

STAFF REPORT

TO: TTAC

SUBJECT: FY 2007-2008 TDA/LTF Apportionments

MEETING DATE: February 1, 2007

AGENDA ITEM: 5

STAFF CONTACT: Bob Perkins

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the estimated apportionments of Local Transportation Funds to local agencies for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

DISCUSSION:

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 2007-2008 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 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 Auditor-Controller has estimated that a total of \$15,710,998 in LTF funds will be available for allocation next year. The letter received from the Auditor's staff states they are applying a growth estimate of about 3% in FY 2007-2008 but the true increase in the revenue estimate is less than 1%. This is due to the fact that they reduced their growth estimate for the current year from approximately 5% to 3% before calculating next year's figure.

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.

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

**Transportation Development Act
Local Transportation Fund (LTF)
Apportionments
2007-2008**

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	4,548	1.0786837%	\$169,472	\$3,389	\$3,322		\$162,761
Guadalupe	6,423	1.5233916%	239,340	4,787	4,691		\$218,369 *
Lompoc	41,915	9.9412985%	1,561,877	31,238	30,613		\$1,500,026
Santa Maria	90,204	21.3943670%	3,361,269	67,225	65,881		\$3,066,755 *
Solvang	5,369	1.2734065%	200,065	4,001	3,921		\$192,143
SB County (Unincorp. North County)	67,241	15.9479922%	2,505,588	50,112	49,110		\$2,344,999 *
SMOOTH (S. M. Valley CTSA)						\$234,268	
So. Co. Claimants (See Below)	205,925	48.8408605%	7,673,387	153,468	150,398	368,476	\$7,001,045
T o t a l	421,625	100.0000000%	\$15,710,998	\$314,220	\$307,936	\$602,744	\$14,486,098
SOUTH COUNTY CLAIMANTS							
SBMTD	205,925		\$7,151,443		\$150,398		\$7,001,045
Easy Lift			368,476			\$368,476	
Carpinteria	14,172	3.3612808%	10,562	\$10,562			
Goleta	30,290	7.1841091%	22,574	\$22,574			
Santa Barbara City	89,548	21.2387785%	66,736	66,736			
SB County (Unincorp. South County)	71,915	17.0566921%	53,596	53,596			
T o t a l	205,925	48.8408605%	\$7,673,387	\$153,468	\$150,398	\$368,476	\$7,001,045

¹ January 2006 Department of Finance figures.

² TDA revenue estimate from County Auditor-Controller, January 2007.

* 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.
- 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).