



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Public Infrastructure - Transit Division

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

Sonoma County Transit - Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance Annual Claim of Funds

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of a claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for allocation of Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds for fiscal year 2023-24 to support Sonoma County Transit and Sonoma County Paratransit services.

Executive Summary:

Each spring, Sonoma County Transit submits its claim to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for available Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for the upcoming fiscal year. TDA and STA funds can be used for both operating and capital purposes and represent the largest source of funding used to support Sonoma County Transit and Paratransit operations.

Discussion:

In 1971, the State of California established two funding programs that have become a primary source of transit operating and capital funding assistance for large and small transit systems statewide. The programs, referred to as Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance, provide on-going funding support to eligible transit operators.

Transportation Development Act funds represent a quarter percent of the State's base sales tax whose revenues return to the County on a per-capita basis. Sonoma County Transit receives Transportation Development Act funds for the unincorporated area, as well as from most cities in the county to support Sonoma County Transit and Sonoma County Paratransit services. For FY 2023-24, Sonoma County Transit is estimated to receive \$12,414,892 in Transportation Development Act funds, 51% of which comes from incorporated area contributions.

State Transit Assistance funds represent a portion of sales tax revenues generated by the sale of diesel fuel. In FY 2023-24, it is projected that Sonoma County Transit will receive \$4,979,756 in State Transit Assistance funding.

Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds have traditionally been the lifeblood of transit operations funding. For FY 2023-24, these funds represent approximately 68% of the combined fixed-route and paratransit operating budget. The balance is comprised of federal funds, local Measure M funds,

passenger fares and other miscellaneous grants and revenues.

As required by MTC resolution 2858, 25% of the TDA funds distributed in Sonoma County are dedicated to Golden Gate Transit to support its regional bus services that serve Sonoma County. The County's FY 2023-24 contribution to Golden Gate Transit is \$2,475,640.

To ensure fund availability for the upcoming fiscal year, Sonoma County Transit submits a claim annually to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. A Coordinated Claim is prepared to illustrate funding agreements with other jurisdictions in support of county-provided transit services. The Sonoma County Transportation Authority adopted the FY 2023-24 Coordinated Claim on April 10, 2023.

The following summarizes allocation of FY 2023-24 Transit Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds to support County transit programs:

Total FY 2023-24 TDA Available:	\$12,414,892
Total FY 2023-24 STA Available:	\$4,979,756
<u>Total FY 2023-24 TDA/STA Combined:</u>	<u>\$17,394,648</u>

Prior-Year TDA Funds claimed:	\$ 0
<u>Total TDA/STA:</u>	<u>\$17,394,648</u>

Operations Funding for Sonoma County Transit	\$10,578,144
Operations Funding for Sonoma County Paratransit (ADA service)	\$3,722,963
Operating Contract with Mendocino Transit Authority:	\$180,000
Capital Projects & Capital Contingency:	\$ 2,913,541
<u>Total Claim:</u>	<u>\$17,394,648</u>

In addition to the above, approximately \$11.4 million in Transportation Development Act reserve funds may be called upon during the year to cover deficits caused by lower than anticipated TDA or STA fund generation.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Prior Board Actions:

05/10/22 Res #22-0200: Board authorized filing a claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for allocation of Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds for FY 2022-23.

05/11/21 Res #21-0200: Board authorized filing a claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for allocation of Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds for FY 2021-22

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 22-23 Adopted	FY23-24 Projected	FY 24-25 Projected
Budgeted Expenses		\$17,394,648	

Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures		\$17,394,648	
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal		\$17,394,648	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources		\$17,394,648	

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds totaling \$17,394,648, and correlating expenditures were included in the FY2023-2024 recommended budget, and no additional appropriations are requested at this time.

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None.

Attachments:

Resolution
FY 2023-24 TDA & STA Coordinated Claim

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None.