



LAKE COUNTY/CITY AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

2010/11 BUDGET
Explanatory Notes on Funding Sources
June 9, 2010

LTF - Local Transportation Fund

- Generated from quarter-cent countywide sales tax
- Governed by the Transportation Development Act (TDA)
- Allocated by Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
- Fund estimate provided by County Auditor-Controller
- Transportation planning and public transit systems are supported by these revenues according to TDA.

LTF Reserve Fund

- Fund balance due to unanticipated funds generated above County Auditor's estimates, and/or unexpended funds from projects in the annual Work Program.

PPM - Planning, Programming & Monitoring / SB 45

- Apportioned by State to Regional Transportation Planning Agencies for work associated with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects
- Up to 5% of Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds in the STIP may be used for eligible activities
- Lake APC has programmed funds for planning work elements and Project Study Reports (PSRs).
- PPM Funds must be spent within two years of receiving them.

STA - State Transit Assistance

- Generated from sales taxes on diesel
- Governed by the Transportation Development Act (TDA)
- Eligibility open only to transit operators – Lake Transit Authority (LTA)
- May be used for either Operations (subject to an eligibility formula) or for Capital. LTA typically uses for Capital purposes
- Fund estimate provided by State Controller
- For FY 2006/07 and 2007/08, revenues were unusually high, as a result of the rising price of gasoline.
- For FY 2008/09, staff was concerned with the possibility that the STA preliminary estimate in the amount of \$668,352 would not materialize and requested that the APC Board members consider keeping approximately one quarter's allocation (\$167,088) in the fund in case of revenue fluctuations, and only released \$501,264 to LTA. Staff was correct in estimating that the STA funds would not fully materialize for the full amount of \$668,352, and were drastically decreased in a revised estimate by \$532,036, leaving \$136,316 to be allocated to LTA.
- For FY 2009/10 there was NO STA funds allocated.
- For FY 2010/11 LTA will receive a one-time allocation of \$355,794.

RPA - Rural Planning Assistance

- This program is funded by the State for required Overall Work Program (OWP) mandated planning functions
- In the past, RPA funds were received on a reimbursable basis, and must be expended in the year in which they are received. Beginning July 1, 2009, Caltrans officially notified the Regional Transportation Planning Agency that 25% of their RPA funds will be allowed to be carried-over into the following OWP.

RSTP – Federal/Regional Surface Transportation Program, Section 182.6(d)(1)

- Under ISTEA legislation originally, subsequently under TEA21, now under SAFETEA-LU
- RSTP is for regional discretionary transportation uses, in compliance with U.S. Code, Title 23 and California Constitution, Article 19
- As allowed, Lake APC exchanges for state funds by agreement with Caltrans, eliminating federal requirements

- Lake APC policy allocates new RSTP apportionments by population formula to County and Cities

FHWA - State Planning and Research

- The State Planning and Research Program (SP&R) is authorized by Title 23, USC, and is regulated under 23 CFR Part 420
- SAFETEA-LU requires that States set aside 2 percent of the apportionments they receive from the Interstate Maintenance, National Highway System, Surface Transportation, Highway Bridge, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement, and Equity Bonus programs for State planning and research activities
- Of this amount, States must allocate 25 percent for research, development, and technology

Transportation Planning Grant Programs

- Funded by: FTA - Federal Transit Administration, FHWA - Federal Highway Administration, and Caltrans – State Highway Account
- Intended to promote strong and healthy communities, economic growth, and protection of our environment. These planning grants support closer placement of jobs and housing, efficient movement of goods, community involvement in planning, safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle mobility and access, smart or strategic land use, and commute alternatives. The seven planning categories available are:
 - Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning
 - Community-Based Transportation Planning
 - Partnership Planning
 - Transit Planning
 - Statewide Planning Studies
 - Transit Technical Planning Assistance
 - Transit Professional Development
- Eligible applicants include transit operators, public agencies, private non-profit organizations, Native American tribal governments, and universities
- Lake APC received a Partnership Planning Transportation Planning Grant for FY 2008/09, to complete the State Route 53 Corridor Study.
- Lake APC also received a Transit Technical Planning Assistance Grant for FY 2009/10 to complete the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Plan.
- Lake APC also applied for a Community Based Transportation Planning Grant for FY 2010/11 to complete the Middletown Community Action Plan.
- LTA applies for funds regularly

Public Transportation Account

- The Public Transportation Account (PTA) is a designated trust fund for planning and mass transportation purposes, with revenues derived principally from the state sales tax
- PTA revenues are made available for state transportation programs, including planning, intercity rail operations, and the STIP
- Lake APC received PTA Funds to work with Caltrans and a Consultant to complete the Interregional Partnership Traffic Model. These funds were originally received in FY 2008/09, carried-over into FY 2009/10, again carrying-over some funds to complete the project in FY 2010/11.

Local Agency Match

- Local matching funds are required for most state and federal grants
- Lake Transit Authority contributes the required local match for their projects
- Lake APC provides required cash match from local planning funds in Overall Work Program.