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## STAFF REPORT

Date: April 17, 2019

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Approval of the Estimated Allocations of the FY 2018-2019 State Transit Assistance funds of \$316,500 and the State of Good Repair funds of \$50,088 to Placer County

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### Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board adoption of the attached resolution approving the release of the FY 2018-2019 State Transit Assistance (STA) funds in the estimated amount of \$316,500 plus any accrued interest and the State of Good Repair (SGR) funds in the estimated amount of \$50,088 plus any accrued interest to Placer County for transit operations and capital projects (respectively) 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 2018-2019 STA and the allocation of FY 2018-2019 SGR to Placer County.

### Required Motion:

In order to approve the proposed resolution, the Board must make the following motion, based on the staff summary:

- 1) A motion to approve the proposed resolution as shown in Attachment A

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

### **State Transit Assistance Funding of \$316,500**

#### 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, 2018, the California State Controller's Office notified TRPA that the final estimated available allocation was for \$904,739. TRPA staff determined that Placer County was eligible for \$316,500, 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, 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 Placer County 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	\$866,887.00
STA Direct Allocation (99314) Fund (TTD only)	<u>\$37,852.00</u>
TRPA's Final Estimated Allocation	\$904,739.00
Placer County- TART (36.51%):	\$316,500.00
TTD- South Shore Transit System (63.49%):	<u>\$550,387.00</u>
Total:	\$866,887.00

**State of Good Repair Funding of \$50,088**

Background:

The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), was signed by the Governor of California on April 28, 2017. SB1 includes a program that will provide additional revenues for transit infrastructure repair and service improvements and is referred to as the State of Good Repair program. This program provides funding of approximately \$105 million annually to the State Transit Assistance (STA) Account. These funds are to be made available for eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation and capital projects.

Discussion:

The application process for the State of Good Repair program has been set by the State. On August 1, 2018, the California State Controllers' office notified TRPA of the final Estimated allocation in the amount of \$143,179. Both Placer County and Tahoe Transportation District (TTD), as the local transit operators for the Tahoe Region, are eligible for these funds. Placer County and TTD support TRPA's percentage split for the disbursement of the funds, which is consistent with the percentages utilized for the allocation of transportation funding sources in California.

The estimated funds will be allocated as follows:

SGR Allocation (99313) Fund	\$137,189.00
SGR Direct Allocation (99314) Fund (TTD only)	<u>\$5,990.00</u>
TRPA's Final Estimated Allocation	\$143,179.00

Placer County- TART (36.51%):	\$50,088.00
TTD- South Shore Transit System (63.49%):	<u>\$87,101.00</u>
Total:	\$137,189.00

Funding for this allocation will be directed by Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation, in quarterly payments, through the State Controller’s Office and distributed through El Dorado County, as Placer County’s 2018-2019 Capital Project list has received their approval.

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:

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Attachment:

- A. Resolution

Attachment A

Resolution

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY  
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2019 -

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF FY 2018-2019 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS OF \$316,500 AND FY 2018-2019 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR FUNDS OF \$50,088 TO PLACER COUNTY FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS 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 \$904,739 available to eligible claimants in the Tahoe Region for FY 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, TRPA has received a claim for STA funds from Placer County for \$316,500 to provide transit services through the Placer County area of the Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, there are SGR funds in the amount of \$143,179 available to eligible claimants in the Tahoe Region for FY 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount of FY 2018-2019 SGR available for allocation within the Placer County portion of the Tahoe Region is \$50,088 plus interest; and

WHEREAS, TRPA has received a claim from Placer County for the allocation of these funds for transit capital projects to the Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transit (TART) system within 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 have been 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 2018-2019 STA funds in the estimated amount of \$316,500 plus any interest and release of FY 2018-2019 SGR funds in the estimated amount of \$50,088 plus any interest to Placer County to provide transit operating assistance and capital projects in the Placer County portion of the Tahoe Region.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this 24th day of April 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes:  
Nays:  
Absent:

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William Yeates, Chair  
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency  
Governing Board