



Approve Revised State Transit Assistance Fund Allocation for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Consent

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Attachments: Yes

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Referring Committee: Transportation

1. Issue:

Each year the State Controller publishes revised estimates of sales revenues for the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund. SACOG staff uses the revised revenue estimates to calculate updated funding allocations for each local recipient agency.

2. Recommendation:

The Transportation Committee unanimously recommended that the board approve the revised STA fund allocations for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023.

3. Background/Analysis:

STA allocations are funded through a portion of the sales tax on diesel fuel. These funds can only be used for transit purposes and are subject to variations in the price and usage of diesel fuel statewide. As there is often variation in the level of funding and the ability of operators to use the funds for operating purposes, transit operators are encouraged to use these funds for one-time capital expenditures. SACOG administers the STA funding for the four-county region (Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties). The El Dorado County Transportation Commission and Placer County Transportation Planning Agency administer the STA funding for their respective counties.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

On August 1, 2022, the State Controller's Office (SCO) released the Department of Finance's revision to the estimated amount of STA 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. Section 99314 funds are allocated based on fare and other revenues reported by transit agencies to the SCO. The revised estimated amount of STA revenue for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties for FY 2022-2023 is \$24,213,459 of Section 99313 and \$8,308,238 of Section 99314 for a total of \$32,521,697 (Attachment A). The August revised revenues represent an approximate 32 percent increase from the January estimated funding.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact to SACOG's operating budget. Staff time for administering the program is reflected in the agency's overall work program.

6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Objectives:

Goal 1 : Advance Economic Prosperity

Objective 3: Improve people's ability to get to jobs, schools, and other economic opportunities.