



**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 21, 2013
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 2013-2014; All Supervisorial Districts

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 \$2,240,364 claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for an allocation of Transportation Development Act funds for fiscal year 2013-2014; 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:

Each year the County receives Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding distributed through the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments. 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 the funds and to use for roadway projects if there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

Public Utilities Code Section 99200 mandates that SBCAG retains \$46,955 for regional transportation purposes, and the County retains \$103,235 for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The remaining funds are claimed by the County, in part as a pass through to agencies as described below, and amounts to \$2,240,364.

Transit Programs

Of the \$2,240,364 claim, \$1,624,846 is allocated by the SBCAG Board to the cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Solvang. These funds are combined with additional city funds to support activities of Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) in the Santa Maria Valley, City of Lompoc Transit (COLT) in the Lompoc Valley, and Santa Ynez Valley Transit (SYVT) in the Santa Ynez Valley. 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.

Since 2005, the County has partnered with the Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers (SMOOTH) to operate the Los Alamos Shuttle. The service connected Los Alamos to the Santa Maria Valley on Tuesdays and Saturdays with two roundtrips each day. Historically, this had been the only available public transit service for the Los Alamos community. However, with the Breeze Route 200 now in operation, Los Alamos residents are now served with three (3) roundtrips per day, Monday through Friday and can travel to the Santa Maria Valley and the Santa Ynez Valley. Therefore, on June 30, 2013 the County will no longer operate the Los Alamos Shuttle.

The County also directly supports the activities of the Cuyama Transit System (operated by the Cuyama Valley Recreation District) with TDA funds. This provides service from Cuyama to Santa Maria on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Currently, there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in the unincorporated area; therefore, in fiscal year 2013-2014, the County will be allocating remaining TDA funds for local streets and roads.

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: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

(See attached Claim Form)

Narrative:

The County's claim of \$2,240,364 consists of the following allocations for local and regional transit as shown on the attached Document -- Transportation Development Act Claim Form: Santa Maria (\$1,090,000), Lompoc (\$434,846), and Solvang (\$100,000). In addition, the County will retain \$500,518 for the County Road Fund 0015/Revenue Account 3092 for streets and road purposes, and \$115,000 for the County Transit Fund 0019/Revenue Account 3092 for a total claim of \$2,240,364.

As mandated in the Public Utilities Code Section 99200, SBCAG will retain \$46,955 for regional transportation purposes, and the County will retain \$103,235 for bicycle and pedestrian projects. These amounts are in addition to the claim for \$2,240,364. The total amount the County will directly receive is \$718,753 (\$103,235 for bike and pedestrian +\$500,518 for streets and roads +\$115,000 for County Transit Fund).

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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