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SENATE BILL

No. 1196

Introduced by Senator Umberg

February 17, 2022

An act to amend Section 99312.2 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1196, as amended, Umberg. State Transit Assistance Program: eligibility: Anaheim Transportation Network.

Existing law establishes the State Transit Assistance (STA) Program under the Transportation Development Act. Existing law requires the transfer of a specified portion of the sales tax on diesel fuel, in addition to various other revenues, to the Public Transportation Account, a trust fund in the State Transportation Fund. Pursuant to the STA program, existing law requires certain funds in the account to be allocated by the Controller by formula to specified local transportation agencies for public transportation purposes. Existing law provides that only STA-eligible operators are eligible to receive an allocation from a local transportation agency from the portion of program funds based on transit operator revenues and makes those operators eligible for other certain funds under the STA program, as provided. Under existing law, an STA-eligible operator is defined as a public transportation operator eligible to claim local transportation funds.

This bill would, for purposes of the STA-program, program funds allocated based on transit operator revenues, expand the definition of an STA-eligible operator to include the Anaheim Transportation Network if its bylaws are revised to increase transparency and

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accountability, including to provide for the appointment of its board of directors by the Anaheim City Council.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 99312.2 of the Public Utilities Code is amended to read:

99312.2. (a) The State Transit Assistance Program, also known as the STA program, which provides for allocations of funds made available from the Public Transportation Account pursuant to Sections 99313 and 99314, and which is governed by Sections 99312 to 99314.9, inclusive, is hereby continued in existence. The purpose of the STA program is to provide a source of state funding to eligible public transportation operators and other transportation agencies in order to support their local and regional transit operating and capital needs.

- (b) For purposes of the STA program, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (1) "Public transportation operator" has the same meaning as "operator," as defined in Section 99210, as long as that operator operates a "public transportation system," as defined in Section 99211.
- (2) "STA-eligible operator" means a public transportation operator eligible to claim local transportation funds under either Article 4 (commencing with Section 99260) or Article 8 (commencing with Section 99400), or under both articles, and also, for purposes of funds allocated pursuant to Section 99314, means the Anaheim Transportation Network for public transportation purposes if the Anaheim Transportation Network's bylaws are revised to increase transparency and accountability, including to provide for the appointment of the Anaheim Transportation Network's board of directors by the Anaheim City Council.
- (c) The only entities eligible to receive direct allocations from the Controller under Sections 99313 and 99314 shall be transportation planning agencies, county transportation commissions, and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board. The Controller shall distribute funds attributable to

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transportation planning agencies, county transportation commissions, and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board to the applicable county treasurer's office. Upon the request of a transportation planning agency, county transportation commission, or the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, the Controller shall instead distribute the applicable funds directly to the requesting agency.

- (d) Only STA-eligible operators shall be eligible to receive STA program funds allocated by transportation planning agencies, county transportation commissions, and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board pursuant to Section 99314. An STA-eligible operator, at its discretion, may further suballocate funds it receives pursuant to Section 99314 to an entity operating local community transit services that is eligible to claim local transportation funds pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 99275) but that is otherwise ineligible to directly receive funds allocated pursuant to Section 99314.
- (e) An entity operating community transit services pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 99275) may be allocated funds pursuant to Section 99313 as a subrecipient at the discretion of the transportation planning agency, the county transportation commission, or the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board.
- (f) The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which is both a county transportation commission for purposes of Sections 99313 and 99314, and an STA-eligible operator for purposes of Section 99314, may incorporate into its report pursuant to Section 99243 any operating costs for local community transit service under contract with the authority, including service provided by a consolidated transportation service agency pursuant to Section 99204.5 or by operators eligible to expend local transportation funds only under Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 99275).