



**April 13, 2017**

**Agenda Item # 2**

**AGENCY UPDATE/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Action Requested: Receive and file

Key Staff: Norman Hom, Principal Administrator

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**Recommendation**

Receive and file the Agency Update/Administrative Report.

**Administrative Items**

**Executive Director.** Jeff Spencer has resigned as STA Executive Director effective March 31. The Board will meet in closed session for Item 12 to discuss the vacant position.

**Governing Board Membership.** The Elk Grove City Council has filled the last vacant seat on the STA Governing Board with the appointment of Darren Suen.

**Measure A**

**Revenue Forecast.** The FY2017/18 revenue forecast will be presented at the May or June Board meeting. In the draft budget that we will present today, the placeholder for the estimated Measure A revenue assumes 3 percent growth based on expected revenues in the current year. We will update the budget figures after reviewing and working with the revenue forecast provided by our consultants.

**Caltrans Accelerated Funding Request.** In March, Caltrans submitted a request to accelerate \$37.4 million to begin early construction of HOV lanes on Interstate 5 and to finalize the design of HOV lanes on US Highway 50. These are existing projects listed in the Transportation Expenditure Plan but their funding was programmed for several years out. Staff does not yet have enough information on anticipated Measure A cash flows to properly evaluate whether we're able to accommodate their request. Caltrans has agreed to withdraw their request until a later date. At the appropriate time, STA staff and the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) will each forward a recommendation to the Board.

**SacMetro Freeway Service Patrol (FSP)**

**Additional Funding for FSP.** The passage of the gas tax increase by the State legislature on April 7<sup>th</sup> is welcome news for the SacMetro FSP program as \$25 million of it is earmarked for freeway service patrols. FSP programs statewide have been sharing \$25.479 million annually which has not

increased since 2009. To cope with rising costs and limited funds, SacMetro FSP had recently reduced its fleet from 17 trucks to 15 and restricted service hours.

**Efforts to Accelerate Funding Agreements.** FSP Program Manager, Jennifer Doll, is coordinating efforts with the Statewide FSP Committee to encourage Caltrans to accelerate the delivery of FSP fund transfer agreements. For the last several years, the agreements have not been delivered to local programs until months after the start of the fiscal year, and sometimes funds do not begin flowing until 6 to 9 months into the fiscal year. SacMetro has become increasingly reliant on match funds provided by the Capital Valley Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE, a.k.a., the call box program run by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments) to fund the program until the state monies are received.

### **Sacramento Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority (SAVSA)**

**City of Isleton.** Isleton was one of the original members of SAVSA that formed in 1992. The city, however, stopped reporting abatements in 2006 and efforts to help them maintain their eligibility were unsuccessful. Isleton was subsequently dropped from the program in 2014. Staff recently met with new Isleton City Manager Charles Bergson who expressed the city's desire to participate in the program once again. Progress updates will be posted in future Executive Director's reports.

**Accelerated Abatements.** As reflected in Item 5, the SAVSA agencies have been dramatically increasing their abandoned vehicle abatements. The turnaround in abatement activity which we first started seeing at the beginning of FY2015/16 continues to increase. Agency claims have followed suit.

### **Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)**

The ITOC has been meeting monthly rather than quarterly in fulfilling its role as an advisory resource to the STA Governing Board and safeguarding the public trust in the administration of Measure A. With the addition of Joyce Renison from the County Auditor-Controller's Office, all six positions on the ITOC are filled. Jeff Harris, representing the STA Board, attended his first meeting on March 30. The next meeting of the ITOC is April 27 at 4:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

### **Looking Ahead**

**3-Year Work Plan.** The attachment for Item 4 is an updated schedule for items planned to be presented to the Board this calendar year. Dates have been rearranged to account for changes in staffing and remain tentative. Later in June, staff is planning to present a comprehensive three-year work plan that will guide the agency through significant challenges laying ahead in Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020.