



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All

Title:

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

Recommended Actions:

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 FY 2019-20 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 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 (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA), 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 2019-20, Sonoma County Transit is estimated to receive \$10,186,940 in Transportation Development Act funds, 50% 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 2019-20, it is projected that Sonoma County Transit will receive \$3,407,382 in State Transit Assistance funding.

Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds have traditionally been the lifeblood of transit operations funding. In FY 2019-20, these funds represent approximately 70% 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 2019-20 contribution to Golden Gate Transit will be \$2,070,514.

To ensure fund availability for the upcoming fiscal year, Sonoma County Transit submits a claim each year at this time 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 2019-20 Coordinated Claim on April 8, 2019.

The following summarizes allocation of FY 2019-20 Transit Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds to support County transit programs:

FY 2019-20 County of Sonoma TDA Apportionment:	\$7,157,475
Add: City Allocations Claimed by County:	\$5,099,979
Less: Support for Golden Gate Transit:	<\$2,070,514>

Total FY 2019-20 TDA Available:	\$10,186,940
Total FY 2019-20 STA Available:	\$3,407,382
<u>Total FY 2019-20 TDA/STA Combined:</u>	<u>\$13,594,322</u>

Prior-Year STA Funds claimed:	\$629,485
<u>Total TDA/STA:</u>	<u>\$14,223,807</u>

Operations Funding for Sonoma County Transit	\$9,945,216
Operations Funding for Sonoma County Paratransit (ADA)	\$2,954,276
Operating Contract with Mendocino Transit Authority:	\$172,200
Capital/Fixed-Asset Projects per Proposed FY 2019/20 Budget:	\$921,700
Contingency (FY 2019-20 TDA):	\$230,415
<u>Total Claim:</u>	<u>\$14,223,807</u>

In addition to the above, approximately \$3.8 million in Transportation Development Act reserve funds may be utilized to fill deficits from lower than projected Transit Development Act and State Transit Assistance fund generation.

Amounts estimated in this claim were included in the Sonoma County Transit's FY 2019-20 recommended budget.

Prior Board Actions:

05/22/18 - Board authorized filing a claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for allocation of Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds for FY 2018-19.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 18-19 Adopted	FY 19-20 Projected	FY 20-21 Projected
Budgeted Expenses		\$14,223,807	
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures		\$14,223,807	
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal		\$14,223,807	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources		\$14,223,807	

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds detailed in this item were included in the FY 2019-20 recommended budget.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll)	Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)	Additions (number)	Deletions (number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

Resolution

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

FY 2019/20 TDA & STA Coordinated Claim