

BUSINESS ITEM
(Amended 03/09/09)

STAFF REPORT

DATE: MARCH 12, 2009

TO: EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTION COMMISSION

FROM: KATHRYN MATHEWS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY FY 2009/2010 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND APPORTIONMENT

REQUESTED ACTION

By motion, approve the Transportation Development Act Local Transportation Fund Draft Findings of Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2009/2010.

BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) provides two major sources of funding for public transportation: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund. Revenues to the LTF are derived from one-quarter cent of retail sales tax collected statewide. The State Board of Equalization returns the quarter cent to each county according to the amount of tax collected in that county.

Annually, in accordance with Transportation Development Act Statutes and California Codes of Regulations, the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA) adopt, prior to March 1st, a preliminary Findings of Apportionment which allocates the quarter cent of sales tax revenue to eligible local agencies. The El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) is the RTPA responsible for apportioning and administering these funds for this region. The attached draft Findings of Apportionment and memorandum to claimants summarize the estimates for FY 2009/2010.

The LTF allocation purposes, in order of priorities, as identified by law, are as follows:

1. Transportation Development Act fund administration (by EDCTC and the County Auditor);
2. Planning and programming undertaken by EDCTC (up to 3% of the fund);
3. Pedestrian and bicycle projects (optional, up to 2% of the funds remaining, after administration and planning);
4. Rail passenger service operations and capital improvements/transit (mandatory with no limitation for services including new transit services that have been identified by the Commission as "unmet transit needs" that are "reasonable to meet"); and,
5. Other transportation purposes (including additional transit and bicycle facilities, and streets and roads). The Commission may only apportion (and subsequently may only approve claims for) "other transportation purposes" when all other uses of the funds, to the limits described above, have been exhausted.

For FY 2009/2010, the County Auditor estimates the total LTF revenues for the entire El Dorado County region to be \$4,358,500, which is no change from the amount estimated for the current year. EDCTC allocates the LTF funds, as determined by population, for the western slope region of El Dorado County and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency allocates the LTF funds, as determined by population, for eastern slope of El Dorado County.

The total available for allocation by EDCTC for FY 2009/2010 is ~~\$3,986,319~~ **\$3,528,024** from the EDCTC area share revenues. The County Auditor does not anticipate an unapportioned carryover for FY 2009/2010.

Administration / Planning / Programming

As allowed for by law, the County Auditor has requested \$4,000 for administration from the estimated FY 2009/2010 LTF revenue total, which is the same funding level as FY 2008/2009. This amount is taken “off the top” as a direct expenditure to the County Auditor and is not included in EDCTC’s Overall Work Program.

EDCTC assumes \$363,190.87 in LTF to fund administration and planning in its proposed draft FY 2008/2009 Overall Work Program and Budget, which compares to \$362,978.84 for FY 2008/2009, as follows:

EDCTC TDA Administration	\$194,159.28
EDCTC Planning and Programming	\$105,840.72
SACOG Federal Planning and Programming	<u>\$ 63,190.87</u>
Total Administration/Planning/Programming	\$363,190.87

EDCTC LTF funds are widely used throughout the work program to support planning and as a required local match for federal grant funds. The LTF funds to EDCTC for TDA Administration and Planning and Programming, totaling \$300,000.00, represents no change from the past several fiscal years. Under the Commission’s Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG), EDCTC is obligated to allocate 2% of TDA funds for SACOG federal transportation planning and programming activities after administration and any non-motorized allocations. The SACOG allocation equals \$63,190.87 for FY 2009/2010.

Non-Motorized – Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities (Article 3)

State law offers EDCTC an option to apportion up to 2% of the LTF (after administration and planning) to eligible applicants for facilities provided for the exclusive use of pedestrians and bicycles. The Commission primarily uses these non-motorized funds to provide matching funds for federal and state grants, such as Bicycle Transportation Account, Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality, and Transportation Enhancements. This 2009/2010 allocation totals \$64,480.48.

Public Transportation – Transit (Article 4)

EDCTC assumes the El Dorado County Transit Authority preliminary claim for FY 2009/2010 LTF funds will be \$3,096,352.65 for operating expenses. This amount represents a 13% decrease from the prior 2008/2009 fiscal year allocation of \$3,555,076.04, due to the lack of unapportioned carryover balance.

Other Transportation (Article 8)

No LTF funds remain available for Article 8 – Other Transportation purposes. If LTF funds were available for the fiscal year, the funds would be apportioned to the City of Placerville and the County of El Dorado by population for all purposes necessary and convenient to the development and operation of the public transportation system, including road rehabilitation, maintenance, and repair.

Approved by:

Kathryn Mathews, AICP
Executive Director

- Attachments: A) El Dorado County Auditor-Controller Memo of January 26, 2009
2009/10 Estimated Transportation Development Act Revenue
B) Preliminary Findings of Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2009/2010
C) Memorandum to Claimants
D) EDCTA Projected TDA Claim Fiscal Year 2009/2010