

AGENDA ITEM 6 A
Consent Calendar

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 3, 2008
TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
FROM: Julie Petersen, Fiscal Administration Manager
SUBJECT: Transportation Development Act Claim for Fiscal Year 2008/2009

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION, Adopt Resolution 08-04 Authorizing the Transit Director to Claim Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds for Fiscal Year 2008/2009

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) operates with funding from the Transportation Development Act (TDA) which includes the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, passenger fares, and grant monies.

The TDA statute establishes the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) by designating that ¼ cent of the state sales tax revenue collected within each region be used for transportation purposes, primarily for public transit. TDA statute establishes State Transit Assistance (STA) from a statewide sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. Fifty-percent (50%) of funds are apportioned to each region on a population based formula, with the remaining fifty-percent (50%) based on prior year proportion of regional transit operator revenues. El Dorado Transit is the only eligible recipient of STA in this region.

OPERATING

Annually, the El Dorado Transit submits a claim to the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. Based on the adopted preliminary fiscal year 2008/2009 operating budget, the requested \$3,555,076 in LTF funds represent approximately sixty percent (54%) of projected revenue, with the requested \$1,089,503 in STA funds representing approximately twelve percent (17%) of projected

revenue, for a total of seventy-two percent (71%) of projected operating revenue provided by TDA funds.

The fiscal year 2008/2009 claim will fund operating costs necessary to continue the current level of service which include commuter, local fixed routes and demand response services.

CAPITAL

Annually, the El Dorado Transit submits a claim to the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) for STA funds. The fiscal year 2008/2009 TDA claim request designates the use of STA for both operating and capital funds. Based on the preliminary operating budget, the projected remaining balance of \$485,288 will be requested for capital uses and will represent approximately twenty-two percent (22%) of projected capital revenue needed for fiscal year 2008/2009. During fiscal year 2007/2008 STA funds were diverted from transit-related allocations by the State of California resulting in 60% less STA available than projected.

Capital projects are consistent with the El Dorado Transit Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and proposed Capital Projects for 2035 MTP submission. El Dorado Transit will assign STA funds for use as local match dollars in programs such as FTA Sections 5307, 5309, 5310 and 5311 grants, local El Dorado County Air Quality Management District, grants and other capital projects. Examples of such projects include vehicle replacement and Park & Ride projects.

The complete TDA claim packet is available for review during regular business hours at the El Dorado Transit office – 6565 Commerce Way, Diamond Springs, CA.

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 08-04**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE TRANSIT DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A
CLAIM FOR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDS

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Transit Authority intends to use its TDA Article 4 funding to finance transit services and capital transit projects for the Western Slope of El Dorado County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transit Director or the designated representative shall be authorized to file a claim for the TDA Article 4 funding for transit services as follows:

Article 4	Operating Expenses	\$3,555,076.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transit Director or the designated representative shall be authorized to file a claim for the STA Article 4 Sub-Chapter 2.5, Section 6730 (b) projects as follows:

PUC 99313 Population formula Allocation	\$1,438,934.
PUC 99314 Revenue Formula Allocation	<u>135,867.</u>
Total Estimated 2007/2008 Available Claim	\$1,574,791.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 3rd day of April 2008 by the following vote of said Board:

AYES:	NOES:	ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:		

James R. (Jack) Sweeney, EDCTA Chair

Mindy Jackson, Transit Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Barbara McDonald, Secretary to the EDCTA Board