

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Allocations

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2004

AGENDA ITEM: 7A

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution allocating \$856,542 in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to local claimants for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

DISCUSSION:

The STA program is one of two funding programs under the Transportation Development Act (TDA). Funds for the other program - the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) - in the amount of \$13,537,838 were allocated last June for monthly disbursement in the current year for transit and street/road projects. STA funds were not allocated in June because the final estimate of STA funds for the current year was not available until September. Based on the FY 2004-2005 estimate provided by the State Controller, a total of \$856,542 is available for allocation this fiscal year as shown in the attached table.

Unlike LTF revenues, which are generated by 1/4th cent of the state sales tax, STA funds are generated from sales taxes on diesel fuel and gasoline. STA funds are allocated pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 99313 and 99314. The State Controller apportions Section 99313 funds to the Santa Barbara County region based on population. SBCAG, in turn, apportions the funds by population among four planning areas: South Coast, Santa Maria Valley, Lompoc Valley and Santa Ynez/Cuyama Valleys. Local agencies work cooperatively to develop their claims so that the total funds claimed from each planning area will not exceed the apportionment for that area. PUC Section 99314 funds are apportioned directly by the State Controller to transit operators based on fare revenues.

STA funds are restricted to transit and transportation planning purposes. The use of STA funds for transit operations is permissible only if claimants satisfy the STA qualifying criteria mandated by state law.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

The allocations reflect the apportionments approved by the Technical Transportation Advisory Committee and are consistent with the amounts claimed by the local agencies.

STAFF CONTACT: Bob Perkins

Member Agencies

Buellton ■ Carpinteria ■ Goleta ■ Guadalupe ■ Lompoc ■ Santa Barbara ■ Santa Maria ■ Solvang ■ Santa Barbara County

Recommended

**STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND
ALLOCATIONS
FY 2004-05**

PUC SECTION 99313 (Population Based)			
Apportionment Area	Claimant	2004-05 Allocations	Purpose
South Coast	SBMTD	\$ 315,849	Transit Capital
	Easy Lift	16,624	Transit Operating
		<u>\$ 332,473</u>	
Lompoc Valley	Lompoc	\$ 96,922	Transit Capital
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Santa Maria Valley	Santa Maria	\$ 184,376	Transit Capital
	Guadalupe	9,710	Transit Operating
	SMOOTH	10,215	Transit Operating
		<u>\$ 204,301</u>	
Santa Ynez & Cuyama Valleys	Buellton	\$ 7,235	Transp. Planning
	Solvang	29,752	Transit Operating
	County	2,189	Transp. Planning
		<u>\$39,176</u>	
Total 99313		\$ 672,872	

PUC SECTION 99314 (Farebox Revenue Based)		
Claimant	2004-05 Allocations	Purpose
County	\$ 631	Transp. Planning
Lompoc	8,116	Transit Capital
Santa Maria	11,302	Transit Capital
Solvang	1,001	Transit Operating
SBMTD	162,620	Transit Capital
Total 99314		\$ 183,670

TOTAL STA

\$856,542

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

ALLOCATION OF STATE TRANSIT)
ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR FISCAL)
YEAR 2004-2005)
_____)

RESOLUTION NO. 04-23

WHEREAS, Chapter 105 of the 1989 Statutes (SB-300 & SB 3) amended the State Transit Assistance Program established pursuant to Chapters 161 and 1002 of the 1979 Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments has created a State Transit Assistance Fund pursuant to Section 99313.6 of the Public Utilities Code to deposit all monies allocated and transmitted to it by the Secretary of the Business, Housing and Transportation Agency; and

WHEREAS, State Transit Assistance funds in the amount of \$856,542 will be available for allocation in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 based upon the State Controller's revised estimate; and

WHEREAS, eligible agencies have submitted claims for use of the funds estimated to be available in Fiscal Year 2004-2005; and

