

Staff Report

To: Sonoma County Transportation Authority
From: Suzanne Smith, Executive Director
Re: Item 5.2: FY08/09 SCTA Preliminary Budget – additional information
Item 5.3: FY08/09 Measure M Preliminary Budget – additional information
Date: May 12, 2006

Issue:

There are three minor adjustments to the SCTA Preliminary Budget included in the agenda packet.

Background:

Two adjustments are proposed to the FY08/09 SCTA Preliminary Budget to more accurately align the SCTA budget with the Measure M Budget and the TFCA Budget.

The changes are:

- 1) The SCTA travel budget is reduced by \$16,500. A like amount is accounted for in the Measure M travel budget. A corresponding reduction in the reimbursements from Measure M to SCTA is also noted.
- 2) The amount of funding from Measure M proposed to fund the SCTA office lease is increased \$1,375 to \$25,000.
- 3) The reimbursement amount to SCTA for administration from TFCA is increased to \$31,500 to align with the amount available in the proposed FY08/09 TFCA Budget.

Policy Impacts:

None.

Fiscal Impacts:

These changes will align all three budgets. With the two proposed adjustments to Measure M elements, the total anticipated Measure M reimbursement to SCTA will be \$245,000. This covers rent, salaries and benefits.

Staff Recommendation:

Consider making the proposed changes in the FY08/09 Preliminary SCTA Budget and FY08/09 Measure M Budget.

Sonoma County Transportation Authority
FY 2008-09 PROPOSED BUDGET
Budget Index #798017

Subsubject		Actual 2006-2007	Budgeted 2006-2007	Estimated 2007-2008	Budgeted 2007-2008	Requested 2008-09	Amount of Change	Percent Change
	Revenues							
1700	Interest	6,444	2,000	3,676	7,500	5,000	(2,500)	-33.33%
2500	State - STIP	289,000	821,000	947,677	1,055,000	607,000	(448,000)	-42.46%
2900	Other Governments	20	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
2901	County	147,188	147,185	146,837	147,185	150,000	2,815	1.91%
2910	Cities	177,814	177,815	178,163	177,815	180,000	2,185	1.23%
2920	MTC Contribution	568,345	570,000	525,000	375,000	375,000	0	0.00%
2920	MTC Contribution TLC/HIP	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	0	0.00%
4040	Miscellaneous	0	0	6,639	0	0	0	N/A
4102	Donations/Reimbursements	64,093	0	21,005	0	0	0	N/A
4109	Outdate / Cancel Warrant	15	0	6,639	0	0	0	N/A
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,252,918	1,718,000	1,835,636	1,912,500	1,467,000	(445,500)	-23.29%
	Expenditures							
	Salaries and Benefits							
5100	County Employee Salary	618,790	615,003	615,109	670,086	739,000	68,914	10.28%
5110-5400	County Employee Benefits	273,675	299,255	294,054	330,250	378,000	47,750	14.46%
5900	Salary Savings	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	N/A
5903	Proposed Budget Adjustment	0	0	0	(53,336)	0	53,336	-100.00%
5907	Additional Benefits	19,799	0	19,799	20,000	20,000	0	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL	912,264	934,258	928,962	967,000	1,137,000	170,000	17.58%
	Outside Contracts/Services							
6630	Audit/General Accounting	47,800	35,500	23,500	36,000	40,000	4,000	11.11%
6629	Fiscal Accounting Services	35,018	26,000	27,261	27,000	30,000	3,000	11.11%
6570	Consultant Services	108,161	694,764	821,254	897,852	250,000	(647,852)	-72.16%
6500/6519/6540	Contract Services	(5,000)	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
6521	County Services Contract	4,256	300	4,500	4,500	5,162	662	14.71%
6610	Legal Services	6,593	20,000	3,850	20,000	15,000	(5,000)	-25.00%
	SUBTOTAL	196,828	776,564	880,365	985,352	340,162	(645,190)	-65.48%

