

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: SHAWN SOSA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ARTICLE IV
AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) CLAIM SUBMITTAL

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works, or his designated representative, to file a claim for Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article IV and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 in the estimated amount of \$8,897,539.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works Department to file a funding claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article IV and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. This claim includes approximately \$850,000 in new STA revenues generated by the SB1 gas tax increase.

BACKGROUND

1. In 1971, the State established two funding programs that have become a primary source of transit funding assistance for systems statewide. The programs referred to as Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA), provide on-going funding support to transit operators.
2. TDA funds are derived from a ¼ cent State sales tax returned to the County of origin on a per-capita basis and are distributed as TDA Article IV funds divided locally among the cities and the County based on population figures from the California Department of Finance.

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3. STA funds are derived through an excise tax on each gallon of diesel sold in the state and distributed to the various transit operators in the Bay Area through the MTC. The amounts distributed to transit operators are based on population data from the California Department of Finance, the proportion of revenues collected compared to all other state transit operators, and the support of paratransit services in the North Bay.
4. The Fiscal Year 2018/2019 STA claim includes approximately \$850,000 in new revenue for transit operations generated by the SB1 gas tax increase. Funds will enable the Transit Division to maintain current service levels in FY 2018/19. Should the Proposition 6 repeal of the SB1 gas tax increase pass in November 2018, the Transit Division anticipates losing approximately \$560,000 in STA funding that would have been generated between November 2018 and the end of FY 2018/19.
5. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission administers the TDA and STA funds for the San Francisco Bay Area.
6. To obtain the City's share of TDA Article IV and STA funding, the Transit Division must submit an annual claim to the MTC that is based on the fund estimates provided by MTC.
7. The TDA Article IV/STA claim for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 includes funding for transit operations and paratransit operations.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On June 20, 2017, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2017-098, approved the Director of Transportation and Public Works to submit a claim for TDA Article IV and STA funds to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 in the estimated amount of \$6,753,635.

ANALYSIS

1. Santa Rosa CityBus relies on TDA Article IV funding to provide fixed route service within the City, and to provide paratransit service in areas within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the fixed-route network.
2. Santa Rosa CityBus uses STA funding to support fixed-route service.
3. CityBus also uses TDA Article IV funds as local match for federal operating grants.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Opinion of Counsel
- Resolution

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