



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: April 7, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Transportation Development Act Claim for FY 2020-2021; All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to file a \$2,870,518 claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for an allocation of Transportation Development Act funds for fiscal year 2020-2021; and
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2) (continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making), and will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve a Resolution to submit a claim for Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding allocation. Each year the County receives TDA funding distributed through the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG). There are four types of TDA funding distributed through the County:

- 1) Mandated distribution to SBCAG for regional transportation purposes (\$84,557.00);
- 2) Mandated distribution to the County for bicycle and pedestrian projects (\$123,939.00);
- 3) Discretionary funding SBCAG distributes to the County as a pass-through to transit operators in the region (\$2,410,000); and
- 4) Funding that goes to the County to administer transit programs, and to use for other transportation projects if there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet (\$252,022).

Under the provisions of the TDA (Public Utilities Code Sections 99200 et seq.), SBCAG retains \$84,557 for regional transportation purposes, and the County retains \$123,939 for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The County claims the remaining funds, in part as a pass-through to agencies as described below, and amounts to \$2,662,022. This claim apportions all funding to transit-related activities and will not be used for road maintenance activities.

Transit Programs:

Of the \$2,662,022 claim, \$2,410,000 is allocated to the cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc, Solvang, Guadalupe, the Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers (SMOOTH), and SBCAG. These funds are combined with additional city and SMOOTH funds to support activities of Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) and Cuyama Transit in the Santa Maria Valley; the Guadalupe Flyer and Shuttle; City of Lompoc Transit (COLT) in the Lompoc Valley; Santa Ynez Valley Transit (SYVT) in the Santa Ynez Valley; the Clean Area Express regional bus service; and senior and disabled transportation services in the north county.

The County partners with the cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc to operate the Breeze Route 100 regional bus service connecting Santa Maria, Vandenberg Air Force Base, and Lompoc. The County partners with the cities of Lompoc, Buellton and Solvang to operate the Wine Country Express connecting Lompoc and the Santa Ynez Valley with regional bus service. The County also partners with the cities of Santa Maria, Buellton and Solvang to operate the Breeze Route 200 regional bus service connecting Santa Maria, Los Alamos and the Santa Ynez Valley.

In addition, the County uses TDA funding for management, planning and administration of transit services in the unincorporated areas. The County participates in the Unmet Transit Needs process lead by SBCAG to listen to members of the public regarding potential transit needs in their communities. The County anticipates that the SBCAG Board will adopt a finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in the unincorporated area. In fiscal year 2020-2021, the County will allocate remaining TDA funds to transit and bicycle and pedestrian related projects. These funds are budgeted in Fund 0019.

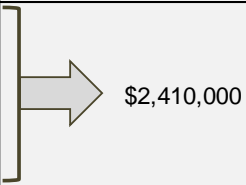
Background:

The TDA makes funds available to Santa Barbara County for transit, paratransit, transportation planning, pedestrian and bike facilities, and street and road purposes. Each year SBCAG makes an allocation of TDA funding to eligible agencies, and each agency is required to authorize a position to execute and file the claims with SBCAG. The attached Resolution designates the Public Works Director as the County's authorized position for this purpose.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Partially, the allocation to the County is budgeted, however the County does not budget any pass-thru allocations for reporting purposes.

Fiscal Analysis:

TDA FUNDING			
Distributed by Formula			
Agency receiving funds	Amount	Description	
SBCAG	\$84,557	off the top for admin	
County	\$123,939	off the top for bike and ped specifically	
Subtotal	\$208,496		
Distributed through the claim process			
Agency receiving funds	Amount	Description	Subtotal of pass through funding
SMAT	\$1,095,000	SM/Orcutt transit, Cuyama, Breeze 100, Breeze 200	
COLT	\$600,000	VV, Mission Hills transit	
Solvang	\$195,000	SY Valley Transite	
Guadalupe	\$70,000	Guadalupe Flyer	
SMOOTH	\$335,000	CTSA, other NC services	
SBCAG	\$115,000	Clean Air Express	
County	\$252,022	transit related services, bike/ped/transit improvements	
TOTAL CLAIM	\$2,662,022		

Narrative:

This item includes both funding allocated by formula and funding that requires a claim to be submitted. Formula funding amounts to \$84,557 for SBCAG administration and \$123,939 for Countywide bike and pedestrian programs and projects.

The majority of funding requested in the claim is passed to other agencies (\$2,410,000) to administer transit programs for County residents; the remaining \$252,022 is used by the County on TDA-eligible items.

The total amount the County will receive directly is \$375,961 (\$123,939 for bike and pedestrian and \$252,022 for the Alternative Transportation Fund).

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order and one copy of the executed Resolution to Gail Ocheltree, Public Works, Transportation Division, x3094.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: TDA Resolution
- Attachment B: TDA Claim

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