


AGENDA ITEM 1 C
Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 6, 2009
TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
FROM: Julie Petersen,  Fiscal Administration Manager
SUBJECT: Revised Transportation Development Act Claim for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008/09

REQUESTED ACTION:
BY MOTION,

Adopt Resolution 09-16 Authorizing the Executive Director to file a revised Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008/09

BACKGROUND

The El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) operates with revenue from the State of California Transportation Development Act (TDA), State Transit Assistance (STA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants, passenger fares, advertising revenue and various grant programs.

The TDA establishes two (2) sources of funding for public transportation, the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund. The TDA requires that ¼ cent of retail sales taxes collected statewide be returned to the county of origin to be used primarily for transportation planning; pedestrian and bicycle projects and public transit service operations. El Dorado Transit is only one (1) of several agencies receiving TDA.

The State Transit Assistance (STA) was funded from a portion of the statewide sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. Fifty-percent (50%) of funds were 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. In both FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09 state legislative actions diverted a large portion of STA funds from transit operators and resulted in the complete loss of STA for FY 2009/10.

El Dorado Transit files annual claims for LTF and STA with the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC).

DISCUSSION

Both LTF and STA operating revenues were reduced for FY 2008/09. El Dorado Transit management and staff carefully monitored the downward trend of retail sales tax receipts and made adjustments anticipating the decrease of LTF funds and the potential loss of STA.

When preparing the FY 2008/09 preliminary budget, El Dorado Transit projected the significant loss of STA but initially under projected that revenue stream.

Strategies implemented to operate within a downsized FY 2008/09 budget resulted in a \$223,280 reduction to the Salaries and Benefits Expense Accounts and a \$258,425 reduction in the Service and Supply Expense Accounts. Some of the strategies used to control costs included reduction of overtime; controlled inventory and parts management; reduced maintenance costs; marketing budget cuts; restricted travel; allowed training only for required certified courses and utilized operating budget contingency funds.

The final closing (balanced) budget for FY 2008/09 incorporated internal budget adjustments with significant reductions to revenue and expense line items. We are pleased to report that even with the challenges, El Dorado Transit managed operations within the downsized budget.

On July 21, 2009, the EDCTC forwarded a draft revised final worksheet for FY 2008/09 LTF funds based on a July 2009 revised report of actual revenues per the El Dorado County Auditor. The attached copy of the revised estimate details a reduction in actual LTF of \$327,944.49 for El Dorado Transit under the Public Transportation – Transit allocation.

On March 5, 2009 the California State Controllers Office issued the revised allocations for STA for FY 2008/09 showing a loss of \$1,249,615 operating and capital funding for El Dorado Transit.

El Dorado Transit Resolution No. 09-16 presented for adoption authorizes the Executive Director to file a revised FY 2008/09 claim per California Code of Regulations Section 6649 reflecting the reduced TDA and STA revenue.

FISCAL IMPACT

Resolution No. 09-16, if adopted, will result in the following revenue adjustments to the FY 2008/09 budget.

| | <u>Mid-Year 2008/2009</u> | <u>Final 2008/2009</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| TDA (LTF) Revenue | \$3,555,076.04 | \$3,230,129.30 |
| TDA (STA) – Operating Revenue | \$ 162,666. | \$ -0- |

TDA (STA) – Capital Revenue \$ -0- \$ 325,176.

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA)
 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (LTF)
 FINDINGS OF APPORTIONMENT
 FINAL FY 2008/09 APPORTIONMENT AND ALLOCATION

YEAR END REVISED FINAL WORKSHEET

FY 2008/09 LTF AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Estimated 2008/09 TDA Receipts per El Dorado County Auditor (7/14/09) | \$ 4,265,097.28 |
| Less: TRPA Area share (19.072% pop.) | <u>\$ (824,364.89)</u> |
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| Total EDCTC Area Share (80.928% pop.) | \$ 3,440,732.39 |
| Plus: Previous years beginning balance | \$ 221,916.92 |
| Plus: Interest Earned in 08/09 | \$ 7,836.91 |
| Less: Prior Year Interest Earned and Allocated to FY 09/10 | \$ (6,327.92) |
| Less: Interest Earned in June 09 to be carried over | \$ (88.48) |
| Less: Interest Earned and Allocated to Contingency Fund | <u>\$ (6,468.31)</u> |

Total FY 2008/09 balance for apportionment \$ 3,657,601.51

FY 2008/09 CLAIMANT ALLOCATIONS

TDA Administration (PUC Section 99233.1)

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|---|----------------------|---------------|
| El Dorado County Auditor for TDA Administration | \$ 3,227.00 | |
| EDCTC TDA Administration | <u>\$ 196,778.03</u> | |
| TDA Administration subtotal | | \$ 200,005.03 |

Planning / Programming (PUC Section 99233.2)

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| EDCTC Planning and Programming (up to 3% of Revenue) | \$ 103,221.97 | |
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| EDCTC Contribution to SACOG Federal Planning and Programming (Note: per 4/1/94 MOU equal to 2% of LTF Apportionment after Administration, | \$ 61,495.11 | |
| Planning & Programming, Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities, and Community | \$ - | |
| Transit Services apportionment, if any) | <u>\$ -</u> | |
| Planning / Programming subtotal | | \$ 164,717.08 |

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities (PUC Sections 99233.3 and 99234)

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| Non-motorized, eligible to city and county | <u>\$ 62,750.11</u> | \$ 62,750.11 |
| (Note: up to 2% of remaining funds after Administration and Planning/Programming) | | |

**Public Transportation - Transit (Article 4) (PUC Sections 99233.8,
99260(a) and 99262)**

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| EDCTA - Continuation of Existing Service | \$ 3,555,076.04 | |
| EDCTA - Revenue available based on a proportionate reduction in SACOG 2% and Ped/Bike 2% | \$ 2,997.75 | |
| EDCTA - (FY) Unfunded Balance for 08/09 | <u>\$ (327,944.49)</u> | |
| Total Payments to Transit for 08/09 | | <u>\$ 3,230,129.30</u> |

**Other Transportation (Article 8) (PUC 99233.9, 99400(a), 99402 and
99407)**

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| City of Placerville: 10,271 = 7.062% of total County population | \$ - | |
| El Dorado County Unincorporated: 135,175 = 92.938% of total County popu | <u>\$ -</u> | |
| Other Transportation subtotal | | <u>\$ -</u> |

13 Total FY 2008/09 claimant allocations \$ 3,657,601.51

