



Transportation Committee

Item #16-2-2 Action

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Unmet Transit Needs in the Sacramento Regional Transit District, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties, and the Cities Therein

Issue: The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that SACOG, as the four-county Regional Transportation Planning Agency, make annual unmet transit needs findings for the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) and for jurisdictions eligible to use TDA funds. SACOG must hold a final public hearing before the Board prior to the Unmet Transit Needs findings being finalized.

Recommendation: That the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board hold a public hearing on unmet transit needs at its February 18, 2016 meeting. Staff will then bring recommended SACOG Unmet Transit Needs findings to the Board for consideration and approval in the March cycle.

Discussion: State TDA statute established a Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for each county. LTF revenues are derived from 1/4 cent of the state retail sales tax and are returned to each county according to the amount of tax collected. LTF funds are apportioned to jurisdictions within each county on a population basis.

In Sacramento County, the LTF apportioned to jurisdictions located within the SRTD may only be used for transit service. However, jurisdictions located outside of the SRTD may use their LTF apportionments for streets and roads projects, provided they have no unfunded transit requests that meet SACOG's adopted definition of "unmet transit needs" that are "reasonable to meet."

It is the responsibility of the SACOG Board to make annual Unmet Transit Needs findings for each of the four counties and the cities therein and the SRTD. SACOG plans to hold the final public hearing for the FY 2016-17 Unmet Transit Needs process at the February 18, 2016, Board meeting. This final public hearing is being held prior to bringing recommended findings to the Board for their review and approval in March, to allow time to analyze any new comments received at the final hearing.

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