



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: Luz "Nina" Buelna, Public Works Director

PREPARED BY: Mark Schleich, Contract Civil Engineer

SUBJECT: Annual Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for Allocation of FY 2025/26 Transportation Development Act Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 25-__ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for Allocation of Transportation Development Act Funds for Fiscal Year 2025/26"

BACKGROUND:

The California Transportation Development Act (TDA) authorized a funding source for developing and supporting public transportation needs in California (Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq.). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) oversees the TDA program on a statewide basis. State-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) implement the TDA, administer the distribution of funds to local TDA recipients (claimants), and monitor the subsequent use of those funds to ensure conformity with all state and local requirements.

Funds are allocated to areas of each county based on population, taxable sales, and transit performance. The TDA provides funding for use by local jurisdictions and agencies for various transportation purposes, prioritizing public transportation. Other eligible purposes are regional transportation planning and programming, bicycle and pedestrian projects, and local street and road projects when certain conditions are met.

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) is the RTPA for Santa Barbara County. It is responsible for distributing Local Transportation Funds (LTF) to the jurisdictions and local agencies within the County. Annually, the City receives between \$29,000 and \$40,000 of TDA funds. This year, we anticipate between \$35,000 and \$40,000. The actual amount will not be known until mid-to-late February 2025.

Below are the steps for the distribution of the funds:

Apportionment

Per the TDA, SBCAG divides the estimated amount to be deposited in the fund over the coming fiscal year among each of the County's local jurisdictions based on population percentages (Public Utilities Code section 99231) provided by the Department of Finance. After SBCAG receives the fund estimates from the County Auditor on February 1st, SBCAG informs each jurisdiction of this amount, also called the apportionment (California Code of Regulations Title 21 Section 6644). Once funds are apportioned to a jurisdiction, they can only be allocated to that jurisdiction.

Claims

To file a claim with SBCAG, the City of Goleta City Council must adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an LTF Claim. Today's action will authorize the City Manager to file a claim on behalf of the City. SBCAG usually notifies the agencies of the amount in mid-February.

Allocations

Typically occurring in June, the SBCAG board approves through a resolution the amount of funding to be distributed to each local agency and the eligible uses of funds based on the claims submitted.

Payment

Based on the amounts claimed by each jurisdiction, SBCAG instructs the County Auditor to remit payment to each jurisdiction. Disbursement instructions from SBCAG to the County Auditor are typically provided monthly, as indicated in the resolution approved by the SBCAG board and based on actual receipts. The approved resolution is also provided to the County Auditor annually.

DISCUSSION:

To receive the City's share of the LTF monies, the City is required to submit a claim to SBCAG. Before submitting a claim, the City must adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1). Public Works staff is asking for approval of the attached resolution so a claim for the City's allocation of LTF funds can be made.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no direct financial cost to the City associated with the submittal of the proposed TDA claim to SBCAG, except for the staff time associated with the regulatory and record-keeping requirements relating to the use of TDA funds. There are no limitations on how soon the funds must be expended. The TDA fund revenue allocated to the City for FY 25/26 is estimated to be between \$35,000 and \$40,000 with a revised estimate becoming

available in mid-February. The February estimate will be included in the FY 25/26 budget and accounted for in Fund 202.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may elect not to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the submittal of a TDA claim for LTF monies. However, not adopting it now will result in non-compliance, and the City will not receive LTF funds for FY 25/26.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Isaac Rosen, Acting City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 25- _ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for Allocation of Transportation Development Act Funds for Fiscal Year 2025/26."

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution 25-___ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for Allocation of Transportation Development Act Funds for Fiscal Year 2025/26"

RESOLUTION NO. 25-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26

WHEREAS, the Transportation Development Act (TDA), as amended (Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq.), provides for the allocation of funds from the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for use by eligible claimants for various transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, 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 or State Transit Assistance (STA) fund shall file its claim or amended claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG).

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta is eligible to receive TDA funds allocated from the LTF fund and STA fund; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoptions of this resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The City Manager is authorized to execute and file an appropriate claim and necessary claim amendments pursuant to the terms of TDA and pursuant to applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder together with all necessary supporting documents, with SBCAG for an allocation of TDA funds in FY 2025/26.

SECTION 2.

The authorized claim is based upon the estimate provided by the Santa Barbara Association of Governments which is anticipated to fund pedestrian and bikeway facilities and/or projects.

SECTION 3.

A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the SBCAG in conjunction with the filing of this claim.

SECTION 4.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

ISAAC ROSEN
ACTING CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-__ was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the ___ day of ____, 2025, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK