



Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: March 5, 2020

Agenda Item No. 3

Approve State Transit Assistance Allocation for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Consent

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Approved by: Matt Carpenter

Attachments: Yes

1. Issue:

Each year the 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, then submit these proposed allocations to the SACOG board for approval.

2. Recommendation:

That the Transportation Committee recommend that the board approve the allocation of State Transit Assistance funds for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021.

3. Background/Analysis:

The STA allocation is 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. 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. 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 administers STA funding for their respective counties.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

On January 31, 2020, the State Controller's Office (SCO) released the Department of Finance's estimated amount of State Transit Assistance (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 estimated amount of STA revenue for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba, counties for FY 2020-2021 is \$16,853,766 of Section 99313 and \$6,023,815 of Section 99314 for a total of \$22,877,581 (attachment A). The FY 2020-2021 revenues reduced by \$140,986 which is an approximate 0.61 percent decrease from the FY 2019-2020 funding levels.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact to SACOG's operating budget. The funds are allocated by formula to local agencies. 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.