

Finance Department
STAFF REPORT

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TO: Andrew P. Powers, City Manager

FROM: Jaime Boscarino, Finance Director

DATE: November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021-22 Transportation Development Act Funds
Additional Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution authorizing staff to file a claim with Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) allocation of \$4,229,920 from the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and an estimated \$50,000 from the State Transit Assistance (STA) and State of Good Repair (SGR) funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Additional Funding Requested. Minimal staff time to complete documents and resolution related to the FY 2021-22 TDA Funds is included in the Adopted FY 2021-22 Transportation Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The City manages over 380 miles of roadway infrastructure and provides bus, Dial-A-Ride (DAR), and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit services to its residents. These services are provided within the City limits, adjacent County unincorporated areas including Oak Park, the City of Westlake Village, with extended inter-city services to the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Agoura Hills. Funding for road maintenance and transit services comes from a variety of federal, state, and local sources, including TDA and Gas Tax funds.

TDA funds are generated from a quarter cent state-wide sales tax and are allocated annually by VCTC. To claim its allocation, the City is required to adopt a resolution (Attachment #1) listing transportation projects for funding.

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DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The State has made available to the City \$4,229,920 in LTF funding and estimated \$50,000 in STA and SGR funding.

Local Transportation Fund

Under Senate Bill (SB) 203, which became effective in July 2014, all cities in the state with populations of 100,000 or more were required to spend local transportation funds on public transit only and no longer had the ability to use these funds towards streets and roads. Effective July 1, 2018, SB 848 was passed restoring the City's ability to spend funds on streets and roads, as was allowed prior to SB 203, provided it had no unmet transit needs. TDA funds are allocated by a pre-determined population-based formula.

State Transit Assistance and State of Good Repair Funds

STA funds are allocated by formula to selected agencies, with a portion determined by population and another portion allocated according to operator revenues from the prior fiscal year. SGR funds are performance based and are allocated accordingly. The total estimated claim amount is based on estimates provided to the City by VCTC of \$50,000, of which an estimated \$40,000 is for STA and an estimated \$10,000 is for SGR funds. These funds may only be used for transit purposes and may not be used for streets and roads projects. Once the amounts are finalized by the State, VCTC will send the City its actual allocation.

TDA Farebox Match Requirement

In order to receive TDA funds for transit services, City bus operations must show a local support (farebox) to operating cost ratio of 20 percent, and DAR/ADA services must show a farebox ratio of 10 percent. In years when there is a shortfall, it is primarily subsidized by Air Quality Developer Fee funds for this matching requirement.

In FY 2020-21, farebox and other revenues were not sufficient to meet the bus 20 percent match or the DAR/ADA 10 percent match. Typically, the City would be required to subsidize this shortfall with General Fund or Air Quality Developer Fee Fund revenue. However, on June 29, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 90, which prohibits the imposition of a penalty on operators that do not maintain the required ratio of fare revenues to operating cost during FY 2019-20 and/or FY 2020-21. Therefore, no transfer was required in either fiscal year to cover any farebox match shortfalls.

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COUNCIL GOAL COMPLIANCE:

Meets City Council Goal C:

- C. Operate City government in a fiscally and managerially responsible and prudent manner to ensure that the City of Thousand Oaks remains one of California's most desirable places to live, work, recreate, and raise a family.

PREPARED BY: David Brown, Senior Accountant

Attachment:

Attachment #1 – Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS AUTHORIZING A CLAIM
FOR ALLOCATION OF FY 2021-22 FUNDS FROM
VENTURA COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION
FUNDS AS OUTLINED IN THE 1971
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT

WHEREAS, the State of California has enacted the Transportation Development Act of 1971; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thousand Oaks is entitled to an allocation from the fiscal year 2021-22 Local Transportation Fund of Ventura County in the approximate amount of \$4,229,920; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thousand Oaks is entitled to an allocation from the fiscal year 2021-22 Local Transportation Fund of Ventura County in the estimated amount of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Transportation Commission has the authority to review claims and allocate such funds in accordance with the State's rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thousand Oaks manages and maintains over 380 miles of streets infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thousand Oaks is funding and operating transit services to satisfy its unmet transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thousand Oaks is funding a demand response transportation service under contract with MV Transportation for the exclusive use by senior citizens and disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the FY 2021-22 claim will be used to provide transit services, engineering fees, acquire right-of-way, and construction of local streets as follows:

- 1) Thousand Oaks Transit, fixed route service for the general public;
- 2) Dial-A-Ride service, exclusively for seniors and disabled individuals; and
- 3) Road work and street overlay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks authorizes the City to apply to the Ventura County Transportation Commission for allocation of the claimed sum for the purpose of transportation development as itemized in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Thousand Oaks agrees to provide such information as may be necessary to support its transportation claim.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

Claudia Bill-de la Peña, Mayor
City of Thousand Oaks, California

ATTEST/CERTIFY:

Cynthia M. Rodriguez, City Clerk

Date Attested: _____

APPROVED AS TO ADMINISTRATION:

Andrew P. Powers, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney

Tracy Friedl, Assistant City Attorney

The presence of electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the City of Thousand Oaks City Council on the date cited above.