

**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 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).

#### 99312.6

*(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Anaheim Transportation Network shall be eligible for funding pursuant to Section 99314, and deemed an STA-eligible operator for that purpose, if the Orange County Transportation Authority, as the transportation planning agency for Orange County, makes the following findings:*

*(1) The Anaheim Transportation Network's Board of Directors are appointed by the Anaheim City Council, and the appointed Board of Directors are subject to and shall comply with the requirements of Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Sections 81000, et seq. and all meetings of the Anaheim Transportation Network's Board of Directors are subject to the and shall comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.) In addition, the Anaheim Transportation Network is subject to and shall comply with the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.).*

*(2) The services provided by the Anaheim Transportation Network supplement fixed route transit services provided by the Orange County Transportation Authority and do not duplicate routes, unless otherwise approved by the Orange County Transportation Authority.*

*(3) The Anaheim Transportation Network agrees to reimburse OCTA for the full cost of providing complementary paratransit services and associated planning requirements, necessary for Anaheim Transportation Network's fixed route service, and which is in compliance with Section 99155 and 99155.5.*

*(4) The services offered by the Anaheim Transportation Network are provided in an area not receiving adequate public transportation services, that the Orange County Transportation Authority cannot otherwise meet. As part of this analysis, the Orange County Transportation Authority may develop criteria to ensure cost-effectiveness, community support, and equity considerations are taken into account.*

*(5) Anaheim Transportation Network provides the Orange County Transportation Authority documentation related to the revenues, operating costs, patronage of its system and any and all other documentation required by the Orange County Transportation Authority necessary for it to make the findings required in this subsection (a).*

*(b) If it is determined by the Orange County Transportation Authority that the Anaheim Transportation Network is eligible for funding pursuant to 99314, the Anaheim Transportation Network must comply with all related requirements including those in Sections 99245, 99245.5, 99248, 99251, 99314, and 99314.6.*

*(c) The Anaheim Transportation Network shall not be eligible for and shall not make any claims for any other state transit funding provided pursuant to Section 99312.1, Section 99313, Article 4 (commencing with Section 99260), Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 99275), Article 8 (commencing with Section 99400), Section 75320 of the Public Resources Code, or future sources of funding provided for transit operations purposes.*

*(d) The Anaheim Transportation Network shall reimburse the Orange County Transportation Authority for any revenues that the Orange County Transportation Authority would be eligible for pursuant to Section 99314 if Anaheim Transportation Network was not otherwise eligible.*

*(e) Any public mass transit service or capital construction project undertaken by the Anaheim Transportation Network, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 130303, and authorities granted to the Orange County Transportation Authority related to the coordination and approval of mass transit services and determination and approval of capital development projects, including exclusive public mass transit guideway systems.*