



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** September 13, 2022  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Development Act-Local Transportation Fund Claim for FY  
2022-2023; All Supervisorial Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select\_Concurrence

**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 \$3,316,916 claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for an allocation of Transportation Development Act-Local Transportation Fund (TDA-LTF) funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023; 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:**

TDA-LTF (herein referred to as “LTF”) is derived from a ¼ cent of sales tax in each county. Each year, SBCAG is responsible for apportioning LTF funds within Santa Barbara County based on population. Local jurisdictions are responsible to “claim” their LTF apportionment with SBCAG. In order to claim LTF, the County must complete required forms including a Claim Form (Attachment B) and Resolution

(Attachment A), pursuant to SBCAG's TDA-LTF manual. The Resolution (Attachment A) designates the Public Works Director as the County's authorized position to claim LTF for FY 2022-2023.

The TDA statute (Public Utilities Code Sections 99200 et seq.) establishes a priority order by which LTF funds are distributed. Allowed priorities includes some of the following:

- Mandated distribution to SBCAG for regional transportation purposes;
- Mandated distribution to the County for bicycle and pedestrian projects;
- Discretionary funding SBCAG distributes to the County as a pass-through to transit operators in the region;
- Funding that goes to the County to administer transit programs; and
- Funding for roadway projects provided there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

In FY 2022-2023, SBCAG will retain \$97,800 "off the top" for regional transportation purposes, and the County will retain \$141,716 for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The remaining \$3,077,400 in LTF funds are claimed by the County, in part as a pass-through to transit operators as described in the Transit Programs subsection.

**Background:**

Of the \$3,077,400 claim, \$2,650,000 is allocated to the cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc, Solvang, Guadalupe, the Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers (SMOOTH), and SBCAG to administer the Clean Air Express. These funds are combined with additional city and SMOOTH's 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, 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 LTF for management and planning of transit services in the unincorporated areas.

SBCAG conducts an annual Transit Needs Assessment process to gather public input on potential unmet transit needs. Traditionally, this process is used to determine if LTF funds are eligible for uses other than transit. For FY 2022-2023, the SBCAG Board of Directors directed that all LTF funds be used for transit purposes. Therefore, the County will direct all funding towards transit obligations and no funding will be allocated for local streets and roads in FY 2022-2023.

**Narrative:**

The County can claim up to \$3,077,400 in LTF for local and regional transit. As shown on the attached Claim Form, the County will release \$2,650,000 of the LTF apportionment to the jurisdictions below:

- Santa Maria (\$1,125,000),

- Lompoc (\$720,000),
- Solvang (\$195,000),
- Guadalupe (\$80,000),
- SMOOTH (\$380,000); and
- SBCAG (\$150,000).

As mandated in the Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq., SBCAG will retain \$97,800 for regional transportation purposes, and the County will retain \$141,716 for bicycle and pedestrian projects. These amounts are in addition to the claim for \$3,077,400. The total amount the County will directly receive is \$569,116 (\$141,716 for bike and pedestrian and \$427,400 for County Transit Fund).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes The allocation retained by the County is budgeted, however, the County does not budget LTF released to other jurisdictions for reporting purposes.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

(See Attached Claim Form)

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a certified stamped Minute Order, and copies of the executed Resolution and signed TDA Claim to:

1. Ashley Kruzel, Public Works, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, ext. 83064
2. Mark Friedlander, Public Works, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, ext. 83576

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: TDA Resolution

Attachment B: TDA Claim

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