

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: RACHEL EDE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSIT DIVISION
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE IV AND
STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE ANNUAL FORMULA
ALLOCATION APPLICATION 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 designee to file an application for the Transit Division's annual request of Transportation Development Act Article IV and State Transit Assistance funds with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for FY 2024-2025 in the estimated amount of \$17,200,000 for ongoing Transit Operations and Capital budgetary needs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This action authorizes the Director of Transportation and Public Works to file a funding application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the City of Santa Rosa's (CityBus) annual request of formula Transportation Development Act Article IV (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for FY 2023-2024. These state funds are used to support the ongoing operation of CityBus fixed-route and paratransit and provide funding for regular capital improvements.

BACKGROUND

1. 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 funds divided locally among the cities and the County based on population figures from the California Department of Finance (CDOF).
2. 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

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from the CDOF, the proportion of revenues collected compared to all other state transit operators, and the support of paratransit services in the North Bay.

3. The MTC administers and acts as the depository of the TDA and STA funds for the San Francisco Bay Area.
4. To obtain CityBus' TDA and STA funding needs, CityBus must submit an annual application to the MTC for funding that is based on the fund estimates provided by MTC showing the available balance plus any estimated upcoming fiscal year revenues.
5. The annual TDA /STA application includes requests for funding for transit operations, paratransit operations and capital improvements.
6. Annual funding that is applied for that is not required to cover fiscal year operational expenses, as well as any funding applied for capital use that is not utilized by the end of the 3-year capital allocation cycle is returned to MTC to hold in CityBus' balance for future application requests.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On May 9, 2023, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2023-080, approved the Director of Transportation and Public Works to submit an application for TDA and STA funds to the MTC for FY 2023-2024 in the estimated amount of \$12,255,165.

ANALYSIS

1. CityBus relies on TDA and STA funding to provide fixed-route service within the City, and paratransit service in areas within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the fixed-route network.
2. CityBus also uses TDA funds as local match for federal operating and capital improvement grants.
3. An estimated amount of \$12,200,000 will be requested for FY 2024-2025 operating needs.
4. An amount of \$5,000,000 will be requested to support capital projects, including replacement buses, roadbed rehabilitation at the downtown Transit Mall, and other capital projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

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These funds are included in the Transit Division budget for FY 2024-2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment, and no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

PRESENTER

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