

SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: State Transit Assistance Fiscal Year 2020-21

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 4H

STAFF CONTACT: Dave Troutner

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 21-36 approving \$4,003,413 in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds, including interest earnings, to local claimants for FY 2020-21 to be claimed by amending FY 2021-22 Transportation Development Claims.

DISCUSSION:

The State Transit Assistance (STA) program is one of two state transit-funding programs under the Transportation Development Act (TDA). Based on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 State Transit Assistance (STA) funds received, a total of \$4,003,413 is available for apportionment this fiscal year (FY 2021-22) as detailed in Attachment A. This includes a balance of \$129,080 in STA interest earnings available for allocation.

STA funds can be used for transit capital or transportation planning purposes. STA funds can only be used for transit operations if claimants satisfy the STA qualifying criteria mandated by state law. State Transit Assistance funds are generated from sales tax on diesel fuel and gasoline and are allocated pursuant to Public Utilities Code (PUC) Sections 99313 and 99314. The State Controller apportions Section 99313 funds to the Santa Barbara County region based on statewide population. SBCAG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, in turn apportions the funds by population between four transit planning areas in the Santa Barbara County region: Santa Barbara South Coast, Santa Maria Valley, Lompoc Valley and Santa Ynez/Cuyama Valleys. Local agencies and transit operators work cooperatively to develop their claims so that the total funds claimed from each planning area will not exceed the apportionment for that planning area. PUC Section 99314 funds are apportioned directly by the State Controller to transit operators based on fare revenues. Resolution 21-36 (Attachment B) allocates both 99313 and 99314 funds to local agencies.

The recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

TTAC RECOMMENDATION:

TTAC unanimously recommended approval of the STA apportionments at its October 7, 2021 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Apportionment of FY 2020-21 State Transit Assistance Funds
- B. Resolution 21-36