Subobject	Actual 2006-2007	Budgeted 2006-2007	Estimated 2007-2008	Budgeted 2007-2008	Requested 2008-09	Amount of Change	Percent Change	
Operational Expenditures								
6889/6890/7402/7450	Computer Services & Hardware	14,257	20,000	16,639	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
7400	Data Processing	27,191	25,000	30,000	30,000	35,000	5,000	16.67%
6400	Office Supplies	6,068	6,000	6,904	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
6410	Postage	5,164	5,000	7,480	6,000	8,000	2,000	33.33%
6430/6820	Printing Services/Copy Rental	9,212	20,000	8,854	20,000	20,000	0	0.00%
6633	Claims Processing	0	6,300	6,500	6,500	6,715	215	3.31%
6800	Public/Legal Notices	122	2,500	131	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
6840	Rents/Leases-Bldgs/Imp	31,326	65,000	91,832	99,943	94,500	(5,443)	-5.45%
6415	Subscriptions	628	1,000	1,281	1,500	2,000	500	33.33%
6103	Liability Insurance	6,415	7,000	6,913	8,000	9,000	1,000	12.50%
6040/6048/6049	Telephones	4,421	6,000	7,663	8,000	9,000	1,000	12.50%
6280	Memberships	2,800	2,500	2,500	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
7120/7302/7303	Travel/Training	29,956	30,000	31,260	46,000	33,500	(12,500)	-27.17%
7038	Relocation Expense	85,820	100,000	14,906	15,000	0	(15,000)	-100.00%
SUBTOTAL		223,380	296,300	232,863	281,243	258,015	(23,228)	-8.26%
Other Charges								
8010	Contribution - Non County	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
SUBTOTAL		5,000	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Reimbursements								
8700	Reimbursements - Measure M	(172,517)	(214,000)	(191,783)	(250,000)	(245,000)	5,000	-2.00%
8709	Reimbursements - TFCA	(29,449)	0	(27,000)	(27,000)	(31,500)	(4,500)	16.67%
SUBTOTAL		(201,966)	(214,000)	(218,783)	(277,000)	(276,500)	500	-0.18%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,135,506	1,793,122	1,823,407	1,956,595	1,458,677	(497,918)	-25.45%
Starting Fund Balance		(292,606)		214,274		626,220	0	0
Total Revenue		1,252,918	1,718,000	1,835,636	1,912,500	1,467,000	(445,500)	-23.29%
Total Expenditures		1,135,506	1,793,122	1,823,407	1,956,595	1,458,677	(497,918)	-25.45%
Change in Encumbrances		(389,468)		(399,717)		0		
Change in Fund Balance		506,880		411,946	(44,095)	8,323	52,418	-118.88%
ENDING FUND BALANCE		214,274		626,220	(44,095)	634,543		

**Measure M FY 2008/09 Draft Budget
Summary Budget for All Program Categories**

Acct #	Description	Actual FY 06-07	Budgeted FY 06-07	Estimate FY 07-08	Budgeted FY 07-08	Requested FY 08-09
1140	Sales/Use Tax Receipts	19,770,528	18,000,000	18,444,925	20,400,000	20,400,000
1701	Interest on Pooled Cash	830,798	145,000	1,528,000	973,069	2,043,762
2500	State - Other (Caltrans)	823,888	-	-	-	-
2780	Federal - Earmark	-	100,000	-	-	-
3980	Prior Year Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
4680	Bond Proceeds	-	-	40,943,678	54,476,178	-
4682	Bond-Premium	-	-	4,516,657	-	-
4683	Bond-Cost of Issuance	-	-	523,822	523,822	-
	Total Revenues	21,425,214	18,245,000	65,957,082	76,373,069	22,443,762
6300	Misc Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
6400	Office Expense	21	10,000	-	9,000	-
6430	Printing Services	2,969	-	3,586	-	10,000
6500	SCTA Staff Time	172,500	-	160,000	160,000	220,000
6522	SCTA Project Costs	-	80,000	-	-	-
6570	Consultants	4,090,643	6,882,807	2,120,697	6,546,190	5,779,500
6573	Administration (SCTA)	-	95,000	-	2,500	-
6610	Legal Services	6,461	11,000	5,550	14,000	15,000
629/6630/663	Accounting/Audit/Claims	43,854	64,000	50,000	50,000	51,400
6640	Debt Issuance Costs	-	-	523,822	523,822	-
6800	Public/Legal Notices	1,228	-	1,313	-	-
6840	Rents/Leases-Buildings	-	-	8,224	-	25,000
7302	Travel Expense	352	-	1,771	-	16,500
7910	Bond - Principal Payments	-	-	-	2,300,000	-
7930	Bond - Interest Payments	-	-	711,257	2,500,000	2,207,350
8010	Contributions to Other Govts	9,663,850	25,310,382	6,587,320	31,669,178	31,135,863
	Total Expenses	13,981,878	32,453,189	10,173,540	43,774,690	39,460,613
	Beginning Fund Bal.	10,861,724	-	15,885,957	-	68,125,397
	Revenues	21,425,214	18,245,000	65,957,082	76,373,069	22,443,762
	Expenses	13,981,878	32,453,189	10,173,540	43,774,690	39,460,613
	Audit Adjustments	(355,605)	-	-	-	-
	Change in Encumbrances	2,774,708	-	3,544,102	-	-
	Change in Fund Balance	5,024,233	(14,208,189)	52,239,440	32,598,379	(17,016,851)
	Ending Fund Bal.	15,885,957	(14,208,189)	68,125,397	32,598,379	51,108,546

