



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: May 22, 2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works, Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Eric Pearson, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3005  
**SUBJECT:** **Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim for Fiscal Year 2012-2013; All Supervisorial Districts**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence.**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve a Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to file a \$1,994,063 claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for an allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for fiscal year 2012-2013; and
- B. Find that the proposed action(s) do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of CEQA, 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 approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

Public Works staff recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Resolution and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim form to receive a total of \$1,994,063 in TDA funds. The funding is received in the following categories:

- \$138,000 for County transit (includes funding for Cuyama, Los Alamos and local transit planning)
- \$1,703,846 for Santa Maria, Lompoc and Santa Ynez Valley transit and paratransit purposes
- \$152,217 for street and road purposes

The funding the County receives through the TDA is in part, apportioned by the Board (through adoption of this Resolution) to the Cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc and Solvang as part of this claim to SBCAG. These cities in turn use the County's funds, as well as their own, to support transit in Santa Maria, Lompoc and the Santa Ynez Valley in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas.

Transit affected by this claim includes Santa Maria Area Transit, City of Lompoc Transit, Santa Ynez Valley Transit, Cuyama Transit, the Los Alamos Shuttle, The Breeze, Wine Country Express and the new Breeze Extension. The Breeze Extension will commence in fiscal year 2012-2013 and connect the Santa Ynez Valley to Los Alamos and Santa Maria.

Since 2005, the County has partnered with the Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers (SMOOTH) to operate the Los Alamos Shuttle. The service operates from Los Alamos to Santa Maria Tuesdays and Saturdays with two roundtrips each day. Historically, this has been the only available public transit service for the Los Alamos community. Although the new Breeze Extension will provide additional transit service Monday through Friday, residents from Los Alamos requested the Saturday service continue.

Based on these requests, staff is proposing to continue the Los Alamos Shuttle Saturday service for twelve (12) months only, as a transition service during the commencement phase of the new Breeze Extension. The Tuesday Shuttle service would be cancelled, as it would duplicate service provided by the new Breeze Extension. County Public Works staff will closely monitor Saturday ridership levels on a monthly basis, and may administer service changes if warranted based on ridership. This monitoring is important as staff is concerned Saturday ridership may severely decline with the new additional weekday service provided by the Breeze Extension.

The County also directly supports the activities of the Cuyama Transit System (operated by the Cuyama Valley Recreation District) with TDA funds. Currently, there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in the unincorporated area; therefore, in fiscal year 2012-2013, the County will be allocating remaining TDA funds for local streets and roads.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

(See attached Claim Form)

Narrative:

The County will receive \$1,703,846 to assist in funding transit in Santa Maria (\$1,090,000), Lompoc (\$534,846), and the Santa Ynez Valley (\$79,000). SBCAG will allocate \$152,217 to the County Road Fund 0015/Revenue Account 3092 for streets and road purposes and \$138,000 to the County Transit Fund 0019/Revenue Account 3092 for County transit.

SBCAG will also retain \$41,792 for regional transportation planning and allocate \$91,885 to the County Transit Fund 0019/Revenue Account 3092 for bicycle and pedestrian purposes.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order and one copy of the executed document to Gena Valentine-Felix, Public Works, Transportation Division, x3064

**Attachments:**

TDA Resolution  
TDA Claim  
Notice of Exemption

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