



May 10, 2017

To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Local Transportation Fund Claim for Public Transportation and Community Transit Services

Overview

The Orange County Transit District is eligible to receive funding from the Local Transportation Fund for providing public transportation and community transit services throughout Orange County. To receive the funds, the Orange County Transit District must file a claim against the Local Transportation Fund with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Recommendation

Approve the Orange County Transit District Fiscal Year 2017-18 Local Transportation Fund Claim for public transportation services in the amount of \$146,621,592, and for community transit services in the amount of \$7,774,611, for a total claim amount of \$154,396,203, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue allocation/disbursement instructions to the Orange County Auditor-Controller in the full amount of the claims.

Background

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971 established a funding source dedicated to public transit and transit-related projects. The TDA created in each county a Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for transportation purposes specified in the TDA. Revenues are derived from 1/4 cent of the current retail sales tax.

The LTF revenues are collected by the State Board of Equalization and returned to local jurisdictions based on the volume of sales during each month. As required by the TDA, LTF receipts are deposited with the Orange County Treasury (Fund 182) and are administered by the Orange County Auditor-Controller. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is the transportation planning

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agency responsible for the allocation of the LTF. Upon instructions from OCTA, LTF receipts are disbursed by the Auditor-Controller among the various administrative, planning, and public transportation apportionments as specified in the TDA.

In Orange County, OCTA has designated the Orange County Transit District (OCTD) as the public transportation services operator and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency; therefore, OCTD is the claimant for Article 4 and 4.5 funds. Section 6630 of the California Code of Regulations requires OCTD to file a claim with OCTA in order to receive an allocation from the LTF for providing public transportation and community transit services under Articles 4 and 4.5 of the TDA.

Discussion

On March 13, 2017, the OCTA Board of Directors approved the LTF fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 apportionments. A total of \$154,396,203 was approved for OCTD, consisting of \$146,621,592 for Article 4 public transit services and \$7,774,611 for Article 4.5 community transit services. On March 27, 2017, the OCTD Board of Directors adopted a resolution authorizing the filing of an LTF claim for a total of \$154,396,203 for funding public transportation and community transit services during FY 2017-18.

The OCTA, as the transportation planning agency for Orange County, is authorized to approve LTF claims and make payments from the LTF through written instructions to the Auditor-Controller.

Summary

The OCTA's approval of the OCTD claim against the LTF in the amount of \$154,396,203 will enable the OCTD to continue providing public transportation and community transit services throughout Orange County in FY 2017-18.

Attachments

None.

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