

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 ARTICLE IV AND  
STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE CLAIM SUBMITTAL

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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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 designee, to file a claim for the Transit Division's annual drawdown of Transportation Development Act Article IV and State Transit Assistance funds with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for FY 2020-21 in the estimated amount of \$8,948,974 for ongoing Transit Operations and Capital budgetary needs.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This action authorizes the Director of Transportation and Public Works to file a funding claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the City of Santa Rosa's annual drawdown allocation of Transportation Development Act Article IV (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for FY 2020-21. These funds are used to support the ongoing operation of Santa Rosa CityBus and Santa Rosa Paratransit and provide funding for regular capital improvements.

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 Metropolitan Transportation Commission administers the TDA and STA funds for the San Francisco Bay Area.
5. 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.
6. The TDA Article IV/STA claim for FY 2020-21 includes funding for transit operations, paratransit operations and capital improvements.

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.

On August 21, 2018, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2018-145, 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 2018/2019 in the estimated amount of \$8,897,539.

On August 6, 2019, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2019-119, 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 2019/2020 in the estimated amount of \$9,627,051.

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 and capital improvement grants.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on 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

- Resolution

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