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STAFF REPORT

Date: November 11, 2020

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Approval of the Estimated Allocations of the FY 2020-2021 State Transit Assistance funds of $358,168 to the Tahoe Transportation District

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Requested Action: Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board adoption of the attached resolution approving the release of the FY 2020-2021 State Transit Assistance (STA) funds in the estimated amount of $358,168 plus any accrued interest to Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) for transit operations in the El Dorado County portion of the Tahoe Region.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Governing Board adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) approving the release of the allocation of FY 2020-2021 STA funds to Tahoe Transportation District.

Required Motion: In order to adopt the proposed resolution, the Board must make the following motion based on this staff summary and the evidence in the record:

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 $358,168

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 $591,358. TRPA staff determined that El Dorado County was eligible for $358,168, and notified Tahoe Transportation District, the transit operator for the Tahoe Region of El Dorado County, of their funding allocation. TTD has submitted a claim package to TRPA (available at https://www.trpa.org/wp-content/uploads/TTD-TDA-Claim-Application-FY21_approved.pdf), to request the funding for El Dorado 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 Tahoe Transportation District's 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	$558,672.00
STA Direct Allocation (99314) Fund (TTD only)	$32,686.00
TRPA's Final Estimated Allocation	$591,358.00
TART - Placer County (99313) (41.74%)	$233,190.00
TTD- South Shore Transit System (99313) (58.26%)	$325,482.00
TRPA's Final 99313 Allocation	$558,672.00
TTD STA Allocation (99313) Fund	$325,482.00
TTD STA Direct Allocation (99314) Fund	$32,686.00
TTD's Final Estimated Allocation	$358,168.00

Issues/Concerns: The proposed allocation of STA funds to Tahoe Transportation District 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.org.

Attachments:

A. Resolution

Attachment A

Resolution

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2020 -

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF FY 2020-2021 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS OF $358,168 TO TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS IN THE EL DORADO 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 $591,358 available to eligible claimants in the Tahoe Region for FY 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, TRPA has received a claim for STA funds from Tahoe Transportation District for $358,168, to provide transit services through the El Dorado 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 2020-2021 STA funds in the estimated amount of $611,276 along with interest earned to be allocated based upon the total most current FY 2020-2021 board approved estimated amounts to El Dorado County, to provide transit operating assistance in the El Dorado County portion of the Tahoe Region

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this 18th day of November 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

William Yeates, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board