



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 6, 2021
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-Local Transportation Fund Claim for
FY 2021-2022; All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

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 \$2,576,900 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) 2021-2022; 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 2021-2022.

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; and
- Funding that goes to the County to administer transit programs
- Funding for roadway projects provided there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

In FY 2021-2022, SBCAG will take \$81,852 “off the top” for regional transportation purposes, and the County will retain \$119,973 for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The remaining \$2,576,900 in LTF funds are claimed by the County, in part as a pass-through to transit operators as described in the Transit Programs subsection.

Transit Programs:

Of the \$2,576,900 claim, \$2,420,000 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, planning and administration 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 2021-2022, 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 2021-2022.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Partially, 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)

Narrative:

The County can claim up to \$2,576,900 in LTF for local and regional transit. As shown on the attached Claim Form, the County will release \$2,420,000 of the LTF apportionment to the jurisdictions below:

- Santa Maria (\$1,095,000),
- Lompoc (\$600,000),
- Solvang (\$195,000),
- Guadalupe (\$70,000),
- SMOOTH (\$335,000); and
- SBCAG (\$125,000).

That leaves \$156,900 in apportioned LTF, which the County will claim for the County Transit Fund 0019/Revenue Account 3092 for a total claim of \$2,576,900.

As mandated in the Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq., SBCAG will retain \$81,852 for regional transportation purposes, and the County will retain \$119,973 for bicycle and pedestrian projects. These amounts are in addition to the claim for \$2,576,900. The total amount the County will directly receive is \$276,873 (\$119,973 for bike and pedestrian and \$156,900 for County Transit Fund).

Special Instructions:

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

1. Gail Ocheltree, Public Works, Transportation Division, 123 E. Anapamu Street, ext. 83094
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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