WHEREAS, the claims submitted by the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District, Easy Lift Transportation Inc., SMOOTH, the County of Santa Barbara (for Cuyama Transit), Solvang (for Santa Ynez Valley Transit) and the cities of Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Lompoc and Buellton have been evaluated and found to be consistent with the applicable provisions of the Public Utilities Code and the California Code of Regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments as the Transportation Planning Agency for Santa Barbara County does hereby allocate monies from the State Transit Assistance Fund to the following claimants according to the terms and conditions set forth below:

Allocation No. 04-1-STA

Allocation: \$315,849
\$162,620
Purpose: \$478,469
Terms & Conditions:

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District

(Section 99313.3)
(Section 99314.3)
(Transit - 6730b)
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

Allocation No. 04-2-STA

Allocation: \$ 16,624
Purpose: \$ 16,624
Terms & Conditions:

Easy Lift Transportation Inc.

(Section 99313.3)
(Transit - 6730d)
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

Allocation No. 04-3-STA

Allocation: \$184,376
\$ 11,302
Purpose: \$195,678
Terms & Conditions:

City of Santa Maria

(Section 99313.3)
(Section 99314.3)
(Transit – 6730b)
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

Allocation No. 04-4-STA

Allocation: \$ 96,922
\$ 8,116
Purpose: \$105,038
Terms & Conditions:

City of Lompoc

(Section 99313.3)
(Section 99314.3)
(Transit - 6730a)
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

Allocation No. 04-5-STA

Allocation: \$ 29,752
\$ 1,001
Purpose: \$ 30,753
Terms & Conditions:

City of Solvang (for SYVT)

(Section 99313.3)
(Section 99314.3)
(Transit - 6730a)
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

Allocation No. 04-6-STA

Allocation: \$ 7,235
Purpose: \$ 7,235
Terms & Conditions:

City of Buellton

(Section 99313.3)
(Planning - 6731b)
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

Allocation No. 04-7-STA

Allocation: \$ 2,189
 \$ 631
Purpose: \$ 2,820
Terms & Conditions:

County of Santa Barbara (for Cuyama Transit)

(Section 99313.3)
(Section 99314.3)
(Planning - 6731b)
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

Allocation No. 04-8-STA

Allocation: \$ 9,710
Purpose: \$ 9,710
Terms & Conditions:

City of Guadalupe

(Section 99313.3)
(Transit - 6730a)
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

Allocation No. 04-9-STA

Allocation: \$ 10,215
Purpose: \$ 10,215
Terms & Conditions:

SMOOTH

(Section 99313.3)
(Transit – 6730d)
Payment shall be made upon receipt of approved documentation supporting the request for funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, in allocating these funds, finds that:

1. Claimants' proposed expenditures as described in the individual claims are in conformance with the Regional Transportation Plan.
2. The level of passenger fares and charges as described in the individual claims is sufficient to enable the claimant to meet the fare revenue requirements of Public Utilities Code Sections 99268.2, 99268.3, 99268.4, 99268.5 and 99268.9 as they may be applicable to the claimant.
3. The claimants are making full use of federal funds available under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.
4. The sum of each claimant's allocations from the State Transit Assistance Fund and from the Local Transportation Fund as described in the individual claims does not exceed the amount the claimant is eligible to receive during the fiscal year.
5. Priority consideration has been given to claims to offset unanticipated increases in the cost of fuel, to enhance existing public transportation services, and to meet high-priority regional, countywide, or area-wide public transportation needs.
6. Each operator has made a reasonable effort to implement the productivity improvements recommended pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99244. The specific

improvements recommended and efforts made by the operators to implement them are described in the individual claims.

- 7. Each operator is receiving from the Local Transportation Fund not less than the amount it received during the 1978-79 fiscal year.
- 8. The claimants are not precluded from employing part-time drivers or contracting with common carriers of persons operating under a franchise or license.
- 9. Each operator requesting STA funds for operating purposes has satisfied the qualifying criteria as specified in PUC Section 99314.6.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October 2004 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Jim Kemp
Executive Director

Naomi Schwartz, Chair
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By _____
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