



City of Culver City

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Staff Report

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CC - Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Submit a Claim to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds for FY20-21

Meeting Date: September 29, 2020

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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐

General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Hearing: ☐ **Action Item:** ☐ **Attachments:** ☒

Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒ **Date:**

Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - City Council (09/23/2020);

Department Approval: Rolando Cruz (09/08/2020)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or Designee to submit a claim to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for FY20-21.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The State Transportation Development Act (TDA), as amended by the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act (Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq.) provides funding to public transportation agencies in the State of California from two funding sources:

1. Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for use by eligible claimants for various transportation purposes. These funds are derived from a ¼ cent of the general sales tax collected statewide, and are identified for the development and support of public transportation needs that exist in California and are allocated to areas of each county based on population, taxable sales and transit performance; and
2. State Transit Assistance funds (STA), which is derived from the statewide sales tax on diesel fuel.

Pursuant to the provisions of the TDA, as amended, and pursuant to the applicable rules and regulations thereunder (Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 21, Sections 6600 et seq.), a prospective claimant wishing to receive an allocation from the LTF shall file its annual claim with its county transportation authority. Metro allocates to itself and non-Metro transit operators based on established criteria and formula including the Metro Formula Allocation Process (FAP). The City of Culver City is an eligible recipient of these TDA LTF and STA funding allocations and files an annual claim with the Metro.

Culver City Municipal Bus Lines (Culver CityBus) serves close to 5 million passengers per year in the western region of Los Angeles County. In order to qualify for funding under TDA (from either the LTF or STA fund), a transit claimant must maintain a ratio of fare revenues to operating cost at least equal to the ratio it had during 1978-79, or 20% if the claimant is in an urbanized area. For Culver CityBus, farebox revenues for FY20 account for approximately 10% of all funding sources, with the balance for the required ratio obtained from other local fund allocations. These funds are critical to accommodate the growing service needs of our customers.

In order to obtain the funds which have been allocated to the City, staff is required to file a claim with Metro which includes a Statement of Standard Assurances, claim forms, historical and projected financial data for capital and operational expenditures, Justification Statements, a statement from the City's Chief Financial Officer certifying full funding of the City's retirement system, and a current California Highway Patrol Certification. In addition, Adoption of a Resolution by the agency's governing body is required, authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit the claim package to Metro.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The claim to be filed for FY20-21 Transportation Development Act LTF and STA funding allocations is as follows:

\$774,517 for TDA (STA) funds, budgeted in account 20370200.342200; and

\$4,612,255 for TDA (LTF Article 4) funds, budgeted in account 20370200.342300.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Resolution.

MOTION

That the City Council:

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