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STAFF REPORT

Date: November 11, 2020

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Approval of Estimated Allocation of FY 2020-2021 Local Transportation Funds of \$911,254 to Tahoe Transportation District

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board adoption of the attached resolution approving the release of FY 2020-2021 Local Transportation Funds to Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) in the amount of \$911,254 for transit operations within the El Dorado County portion of the Tahoe Region. TRPA, acting as the California Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), authorizes distribution of annual funding allocations from California Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Fund (LTF) which is derived from ¼ cent general sales tax revenues and used by Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) for transit operations in the Lake Tahoe area of El Dorado County.

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) approving the allocation of FY 2020-2021 Local Transportation Funds to Tahoe Transportation District.

Required Motion:

In order to approve the proposed resolution, the Board must make the following motion, based on the staff summary:

- 1) A motion to approve the proposed resolution as shown in Attachment A

In order for the motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

Background:

As the designated RTPA for the California portion of the Tahoe Region, TRPA has the responsibility for administering the funds that are provided by the Transportation Development Act (TDA). TDA provides two funding sources that are intended to support and develop transportation services. These funds are the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund.

TDA legislation provides financial support for public transportation through the LTF, which is derived from a ¼ cent of the general sales tax collected statewide. The State Board of Equalization, based on sales tax collected in each county, returns the general sales tax revenues to each county's LTF. These funds are deposited in a local transportation fund. RTPAs administer these funds within their areas of jurisdiction based upon population and the priorities set by the TDA.

As required by the TDA, the El Dorado County Auditor/Controller Office has notified TRPA of the LTF monies available for allocation within the El Dorado County portion of the Tahoe Region.

Following the priorities set by the TDA, TRPA has allocated LTF monies for its costs of administering the TDA programs in the Region and for its transportation planning functions. These costs are prorated to El Dorado County and to Tahoe Transportation District for the El Dorado County portion. The allocations of these funds to TRPA have been acted upon separately.

Staff determined that the allocation of FY 2020-2021 LTF funds to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency designated to the Administration and Planning of the Transportation Development Act program was \$75,000. A resolution allowing TRPA to accept this funding in the amount of \$75,000, was approved at the September Governing Board meeting.

After the costs for administration and planning have been considered, there is an estimated \$911,254 of LTF funding available for use within the El Dorado County portion of the Tahoe Region. El Dorado County has submitted a claim (available at <http://www.trpa.org/wp-content/uploads/TTD-Claim-Application-FY19-20-approved.pdf>) to TRPA to program 100 percent of these funds for the operating costs of the TTD system, which provides public transit services in El Dorado County within the Tahoe Region. Staff has reviewed the claim and found it to be consistent with the TDA rules and regulations, and also consistent with the goals and policies of the Regional Transportation Plan. The El Dorado County LTF claim will be forwarded to the El Dorado County Auditor Controller Office for release of funds once the allocation is approved.

The table below shows the Local Transportation Fund allocation for the previous four years for El Dorado County.

El Dorado County - Local Transportation Fund Allocations

FY 16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
\$ 864,591	\$ 911,692	\$984,117	\$1,024,127

Regional Plan Compliance:

The proposed allocation of funds complies with all requirements of the State of California TDA rules and regulations and will help to further the objectives of the TRPA Regional Plan Goals and Policies.

Contact Information:

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Attachment:

- A. Resolution

Attachment A

Resolution

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2020 -

A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING FY 2020-2021 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS OF
\$911,254 TO TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS IN THE EL DORADO
COUNTY PORTION OF TAHOE REGION

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) was designated by the State of California as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Lake Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, the RTPA is responsible for allocating the Local Transportation Funds (LTF) for the Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, the amount of FY 2020-2021 LTF funds available for allocation within the El Dorado County portion of the Tahoe Region is \$911,254; and

WHEREAS, TRPA has received a claim from Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) for the allocation of these funds for transit operating assistance to the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) system within El Dorado County area of the Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, the claim submitted by Tahoe Transportation District was reviewed and found to be consistent with the Transportation Development Act Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the provision of public transit operations by Tahoe Transportation District is consistent with TRPA Regional Transportation Plan Goals and Policies; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency authorizes the release of FY 2020-2021 LTF in the amount of \$911,254 to Tahoe Transportation District to provide for transit operating assistance in the El Dorado County portion of the Tahoe Region

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this 18th day of November 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

William Yeates, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board