



Item #16-2-3
Action

Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

January 29, 2016

State Transit Assistance Allocation for Fiscal Year 2016/17

Issue: Should the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2016/17 State Transit Assistance (STA) Allocation for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties?

Recommendation: That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee (GRPA) recommend that the Board approve the Allocation of State Transit Assistance for Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba Counties for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17.

Discussion: In late January or early February of each year, the State Controller's Office (SCR) releases the Department of Finance's estimated amount of State Transit Assistance (STA) per Section 99312.7 of the Public Utilities Code (PUC). The estimate was not available as of the Committee mail out, but is expected to be released by the time of the February 8 meeting. It is not known at this time how the FY 2016/17 allocation will compare to the FY 2015-16 level, but the estimates and a year over year comparison will be provided at the time of the meeting.

STA revenue is allocated to the region via Section 99313 and Section 99314 of the PUC. Section 99313 funds are allocated based on population. Section 99314 funds are allocated based on fare revenues reported by the transit agency. The STA allocation is funded through a portion of the sales tax on diesel fuel. These funds can only be used for transit purposes and are subject to variations in the price and usage of diesel fuel statewide. As there is often variation in the level of funding and the ability of operators to use the funds for operating purposes, transit operators are encouraged to use these funds for one-time capital expenditures.

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