



Approve State Transit Assistance Fund Allocation for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Consent

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Attachments: Yes

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Referring Committee: Policy & Innovation

Issue:

Each year the California State Controller publishes estimates of sales revenues for the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund. SACOG staff use these revenue estimates to calculate proposed funding allocations to each city, county, and transit agency, which are then approved by the SACOG Board of Directors.

Recommendation:

The Policy and Innovation Committee unanimously recommended that the board approve Fiscal Year 2024-2025 allocation of State Transit Assistance funds for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties.

Background/Analysis:

The State Transit Assistance (STA) program is provided by the State of California from the statewide sales tax on motor vehicle fuel (gasoline) and use fuel (diesel). The state allocates 50 percent of STA funds based upon the region's share of the state population, and 50 percent based upon transit operator revenues for the prior fiscal year as a share of statewide transit operator revenues. The STA funds are subject to variations in the price and usage of diesel fuel statewide. Transit operators are encouraged to use these funds for one-time capital expenditures, as there is often variation in the level of funding and the ability of operators to use the funds for operating purposes.

In August each year, the State Controller's office publishes revised revenues as allowed in the TDA statutes. SACOG staff reviews the revised revenues and calculates funds available to each agency. These revised revenues are presented to the board for adoption and then made available for distribution.

As a Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the counties of Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba, SACOG is responsible for the allocation of State Transit Assistance fund. El Dorado County Transportation Commission and Placer County Transportation Planning Agency administer STA funding for their respective counties.

Discussion/Analysis:

On January 31, 2024, the State Controller's Office (SCO) released the Department of Finance's estimated State Transit Assistance (STA) funds as per the California Public Utilities Code (PUC). STA revenues are allocated to the region via Section 99313 and Section 99314 of the PUC. Section 99313 funds are allocated based on population while Section 99314 funds are allocated based on fare and other revenues reported by transit

agencies to the State Controller's Office. The estimated amount of STA revenue for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties for FY 2024-2025 is \$31,686,939. \$23,616,860 of Section 99313 and \$8,070,079 of Section 99314 as shown in attachment A. The FY 2024-2025 revenues decreased by three per cent from the revised FY 2023-2024 funding levels at \$32,780,071.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact to SACOG's operating budget. The funds are allocated by formula to local agencies and staff time for administering the program is reflected in the agency's Overall Work Program (OWP).