**Sonoma County Transportation Authority
FY08/09 Measure M - Administration (1%)**

Index: 793109

<u>Subsubject</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual 2006-07</u>	<u>Budgeted 2006-07</u>	<u>Estimate 2007-08</u>	<u>Budgeted 2007-08</u>	<u>Requested 2008-09</u>
1140	Sales Tax	196,788	180,000	181,576	204,000	204,000
1700	Interest on Pooled Cash	3,031	1,450	4,259	3,320	1,269
Total Revenues		199,819	181,450	185,835	207,320	205,269
6300	Misc Expense	-	-	-	-	-
6400	Office Expense	21	10,000	-	9,000	-
6430	Printing Services	2,841	-	3,586	-	10,000
6500	SCTA Staff Time	92,500	-	150,000	150,000	70,000
6570	Consultants	16,126	10,555	-	1,320	10,000
6573	SCTA Administration	-	95,000	-	2,500	-
6610	Legal Services	5,089	11,000	4,810	14,000	5,000
629/6630/663	Accounting/Audit/Claims	43,722	64,000	50,000	50,000	51,400
6800	Public/Legal Notices	-	-	1,313	-	-
6840	Rents/Leases-Buildings	-	-	7,621	-	25,000
7302	Travel Expense	123	-	1,643	-	16,500
Total Expenses		160,422	190,555	218,973	226,820	187,900
	Beginning Fund Balance	35,143	-	74,656	-	42,283
	Revenues	199,819	181,450	185,835	207,320	205,269
	Expenses	160,422	190,555	218,973	226,820	187,900
	Audit Adjustments	(881)	-	-	-	-
	Change in Encumbrances	765	-	(765)	-	-
	Change in Fund Balance	39,513	(9,105)	(32,373)	(19,500)	17,369
	Ending Fund Balance	74,656	(9,105)	42,283	(19,500)	59,652
	* Consultants					
	Williams Adely (under 6630)	\$ 27,900				
	Sheila Battaglia	10,000				
		\$ 37,900				
	** Fiscal Accounting (under 6629)	\$ 23,500				



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May 12, 2008

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing to you to state the Sonoma County Transportation Authority's strong opposition to a summer time suspension of the federal fuel tax. Such an action will do more harm than good. Suspending the gas tax would result in gas prices remaining at current levels and additional profits going to oil company profits – all at the expense of transportation infrastructure.

As you are well aware, many State and local jurisdictions depend on federal funds as part of projects already in the pipeline. Pulling funding at this time will short circuit these projects just as they are about to create jobs and stimulate the economy. We must invest in our infrastructure to keep our economy healthy and to sustain our global competitiveness.

Furthermore, suspending the federal fuel tax of 18.3 cents per gallon will likely provide little relief to the traveling public. This tax represents only about 5% of the cost of gasoline, only about \$2 to \$3 for the average fill up. If the fuel tax is replaced with an added tax on oil company profits, the gas tax savings may be replaced with higher fuel prices from the refinery as oil companies pass on the added taxes.

Given the small benefit to the average motorist and the havoc the fuel tax suspension will have on transportation investment, I urge you to reject this ill conceived idea. Our country cannot afford to engage in a knee jerk response to rising oil prices that sacrifices our infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Mike Kerns
SCTA Chair

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Paul McIntosh, Executive Director, California State Association of Counties
Chris McKenzie, Executive Director, League of California Cities
Steve Heminger, Executive Director, Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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