants will also be slightly different for FY 2010-11 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. Staff will issue the necessary documents and guidelines to local agencies for claiming funds (a summary of important dates follows the apportionment table).

A summary of important dates for LTF/STAF claimants is also attached to this staff report.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The recommended LTF apportionments were approved by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) at its February 4 meeting.

**Transportation Development Act
Local Transportation Fund (LTF)
Apportionments
2010-11**

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	4,740	1.0989724%	\$142,522	\$2,850	\$2,793		\$136,879
Guadalupe	6,534	1.5149126%	\$196,464	3,929	3,851		\$179,250 *
Lompoc	42,892	9.9445413%	\$1,289,672	25,793	25,278		\$1,238,601
Santa Maria	92,542	21.4559300%	\$2,782,544	55,651	54,538		\$2,538,737 *
Solvang	5,446	1.2626590%	\$163,750	3,275	3,209		\$157,266
SB County (Unincorp. North County)	69,564	16.1285680%	\$2,091,657	41,833	40,996		\$1,957,512 *
SMOOTH (S. M. Valley CTSA)						\$194,368	
So. Co. Claimants (See Below)	209,594	48.5944167%	\$6,302,038	126,041	123,520	302,624	\$5,749,853
T o t a l	431,312	100.0000000%	\$12,968,647 **	\$259,372	\$254,185	\$496,992	\$11,958,098
SOUTH COUNTY CLAIMANTS							
SBMTD	209,594		\$5,873,373		\$123,520		\$5,749,853
Easy Lift			\$302,624			\$302,624	
Carpinteria	14,409	3.3407371%	\$8,665	\$8,665			
Goleta	30,476	7.0658827%	\$18,327	\$18,327			
Santa Barbara City	90,308	20.9379753%	\$54,308	54,308			
SB County (Unincorp. South County)	74,401	17.2498216%	\$44,741	44,741			
T o t a l	209,594	48.5944167%	\$6,302,038	\$126,041	\$123,520	\$302,624	\$5,749,853

¹ January 2009 Department of Finance figures.

² TDA revenue estimate from County Auditor-Controller, January 2010.

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

** Per SB County, estimated revenue for FY 2010-11 is 4% over 2009-2010 YE forecasted revenue of \$12,469,853 yielding FY 2010-11 estimated revenue at \$12,968,647

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** SBCAG holds a public hearing 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 17:** 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.
- 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).
- December 31:** Annual fiscal audits are due to the State Controller (Section 6664).