



**Item #12-6-4
Action**

Strategic Planning Committee

May 31, 2012

Approve the Revised State Transit Assistance Allocation for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Issue: Should the Strategic Planning Committee, with its delegated authority from the Board of Directors, approve the Revised State Transit Assistance (STA) Allocation for fiscal year 2011-12?

Recommendation: That the Strategic Planning Committee approve the FY 2011-12 Revised Allocation of State Transit Assistance Funds.

Discussion: The SACOG Board adopted a revised STA allocation in October 2011, which increased the expected amount of funds in the SACOG Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) area from the original estimate of \$12,123,232 to \$14,785,093. This increase was based on an upward adjustment by the State Controller's office (SCRO) of the expected revenue for the fund. Staff has been monitoring the receipts in the fund on a quarterly basis from data published by the SCRO. The receipts for the first three quarters on FY 2011-12 are approximately 5 percent lower than what is projected in the October revised allocation. Therefore, we are recommending a 5 percent decrease in available STA funds for transit in the SACOG four-county RTPA area to \$14,045,838. In Placer and El Dorado counties, these funds are passed through the RTPAs for each county. If the fund balance at the end of the state fiscal year is higher than the amount allocated in this revision, staff recommends reestablishing a reserve fund with the excess STA funds to cushion variations in the fund receipts in future years to lessen the occurrences of revised allocations.

The STA fund is funded through a portion of the sales tax on diesel fuel and is a result of the gas tax swap of 2010 that removed the sales tax on gasoline, which used to be the source of STA funds out of the Public Transportation Account. These funds can only be used for transit purposes and are subject to variations in the price and usage of diesel fuel statewide. In FY 2011-12, the funds can be used for operating or capital purposes with no restrictions through the signing of Senate Bill 565 in 2011. The bill contains a waiver for the use of STA for operations that will continue until FY 2014-15. As there is often great 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. Many of the transit operators in the SACOG region use these funds for operating purposes.

Approved by:

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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

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SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Share of \$416,254,131 Statewide

REVISED ALLOCATION OF STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR FY 2011-12 PUBLIC UTILITY CODE SECTION 99313
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JURISDICTION	POPULATION ^{1/}	POPULATION AS A % OF TOTAL	ALLOCATION ^{2/}
SACRAMENTO COUNTY			
Unincorporated	567,700	31.21%	\$2,958,259 ^{3/}
Citrus Heights	88,115	4.84%	\$459,163
Elk Grove	143,885	7.91%	\$749,778
Folsom	71,453	3.93%	\$372,338
Galt	24,264	1.33%	\$126,439
Isleton	822	0.05%	\$4,283
Rancho Cordova	62,899	3.46%	\$327,764 ^{4/}
Sacramento	486,189	26.73%	\$2,533,509 ^{4/}
SUTTER COUNTY			
Unincorporated	24,991	1.37%	\$130,227
Live Oak	8,791	0.48%	\$45,810
Yuba City	63,647	3.50%	\$331,662
YOLO COUNTY			
Unincorporated	23,571	1.30%	\$122,827
Davis	66,570	3.66%	\$346,893
West Sacramento	48,426	2.66%	\$252,346
Winters	7,098	0.39%	\$36,987
Woodland	57,288	3.15%	\$298,525
YUBA COUNTY			
Unincorporated	56,995	3.13%	\$296,998
Marysville	12,867	0.71%	\$67,049
Wheatland	3,558	0.20%	\$18,541
TOTAL	1,819,129	100.00%	\$9,479,400

<p>1. Sources: Report 05 E-1, Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, 1/1/ 2010.</p> <p>2. Entire amount must be used for transportation planning and mass transportation purposes.</p> <p>3. Of this amount, 95.50% (the percent of Unincorporated Sacramento County's population which is within the Sacramento Regional Transit District) or \$2,958,259 is reserved in whole or part for either SRTD or Paratransit, Inc. The balance of \$133,122 may be used by the County or SRTD if the County has met all of its transit needs.</p> <p>4. Entire amount is reserved for SRTD.</p> <p>5. Sacramento Regional Transit District total = \$5,686,411.</p>
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TRANSIT OPERATOR	REVENUE BASIS ^{1/}	REVENUE	
		AS A % OF TOTAL	ALLOCATION ^{2/}
City of Elk Grove	\$3,459,724	4%	\$195,067
City of Folsom	\$898,381	1%	\$50,653
Sacramento Regional Transit District	\$69,357,791	86%	\$3,910,552
Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority	\$1,170,156	1%	\$65,976
City of Davis	\$2,526,956	3%	\$142,476
Yolo County Transportation District	\$3,577,623	4%	\$201,715
TOTAL	\$80,990,631	100.00%	\$4,566,438

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| <p>1. Each operator's revenue basis is based on latest eligible allocations as reported by the State Controller's Office for State Transit Assistance funding.</p> <p>2. Entire amount must be used for transportation planning and mass transportation purposes.</p> |
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