



MAY 10, 2007

AGENDA ITEM # 9

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Action Requested: Receive and file

Key Staff: Brian Williams, Executive Director

Recommendation

Receive and file this summary report of current STA activities.

Discussion

A. Measure A Transportation Sales Tax Program

Cumulative FY 2006/07 Measure A revenues through April are running about 5.1% below our forecasted pace. During today's presentation on the draft FY 2007/08 budget for STA administration (Item #11), staff will describe our strategy for ensuring that the local entities receive their expected Measure A allocations for FY 2006/07 and FY 2007/08.

All entities have submitted their FY 2007-08 expenditure requests. Staff has reviewed the requests from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and from the Cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton, and Sacramento for consistency with the Measure A Countywide Transportation Expenditure Plan. These requests will be presented during a public hearing at today's Board meeting (Item #10). Back-up material for the hearing is enclosed herein with the staff report. Please place this material in the white expenditure plan binder that was distributed with last month's Board packet, and bring the binder to the meeting.

We will continue the expenditure plan public hearing for the County of Sacramento, Cities of Folsom and Rancho Cordova, Regional Transit, and Paratransit, Inc. Their requests were presented at last month's Board meeting.

A hearing will also be conducted on the draft FY 2007/08 budget for STA administration (Item #11). Action on the expenditure requests and STA budget will occur at your Board's June 14 meeting.

B. New Measure A, 2009-2039

Allocating On-going Program Revenues

The **New** Measure A expenditure plan provides for allocations to local entities for specified capital projects and for on-going program operations. The on-going programs are to receive a specified proportion of the transportation sales tax every year:

<u>Expenditure Category</u>	<u>Entity</u>	
Program administration	STA	0.75%
Transportation-related air quality programs	SMAQMD	1.50%
Transit operations, maintenance, & safety	SRTD	34.50%

B. New Measure A, 2009-2039 (continued)

The Consolidated Transportation Service Authority (CTSA) will receive 3.5% of annual sales tax revenues, rising to 4.5% in years 11-20 and 5.5% in years 21-30. Finally, 38% of sales tax revenues are set aside for the following on-going programs delivered exclusively by the incorporated cities¹ and the unincorporated County:

- Traffic control & safety 3%
- Safety, streetscaping, pedestrian & bike facilities 5%
- Street & road maintenance 30%

Of this latter 38% of annual sales tax revenues, the County and each eligible city is to receive a proportional share based 75% on relative population and 25% on paved and maintained street and road mileage.

In Item #6, staff has prepared a process and schedule for forecasting the availability of **New Measure A** revenues for the on-going annual expenditure programs and allocating the funds among the eligible entities. Your Board discussed this matter last month. At today's meeting, we seek approval of the recommended approach.

Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

The **New Measure A** ordinance provides for the establishment of an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) *"to supervise fiscal and performance audits regarding the use of all sales tax funds and provide for independent review to ensure that all Measure funds are spent in accordance with provisions of the Expenditure Plan and Ordinance as approved by the voters."* Your Board has directed staff to proceed with the creation of the ITOC. At last month's Board meeting, staff presented draft Functional Guidelines detailing what the ITOC is expected to accomplish, how its activities will relate to those of the Governing Board and staff, and how the three voting committee members will be selected. Your Board requested clarification on the requirements for Committee membership and assurance that Committee proceedings will be conducted in full public view. An updated draft is enclosed herein (Item #12) for Board consideration.

If the Functional Guidelines are approved, we will begin the process of soliciting applications for ITOC membership.

I/5–Route 99–US 50 Connector Project JPA

The new joint powers authority (JPA) for the I/5–Route 99–US 50 Connector project conducted its first meeting last week at Rancho Cordova City Hall. The Connector project is a significant component of the **New Measure A** expenditure plan. The **New Measure A** Plan of Finance commits over \$131 million of transportation sales tax revenues to the project between FY 2008 and FY 2015. The JPA governing board consists of representatives of the Counties of Sacramento (*Don Nottoli*) and El Dorado (*Rusty Dupray*) and the Cities of Elk Grove (*Pat Hume*), Rancho Cordova (*Linda Budge*), and Folsom (*Eric King*). At its first meeting, the JPA hired interim staff, identified start-up funding, and adopted assorted governing protocols.

¹ Except Galt and Isleton, which will receive an annual share "off-the-top" of all **New Measure A** sales tax revenues.

C. Countywide Transportation Planning and Programming

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

SACOG is circulating a draft revenue estimate and project list for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for 2035. The revenue estimate assumes that an additional transportation sales tax will be approved by Sacramento County voters in 2016. Eventually, your Board will be asked to declare its intention regarding if and when to pursue a supplemental local transportation funding measure. Pending such formal determination, staff wants to ensure that Board members are aware of preliminary discussions related to this matter (Item #13).

Staff is concerned that a few projects from the **New** Measure A expenditure plan are either not included or are redefined in the draft MTP project list. Failure to include all of the voter-approved Measure A projects in the regional plan would belie the public trust, and handicap any future efforts to pass a supplemental transportation funding measure. It also inhibits the opportunity for affected projects to receive state and federal matching funds.

D. Sacramento Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority (SAVSA)

There is no new information to report on this work element.

E. Sacramento Metropolitan Freeway Service Patrol (FSP)

At today's meeting, your Board will recognize **Ricardo Ramirez** for his contributions to the FSP program (Item #1). He will receive the Safe Driver Award for the 1st quarter of 2007.

The tow operator contract for FSP Beats 3 and 4 (US 50: I/5 to Scott Road) expires at the end of June. As directed by your Board, staff solicited requests for proposals (RFPs) from private tow companies interested in providing this service. Just one formal bid was received. In Item #7, staff recommends that your Board retain Sierra Hart Auto Center as the preferred contractor. Sierra Hart's bid price is consistent with rates paid for FSP operations in other Northern California counties, and it has provided exemplary service for several years.

During March, 2,759 motorists were assisted by Freeway Service Patrol operators, an average of 125 per day. The monthly performance statistics are attached hereto.

F. Administrative Matters

The 2007 Metro Chamber Cap-to-Cap trip to Washington DC was conducted April 21-25. Members Cooley, Fong, MacGlashan, Pannell, and Slowey represented the STA on the delegation's Transportation team, along with the Executive Director. Staff will present a brief summary report of Transportation team activities, followed by Board member observations (Item #14).

G. Upcoming Events 2007

Date	Event	Comments
June 14	STA Board	<i>Adopt MeasA expend. plans & STA budget</i>
July 26	STA Board	
August 30	STA Board	

Attachments