

TTAC STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Prop 1B Transit Security and PTMISEA Applications

MEETING DATE: May 4, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: 6

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RECOMMENDATION:

Review applications for current Proposition 1B program call for projects (Transit Security and PTMISEA programs) and recommend approval to the SBCAG Board.

DISCUSSION:

SBCAG annually receives funds from various programs under the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by voters as Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006. Two of these programs are the Transit Security Grant Program which funds eligible transit capital security projects and the PTMISEA Grant Program which funds capital projects such as the purchase of buses, vans and development and construction of transit centers. Both programs are currently hosting a call for projects.

Transit Security Program

The Santa Barbara County region will receive approximately \$346,509 in transit security funding for Fiscal Year 2016/17 from the Transit Security Grant Program. The program is administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Of this amount, \$272,862 is available for projects programmed by SBCAG and \$73,647 for projects selected directly by transit operators in Santa Barbara County. The two allocations are made based on two funding formulas, as required by Prop 1B. One formula uses farebox revenue to allocate funding; the other uses population. The funds can be expended on capital purchases that provide increased protection against a security or safety threat or increase the capacity of disaster response transportation systems to move people, goods, emergency personnel and equipment in the aftermath of a disaster.

SBCAG staff has estimated the sub-allocations to each operator/jurisdiction based on the board-approved STA sub-allocation formula. This information has been shared with each transit operator and was the "budget" for the project funding requests they have submitted to SBCAG. The sub-allocations are provided below in Table 1.

Table 1. Proposition 1B Transit Security Apportionment Summary for FY 2016/17

Transit Security Population Based Apportionments - GC 8879.58(a)(2)	FY 16/17 Apportionment Estimates	Actual FY 16/17 Allocation Amount for Submittal to Cal OES
State Total - Revenue Based on Population	\$24,000,000	
SBCAG Total Revenue	\$272,862	\$272,862
South Coast	\$130,974	\$167,465
- SBMTD	\$124,425	\$167,465
- Easy Lift* (5% of the South Coast Total)	\$6,549	\$0
Lompoc Valley	\$36,986	\$80,026
- Lompoc (COLT)	\$36,986	\$80,026
Santa Maria Valley	\$90,186	\$0
- Santa Maria (SMAT)	\$81,415	\$0
- Guadalupe	\$4,262	\$0
- SMOOTH* (5% of the Santa Maria Valley Total)	\$4,509	\$0
Santa Ynez & Cuyama Valleys	\$14,716	\$25,370
- Buellton	\$3,027	\$0
- Solvang (SYVT)	\$11,597	\$25,370
- County	\$92	\$0
Regional Agencies	\$0	\$0
- SBCAG	\$0	\$0

* Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies receive 5% of the STA funding for the area they serve.

The Cities of Buellton, Guadalupe, Santa Maria, and the County of Santa Barbara, SMOOTH, Easy Lift and SBCAG chose not to submit applications at this time. The four projects staff recommends receive funding in the FY 16/17 cycle are:

Table 2: Prop 1B Transit Security Projects Submitted and Recommended For Funding

Agency	Project Title	Requested Population Based Allocation Amount
Santa Barbara MTD	Terminal 1 Security Upgrades	\$167,465
City of Lompoc	Transit Operations Security Improvements	\$80,026
City of Solvang	Bus Shelter LED Solar Lighting Replacement	\$11,796
	Simme-seat LED Solar Light Retrofit	\$13,574
Total:		\$272,862

Applications must be submitted to the Office of Emergency Services by June 30, 2017. This is the last cycle of Transit Security funds before the program expires. Any unclaimed funds will revert to the Office of Emergency Services.

SBCAG staff recommends that the TTAC recommend to the SBCAG Board approval of the projects in Table 2 for Prop 1B Transit Security funding.

PTMISEA Program

SBCAG is responsible for selecting transit capital improvement projects for Fiscal Year 2009/10 through 2016/17 from the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) included in Proposition 1B. Since the program began, SBCAG has sub-apportioned the funds by formula to local agencies that operate public transit services. The transit operators then nominate projects for approval by SBCAG to expend their share of the funding. After FY 16/17, the authority to expend the funds expires and the State would presumably apply unspent funds to retire Proposition 1B bond debt.

The State Controller has provided each Regional Transportation Planning Agency with an amount of funding available each fiscal year. This is allocated locally based on the farebox revenue and population formulas used to distribute State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. This staff report addresses recommendations for revenue received from the population-based formula. A three-year apportionment for FYs 2014/15 – 2016/17 was released in early 2014. The SBCAG region currently has \$110,737 remaining under this apportionment. It must be claimed by November 15, 2017, or the funds will revert back to the State.

Caltrans is providing regional agencies with an opportunity to nominate new projects for any remaining FY 2014/15 funds. Applications must be submitted by May 26, 2017. Remaining funds will rollover to the final call for projects prior to the expiration of the PTMISEA program in November 2017.

Projects must be consistent with the sponsor’s most recently adopted short-range transit plan, or other publicly adopted plan that programs or prioritizes funds for transit capital improvements. Funds cannot be allocated towards the operation or administration of transit services.

The project nominated for funding by local transit operators is shown below in Table 3. The funds were originally allocated to the City of Santa Maria, who has permitted their remaining funds to be used by SMOOTH for this project. Staff recommends the TTAC review and recommend the Board approve the submittal of the project application to Caltrans. The unspent balance of \$59,940 will roll over to November 2017.

Table 3: Projects Nominated for Funding

Agency	Project		Amount
SMOOTH	SMOOTH Van Purchase	Purchase of a new ADA-compliant, 8 passenger van with wheelchair lift for SMOOTH Senior Dial-A-Ride service	\$50,797
	Total:		\$50,797

ATTACHMENTS:

None.