



April 26, 2023

To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Local Transportation Fund Claim for Laguna Beach Public Transportation Services

Overview

The Laguna Beach Municipal Transit Lines, a department within the City of Laguna Beach, is eligible to receive funding from the Local Transportation Fund in Orange County for providing public transportation services throughout the city. To receive the funds, the Laguna Beach Municipal Transit Lines must file a claim against the Local Transportation Fund with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the Laguna Beach Municipal Transit Lines Fiscal Year 2023-24 Local Transportation Fund Claim for public transportation services, in the amount of \$1,531,335.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority to issue allocation/disbursement instructions to the Orange County Auditor-Controller in the amount of the claim.

Background

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971 established a funding source dedicated to public transit and non-transit-related projects. The TDA created a Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for transportation purposes specified in the TDA in each county in California. Revenues are derived from 1/4 cent of the current retail sales tax. The LTF revenues are collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and returned to the local jurisdictions based on the volume of sales during each month.

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As required by the TDA, in Orange County, the LTF receipts are deposited in the Orange County LTF account (Fund 182) in the Orange County Treasury and are administered by the Orange County Auditor-Controller (OCAC).

In Orange County, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is the Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) responsible for the allocation of the LTF within its jurisdiction. Upon instructions from OCTA, LTF receipts are distributed by the OCAC among the various administrative, planning, and public transportation apportionments as specified in the TDA.

The Orange County Transit District and the Laguna Beach Municipal Transit Lines (LBMTL) are the only public transit operators in Orange County eligible to receive allocations from the LTF. Article 4 of TDA Section 6630 of the California Code of Regulations requires the City of Laguna Beach (City) to file a claim with OCTA to receive an allocation from the LTF for providing public transportation throughout the City.

Discussion

On February 27, 2023, the OCTA Board of Directors approved the LTF fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 apportionments. The total apportionment approved for LBMTL equaled \$1,531,335.

On March 21, 2023, the Laguna Beach City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the filing of an LTF claim with OCTA for public transportation services. The City submitted its FY 2023-24 LTF claim in the amount of \$1,531,335, that will be used by LBMTL to meet FY 2023-24 operating expenses. OCTA, as the TPA for Orange County, is authorized to approve LTF claims and make payments from the LTF through written instructions to the OCAC.

Summary

OCTA's approval of the City claim against the Orange County LTF in the amount of \$1,531,335, will enable the LBMTL to continue providing public transportation services throughout the City during FY 2023-24.

Attachment

None.

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