

TTAC STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: TTAC Announcements ITEM: 3A
RECOMMENDATION: Receive on STA funding for the Clean Air Express
STAFF CONTACT: Scott Spaulding
DISCUSSION: Below is a summary of items of interest to TTAC members with the corresponding staff contact person.

SBCAG to begin receiving farebox-based State Transportation Assistance funding (PUC 99314) in FY 2017/18

On January 1 SBCAG will begin managing the Clean Air Express, as the agency did from 2001 to 2009. From July 2009 to November 2012 the City of Santa Maria administered the service under an agreement with SBCAG, and from November 2012 to December 2017 the City of Lompoc administered the service. The Clean Air Express is supported only by the Measure A North County Interregional Transit Program and does not currently receive any dedicated state or federal transit funding.

Staff has worked with the State Controller's Office to provide the documentation SCO staff requested to demonstrate that SBCAG is a Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Transportation Planning Agency that funds and operates a public transit service. In September, the SCO approved SBCAG to begin reporting farebox revenue to the state beginning in January and as a result, the farebox-based STA funding (99314) generated by the Clean Air Express will be applied to the service under the SBCAG claim process.

Over the past several years, STA 99314 farebox revenue has generated about 6 cents per farebox dollar, although this figure is expected to increase with the additional funding made available to transit agencies under SB1. As an example, \$1 million in annual farebox revenue will generate about \$60,000 in annual 99314 STA revenue for the Clean Air Express. Although farebox revenues have declined across the country over the last several years, this new revenue source will help narrow the structural funding shortfall the Clean Air Express faces through the end of the Measure A program.

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Active Transportation Program Cycle 4

The California Transportation Commission has initiated the Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 process. SBCAG Programming Staff will be participating in the workshops conducted by CTC staff in November and December. For Cycle 4, Programming Staff will be conducting a workshop for local agencies once the guidelines are adopted. The CTC is expected to have the guidelines adopted in March 2018 with applications due in May 2018.

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