



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 7, 2019  
**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: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** Transportation Development Act Claim for FY 2019-2020; All Supervisorial Districts

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**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 \$2,563,646 claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for an allocation of Transportation Development Act funds for fiscal year 2019-2020; 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;
- 2) Mandated distribution to the County for bicycle and pedestrian projects;
- 3) Discretionary funding SBCAG distributes to the County as a pass-through to transit operators in the region; and
- 4) Funding that goes to the County to administer transit programs, support the Clean Air Express, and to use for other transportation projects if there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

Under the provisions of the TDA (Public Utilities Code Sections 99200 et seq.), SBCAG retains \$81,431 for regional transportation purposes, and the County retains \$118,163 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 \$2,563,646. This claim apportions all funding to transit-related activities and will not be used for road maintenance activities.

**Transit Programs:**

Of the \$2,563,646 claim, \$2,270,000 is allocated to the cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc, Solvang, Guadalupe and the Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers (SMOOTH). 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; 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, and to support the Clean Air Express regional bus service. Funding for a Do It Yourself (DIY) Bike Shop in the City of Guadalupe is also provided. 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 during the May 16, 2019 meeting, 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 2019-2020, the County will allocate remaining TDA funds to transit related projects.

**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

**Fiscal Analysis:**

(See attached Claim Form)

**Narrative:**

The County's claim of \$2,563,646 consists of the following allocations for local and regional transit as shown on the attached document – Transportation Development Act Claim Form:

- Santa Maria (\$1,095,000)
- Lompoc (\$600,000)
- Solvang (\$195,000)
- Guadalupe (\$70,000)

- SMOOTH (\$310,000)

In addition, the County will retain \$293,646 for the Alternative Transportation Fund 0019/Revenue Account 3092 for a total claim of \$2,563,646.

As mandated in the Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq., SBCAG will retain \$81,431 for regional transportation purposes, and the County will retain \$118,163 for bicycle and pedestrian projects. These amounts are in addition to the claim for \$2,563,646. The total amount the County will receive directly is \$411,809 (\$118,163 for bike and pedestrian and \$293,646 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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