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To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Approval of Local Transportation Fund Fiscal Year 2017-18 Apportionment Estimates

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority, as the transportation planning agency and county transportation commission for Orange County, is responsible for developing estimates used in apportioning revenues earned and deposited in the Orange County Local Transportation Fund. Transportation Development Act regulations require that the apportionments for fiscal year 2017-18 be determined and prospective claimants be advised of the amounts.

Recommendation

Approve the Local Transportation Fund Fiscal Year 2017-18 apportionment estimates and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to advise all prospective claimants of the amounts of all area apportionments from the Orange County Local Transportation Fund for the following fiscal year.

Background

The Transportation Development Act of 1971 established a funding source dedicated to transit and transit-related projects. The funding source consists of two parts: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance Fund (STAF). The LTF is derived from 1/4 cent of the 7.75 percent sales tax in Orange County. LTF revenues are collected by the State Board of Equalization and returned monthly to the local jurisdictions based on the volume of sales during each month. The STAF is generated from the sales tax on diesel and funded through the Public Transportation Account. STAF revenues are continuously appropriated to local agencies by formula on a quarterly basis.

Discussion

The estimate of LTF revenues for fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 has been calculated by the Orange County Auditor Controller at \$160,450,225. The forecast was based on FY 2016-17 estimated actuals and increased by 2.40 percent, which is the forecasted growth rate for FY 2017-18.

The FY 2017-18 apportionment is summarized in the following table:

LTF Revenues	
Estimated FY 2017-18 Sales and Use Tax Receipts	\$ 160,450,225
Article 3 payments:	
Orange County Auditor-Controller – Administration	\$ 3,122
Orange County Transportation Authority – County Transportation Commission Administration	141,372
Orange County Transportation Authority – County Transportation Commission Planning	3,610,130
Southern California Association of Governments – regional planning	1,203,377
Sub-total - Article 3 funding	\$ 4,958,001
Articles 4 and 4.5 payments:	
Orange County Transit District - Consolidated Transportation Service Agency Funding - Article 4.5	\$ 7,774,611
Orange County Transit District - Public Transit Funding - Article 4	146,621,592
Laguna Beach Municipal Transit Lines – Public Transit Funding – Article 4	1,096,021
Sub-total - Articles 4 and 4.5 funding	\$ 155,492,224
Total funds apportioned	\$ 160,450,225

Summary

Staff recommends approval of the LTF FY 2017-18 apportionment estimates. Staff also recommends authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to advise all prospective claimants of the amounts of all area apportionments from the Orange County LTF for FY 2017-18.

Attachment

None.

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