



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 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 2020/21 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 (MTC) for available Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance 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.

TDA 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 TDA 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 2020/21, Sonoma County Transit is estimated to receive \$10,062,207 in TDA funds, 50% of which comes from incorporated area contributions.

STA funds represent a portion of sales tax revenues generated by the sale of diesel fuel. In FY 2020/21, it is projected that Sonoma County Transit will receive \$3,075,125 in STA funding.

TDA and STA funds have traditionally been the lifeblood of transit operations funding. For FY 2020/21, these funds represent approximately 72% 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 2020/21 contribution to Golden Gate Transit is \$2,042,428.

To ensure fund availability for the upcoming fiscal year, Sonoma County Transit submits a claim each year at this time to the MTC. A Coordinated Claim is prepared to illustrate funding agreements with other jurisdictions in support of county-provided transit services. The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) adopted the FY 2020/21 Coordinated Claim on April 13, 2020.

The following summarizes allocation of FY 2020/21 TDA and STA funds to support County transit programs:

FY 2020/21 County of Sonoma TDA Apportionment:	\$7,030,732
Add: City Allocations Claimed by County:	\$5,073,903
Less: Support for Golden Gate Transit:	<\$2,042,428>
 Total FY 2020/21 TDA Available:	 \$10,062,207
Total FY 2020/21 STA Available:	\$3,075,125
<u>Total FY 2020/21 TDA/STA Combined:</u>	<u>\$13,080,933</u>
 Prior-Year STA Funds claimed:	 \$384,106
<u>Total TDA/STA:</u>	<u>\$13,521,438</u>
 Operations Funding for Sonoma County Transit	 \$9,971,057
Operations Funding for Sonoma County Paratransit (ADA)	\$3,116,272
Operating Contract with Mendocino Transit Authority:	\$177,200
Capital/Fixed-Asset Projects per Proposed FY 2020/21 Budget:	\$256,909
<u>Total Claim:</u>	<u>\$13,521,438</u>

In addition to the above, approximately \$3.9 million in TDA reserve funds may be called upon during the year to fill deficits from lower than projected TDA and STA fund generation.

It should be noted that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting loss in sales tax revenues and the duration of those losses are unknown at this time. The claim amounts presented above represent projections made by MTC and the County Auditor in January, 2020 and represent a best-case scenario. Approval of this item enables Sonoma County Transit to make its annual claim for TDA/STA funds, however, available funds will likely be less than the estimates presented above.

Prior Board Actions:

05/14/19 - Sonoma County Transit - TDA and STA Annual Claim of Funds. Board authorized filing a claim with the MTC for allocation of TDA and STA funds for FY 2019/20. The TDA and STA funds detailed in this item were included in the FY 2019/20 recommended budget.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 Projected
Budgeted Expenses		\$13,521,438	
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures		\$13,521,438	
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal		\$13,521,438	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources		\$13,521,438	

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The TDA and STA funds detailed in this item were included in the FY 2020/21 recommended budget.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	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 2020/21 TDA & STA Coordinated Claim