



Board Report

File #: 2015-0574, File Type: Resolution

Agenda Number: 7.

FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
June 17, 2015

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ARTICLE 8 FUND PROGRAM

**ACTION: ADOPT FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTION FOR FY 2015-16
TDA ARTICLE 8 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. findings and recommendations (Attachment A) for **allocating fiscal year (FY) 2015-16 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds estimated at \$23,988,324** as follows:
1. In the City of Avalon there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, and the City of Avalon will use \$146,632 of their Article 8 funds (Attachment B) for their transit services. Therefore, TDA Article 8 funds will be used to meet the unmet transit needs, as described in Attachment A;
 2. In the Antelope Valley, which includes the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, and in the Los Angeles County Unincorporated areas of the Antelope Valley, transit needs are met using other funding sources, such as Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return. Therefore, TDA Article 8 funds in the amount of \$6,011,397 and \$5,852,688 (Lancaster and Palmdale, respectively), may be used for street and road purposes and/or transit, as long as long as their transit needs continue to be met;
 3. In the Santa Clarita Valley, which includes the City of Santa Clarita and the Los Angeles County unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley, transit needs are met with other funding sources, such as Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return. Therefore, TDA Article 8 funds in the amount of \$7,863,268 for the City of Santa Clarita may be used for street and road and/or transit, as long as their transit needs continue to be met;
 4. In the Los Angeles County Unincorporated areas of North County, the areas encompass both the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley, transit needs are met with other funding sources, such as Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return. Therefore, TDA Article 8 funds in the amount of \$4,117,340 may be used for street and road purposes

and/or transit, as long as their transit needs continue to be met; and

- B. a resolution (Attachment C) making a determination of unmet public transportation needs in the areas of Los Angeles County outside the Metro service area.

ISSUE

State law requires that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) make findings regarding unmet transit needs in areas outside Metro's service area. If there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, then these needs must be met before TDA Article 8 funds may be allocated for street and road purposes.

DISCUSSION

Under the State of California TDA Article 8 statute, state transportation funds are allocated to the portions of Los Angeles County outside Metro's service area. These funds are for "unmet transit needs may be reasonable to meet". However, if no such needs exist, the funds can be spent for street and road purposes. See Attachment D for a brief summary of the history of TDA Article 8 and definitions of unmet transit needs.

Before allocating TDA Article 8 funds, the Act requires that we conduct a public hearing process (Attachment E). If there are determinations that there are unmet transit needs, which are reasonable to meet and we adopt such a finding, then these needs must be met before TDA Article 8 funds can be used for street and road purposes. By law, we must adopt a resolution annually that states our findings regarding unmet transit needs. Attachment C is the FY 2015-16 resolution. The proposed findings and recommendations are based on public testimony (Attachment F) and the recommendations of the SSTAC and the Hearing Board.

POLICY IMPLICATION

Staff have followed state law in conducting public hearings and obtaining input from the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) regarding unmet transit needs. The SSTAC is comprised of social service providers and other interested parties in the North County areas. Attachment G summarizes the recommendations made and actions taken during FY 2014-15 (for the FY 2015-16 allocation estimates) and Attachment H is the proposed recommendations of the FY15-16 SSTAC. On April 20, 2015, the TDA Article 8 Hearing Board was convened on behalf of the Board of Directors to conduct the required public hearing process. The Hearing Board developed findings and made recommendations for using TDA Article 8 funds based on the input from the SSTAC and the public hearing process.

Upon transmittal of Board-adopted findings and documentation of the hearings process to Caltrans Headquarters, and upon Caltrans approval, funds will be released for allocation to the eligible jurisdictions. Delay in adopting the findings, recommendations and the resolution contained in Attachments A and C would delay the allocation of \$23,988,324 in TDA Article 8 funds to the recipient local jurisdictions.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Approval of this project will have no impact on Safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding for this action is included in the FY16 Budget in cost center 4430, project number 405510, task 5.03. The TDA Article 8 funds for FY 2015-16 are estimated at \$23,988,324 (Attachment B). TDA Article 8 funds are state sales tax revenues that state law designates for use by Los Angeles County local jurisdictions outside Metro's service area. We allocate TDA Article 8 funds based on population and disburse them monthly, once each jurisdiction's claim form is received, reviewed and approved.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board of Directors could adopt findings or conditions other than those developed in consultation with the Hearing Board, with input from the state-required SSTAC (Attachment H) and through the public hearing process. However, this is not recommended because adopting the proposed findings and recommendations made by the SSTAC and adopted by the Hearing Board have been developed through a public hearing process, as described in Attachment E, and in accordance with the TDA statutory requirements.

NEXT STEPS


Once Caltrans reviews and approves the Board-adopted resolution and documentation of the hearing process, we will receive TDA Article 8 funds to allocate to the recipient local jurisdictions.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. FY16 Proposed Findings and Recommended Actions
- B. TDA Article 8 Apportionments: Estimates for FY 2015-16
- C. FY 2015-16 TDA Article 8 Resolution
- D. History of TDA Article 8 and Definitions of Unmet Transit Needs
- E. TDA Article 8 Public Hearing Process
- F. FY16 Comment Summary Sheet - TDA Article 8 Unmet Transit Needs Public Testimony and Written Comments
- G. Summary of Recommendations and Actions Taken
- H. Proposed Recommendations of the FY2015-16 SSTAC

Prepared by: Kelly Hines, Deputy Executive Officer, Finance (213)-922-4569
Armineh Saint, Program Manager, Local Programming (213) 922- 2369

Reviewed by: Nalini Ahuja, Executive Director, Finance and Budget, (213) 922-3088



Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer