



SACOG Board of Directors

Item #06-2-4
Consent

February 9, 2006

State Transit Assistance Allocation

Issue: Review and authorize the State Transit Assistance Allocation for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

Recommendation: During the meeting, there was no quorum; only the Chair and Vice Chair were present. Immediately after adjournment, Director Flory arrived and indicated to the Executive Director that he was in favor of all agenda items. As such, a quorum of the Administration Committee recommends that the SACOG Board of Directors authorize the State Transit Assistance Allocation for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

Committee Action/Discussion: Annually, the State Controller's office, pursuant to Section 99312.7 of the Public Utilities Code (PUC), must provide a preliminary estimate of the amount of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds available for allocation for the next fiscal year. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments, as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties, is required to allocate portions of these statewide STA funds to the cities, counties and transit operators within our region. Attached is the recommended allocation of the \$8,518,446 available within SACOG's RTPA region.

The statewide STA estimated funds of \$234,909,657 for fiscal year 2006-07 increased 17% from the amended statewide allocation in August 2005. STA funds at the state level are allocated in accordance with PUC Sections 99313 and 99314, which require that 50% of the funds be allocated by population and 50% be allocated based on operator revenues as reported to the State Controller for the prior fiscal year. The funds allocated to the SACOG region on the basis of operator revenue are to be allocated by SACOG to the operators within the region on the same basis. The balance is allocated to cities and counties based on population.

The Section 99313 funds available to SACOG's four-county RTPA area for fiscal year 2006-07, based on statewide total population, are \$5,466,740, an increase of \$798,079. The Section 99314 funds for fiscal year 2006-07, based on operator revenue within the RTPA, are \$3,051,706, an increase of \$445,512. The individual claimant amounts are shown on the attached schedules. An on-going fund reserve of \$200,000 has been maintained to mitigate any shortfall in income from the state, but SACOG does not retain any administrative fees.

STA funds are available only for various mass transportation purposes. Within the SACOG region, this means that these funds are to be used by cities, counties, and transit operators for transit-related activities. Funds are not to be used for local streets and roads or projects for use by pedestrians and bicycles.

Approved by:

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Executive Director

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Attachment

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