



STAFF REPORT

Date: November 10, 2021

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Approval of Estimated Allocations of the FY 2021-2022 State Transit Assistance funds of \$447,260 to the Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART), and approval for FY 2020-2021 State Transit Assistance final allocations of \$73,886 plus interest

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board adoption of the attached resolution approving the release of the FY 2021-2022 State Transit Assistance (STA) funds in the estimated amount of \$447,260 plus interest, and approval for FY 2020-2021 STA funds of \$73,886 plus any accrued interest to Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit for transit operations in the Placer County portion of the Tahoe Region.

Staff recommends Governing Board adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) approving the release of the allocation of FY 2021-2022 and FY 2020-2021 STA funds to Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit.

Required Motion:

In order to adopt the proposed resolution, the Board must make the following motion based on this staff report:

1. A motion to approve the proposed resolution (Attachment A).

In order for the motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

State Transit Assistance Funding of \$447,260 and \$73,886 plus interest

Background:

TRPA is designated by the State of California as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the California portion of the Tahoe Region. Under this designation, TRPA is responsible for the administration of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds that are made available to support public transportation services. The TDA legislation provides two funding sources: The Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund.

The STA fund was created under Chapter 161 of the Statutes of 1979 (SB 620) and has been revised over the years. The fund provides a second source of TDA funding for transportation planning and mass transportation purposes, which is derived from the statewide sales tax on diesel fuel. The money is appropriated to the Controller by the Legislature, to be allocated by formula to each RTPA. The formula allocates 50 percent of the funds according to population and the remaining 50 percent are allocated

according to operator revenues from the prior year. STA allocations are deposited in each RTPA's state transit assistance fund.

On August 1, 2020, the California State Controller's Office notified TRPA that the final estimated available allocation was for \$968,999. TRPA staff determined that Placer County was eligible for \$447,260, and notified Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART), the transit operator for the Tahoe Region of Placer County, of their funding allocation. TART has submitted a claim package to TRPA (available at <https://www.trpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/TART-TDA-Claim-Application-FY22.pdf>), to request the funding for Placer County. TRPA staff has reviewed the claim and found it to be consistent with the TDA rules and regulations, and also consistent with the goals and policies of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Transportation Development Act findings of Subsection 6754(a) and (b) have been made as identified in the Resolution. The TART STA claim will be forwarded to the El Dorado County Auditor Controller's Office for release of funds once the allocation is approved.

The breakdown of the estimated funds to be allocated are as follows:

STA Allocation (99313) Fund	\$916,128.00
STA Direct Allocation (99314) Fund (TTD only)	<u>\$52,871.00</u>
TRPA's Final Estimated Allocation	\$968,999.00
TART - Placer County (99313) (48.82%)	\$447,260.00
TTD- South Shore Transit System (99313) (51.18%)	<u>\$468,868.00</u>
TRPA's Final 99313 Allocation	\$916,128.00
TART- Placer County:	\$447,260.00
TTD- South Shore Transit System:	<u>\$521,739.00</u>
Total:	\$968,999.00

Additionally, the California State Controller's Office notified TRPA of an increase in FY21 STA funding, which Placer County will receive pending authorization by the TRPA Governing Board:

FY 2020-2021 STA additional funds to Placer County: \$73,886 (plus interest)

Issues/Concerns:

The proposed allocation of STA funds to Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit does not have any known issues or concerns.

Regional Plan Compliance:

The proposed allocation of funds complies with all requirements of the State of California TDA rules and regulations and will help to further the objectives of the TRPA Regional Plan Goals and Policies.

Contact Information:

If there are any questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Kira Smith at (775) 589-5236 or ksmith@trpa.gov.

Attachment:

- A. Resolution

Attachment A
Resolution

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2021 -

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF FY 2021-2022 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS OF \$447,260 AND FY 2020-2021 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS OF \$73,886 TO TAHOE TRUCKEE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS IN THE PLACER COUNTY PORTION OF THE TAHOE REGION

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is designated by the State of California as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the California portion of the Tahoe Region, and is responsible for allocating State Transit Assistance (STA) for the Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, the STA fund is a discretionary fund and may be allocated at the discretion of the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for public transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, there are STA funds in the amount of \$968,999 available to eligible claimants in the Tahoe Region for FY 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, there are additional STA funds in the amount of \$73,886 available to Placer County for FY 2020-2021 pending approval by the Placer County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, TRPA has received a claim for STA funds from Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit for \$447,260, to provide transit services through the Placer County area of the Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, the required findings of the Transportation Development Act Rules and Regulations Article 5, Section 6754 are made as follows:

Subsection 6754 (a):

1. The claimant's proposed expenditures are in conformance with the Regional Transportation Plan
2. The level of passenger fares and applied local funds is sufficient to enable the transit claimant to meet the fare revenue requirements applicable to the claimant
3. The claimant is making full use of federal funds available under Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended
4. The sum of the claimant's allocations from Local Transportation Funds and STA funds does not exceed the amount the claimant is eligible to receive during the fiscal year
5. Priority consideration was given to claims to offset reductions in federal operating assistance and unanticipated increased costs for fuel, to enhance existing public transportation services, and to meet high priority regional public transportation needs

Subsection 6754(b):

1. The operator has made a reasonable effort to implement any recommended productivity improvements

2. The operator has submitted certification that the claimant is in compliance with Section 1808.1 of the Vehicle Code
3. The operator is in compliance with the eligibility requirements of Public Utilities Code section 99314.6 or 99314.7

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency authorizes the release of FY 2021-2022 STA funds in the estimated amount of \$447,260 and FY 2020-2021 STA funds in the amount of \$73,886 along with interest earned to be allocated based upon the total most current FY 2021-2022 board approved estimated amounts to Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit, to provide transit operating assistance in the Placer County portion of the Tahoe Region

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this 17th day of November 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

Mark Bruce, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board