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AGENDA ITEM # 6

FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR FSP FUNDING

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution

Key Staff: Jennifer Doll, Special Programs Manager

Recommendation

Adopt the attached resolution which:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director to execute the attached Fund Transfer Agreement with Caltrans to provide for the distribution of \$1,199,457 in state funding to the SacMetro Freeway Service Patrol program for FY2017-18; and
2. Authorizes the Executive Director to execute future Fund Transfer Agreements with Caltrans that are consistent with the adopted STA Budget and have been reviewed by STA Legal Counsel.

Discussion

Each year, Caltrans provides a base level of funding for Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) operations in metropolitan areas throughout the state. For FY2017-18 the total amount available for distribution statewide is \$25.479 million. The funds are held in the State Highway Account and then allocated to each FSP program according to population, number of urban freeway miles, and the relative amount of traffic congestion in the participating program areas. By formula, the SacMetro FSP Program—which includes Sacramento and Yolo Counties—was allocated 4.71 percent of the statewide total for FY2017-18. The \$1,199,457 allocation is a 1.24 percent increase from the previous year's allocation.

In order to receive these funds, the STA must execute a Fund Transfer Agreement (FTA) with Caltrans that regulates the use of the monies and sets forth a variety of reporting and documentation requirements. By approving the attached FTA, the STA commits to expending the monies exclusively on eligible FSP expenses and to securing local matching funds. As has been the case for the last several years, the Capital Valley Regional Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (CVR-SAFE) has provided critical financial assistance for meeting the local match requirements in excess of the \$299,865 FY2017-18 minimum.

The Resolution also authorizes the STA Executive Director to execute future FTAs with Caltrans. The authority for staff to execute FTAs without having to wait for the next available

Governing Board meeting addresses a long-running timing issue. Historically, we do not receive the annual FTAs from Caltrans until late October, November, or December, which is months after the fiscal year has already started. Often by then, FSP funds are nearly exhausted and every day of delay is critical. The ability to immediately sign and return the FTAs to Caltrans execution will greatly assist with program cashflow and operational continuity.

Attachments