

## Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee

### AGENDA

***March 17, 2009: 2:00-3:30PM***

Sonoma County Transportation Authority  
Large Conference Room, 490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206  
Santa Rosa, California 95401

#### ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Public Comments on Items not on Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes, January 20, 2009 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION\***
4. Approval of Agenda – **DISCUSSION / ACTION**
5. Presentation of the Coordinated Claim by Bryan Albee. TPCC Review and Approval – **DISCUSSION / ACTION\***
6. Report on the new requirement for annual Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) hearings. – **DISCUSSION\***
7. Reports:
  - 7.1. Transit Agencies
  - 7.2. Other Agencies
  - 7.3. SCTA
    - a. Lifeline Update\*
    - b. FTA 5310 Status\*
8. Other Business / Comments / Announcements
9. Adjourn - **ACTION**

\*Materials attached.

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**TRANSIT-PARATRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
 MINUTES  
 January 20, 2009**

**ATTENDEES**

Battenberg, Dennis	TPCC Chair
Brown, Beryl	Earle Baum Center of the Blind
Brown, Robert	Becoming Independent
Cuneo, Bob	Citizen
Curtis, Jodi	Sonoma County Transit
Eisen, Judith	Area Agency on Aging
Gaffney, Jon	Whistlestop Wheels
Henzerling, Larry	TPCC Vice Chair & Disability Services and Legal Center
Mendoza, Rafael	Latino Community Representative
Moeller, Francie	Citizen
Morrison, Maddell	City of Santa Rosa
Mulroy, Jackie	Whistlestop Wheels
Reisman, Catherine	Santa Rosa Junior College: Disability Resources
Saip, Rabon	O.A.T.S.

SCTA Staff Present: Nina Donofrio, Lynne March

Lynne March called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. in the Chair's absence. Attendees had been invited to partake of refreshments.

**ITEM**

**1. Introductions**

Round table introductions were made.

**2. Public Comments on Items not on Agenda**

Ms. March reported that Max Calder had left the city of Petaluma as Transit Manager and Barbara Duffy is handling these duties in the interim. Deanna Dupont of the Area 4 Board has left her position with the State. Ms. March next announced that Kari Vigeland of Santa Rosa Junior College Disability Resources Department has retired and Catherine Reisman is here at the TPCC replacing her. Dr. Jerry Foster has stepped down from membership in the TPCC due to family issues. Ms. March is awaiting a recommendation from the Council on Aging for a representative over the age of 60 to serve on the Committee. Ms. March encouraged attendees to recommend representatives to fill vacancies and to invite others to attend meetings, which are open to the public.

**3. Approval of Minutes, November 18, 2008 – DISCUSSION / ACTION\***

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**4. Approval of Agenda – DISCUSSION / ACTION**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**5. Officer Elections --- DISCUSSION / ACTION\***

This item was taken out of order as the last item of the meeting after the arrival of the candidates Dennis Battenberg and Larry Henzerling.

**6. Reports:**

**6.1. Transit Agencies**

*Sonoma County Transit:*

Jodi Curtis of Sonoma County Transit reported that fixed route ridership in December was up almost 6% over the previous December. Overall, fixed route ridership is up by 3% for the fiscal year. Paratransit also experienced an increase in December, with 3,083 rides, compared to 2,862 the previous year. Delivery of the five new over-the-road coaches ordered last year for fixed route service is anticipated in early February. These are the first five of 15 coaches to be replaced. The purchase of the remaining 10 replacement vehicles will be coming before the Board in late January or early February. Also on order are two new cutaway vehicles for fixed route to replace two high mileage vehicles currently in service. Four new paratransit cutaway vehicles are on order to replace the older diesel vehicles currently in service. These measures are an effort to comply with GHG/carbon reduction goals. These are anticipated to be delivered in mid-February or early March.

Ms. Curtis next announced that staff is examining current levels of service and potential reduction in service and that changes can be expected in response to the current State budget issues. She reported that STA funding is anticipated to be reduced by 50% this year and then eliminated next year.

*Whistlestop Wheels:*

Joe Gaffney reported that ridership for December was up by 2% for intercounty service and that local service for Marin County had increased 13%. Service for paratransit is up 10%. 13 of 16 new vehicles that were ordered were recently delivered. He cited problems with the transmission on many vehicles not being set properly in the computer and this is being resolved.

Jackie Mulroy announced that Cynthia Petersen retired from the Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District December 30, 2008. Harvey Katz is handling duties of this position in the interim. Ms. Mulroy reported that to her knowledge no reduction in service is planned for Golden Gate Transit fixed route service; they are looking into restructuring route 80. This would not affect service in Sonoma County. Ms. Mulroy reported that after receiving new vehicles, older paratransit vehicles for Whistlestop Wheels had been sent to auction to Nationwide Auction in Benicia; approximately one month to six weeks later after not having any contact from this company staff learned that they had gone bankrupt and to date Whistlestop Wheels has been unable to retrieve the vehicles. Staff learned of this from Golden Gate Transit, which had also tried to auction off vehicles through this company; as soon Golden Gate Transit staff learned of the company's liquidation they went and happened to contact a staff person on site who was able to unlock the property gates and allow them to drive the vehicles out.

*Becoming Independent:*

Robert Brown had nothing to report.

*Area Agency on Aging:*

Judith Eisen reported that three or four new drivers from the River area are currently being trained for the volunteer driver program.

Ms. March added that Ginny Doyle, acting as Community Transportation Manager for the Area Agency on Aging, reported that their agency had been awarded \$187,000 under the New Freedom grant program to enhance transportation options, including the Volunteer Senior Transportation Program. The New Freedom program is a federal program specifically for seniors and people with disabilities to expand their options for transportation beyond ADA services.

*Santa Rosa Junior College*

Catherine Reisman reported that this school has been impacted by the State budget and that the Doyle scholarship program has been suspended, at least temporarily. She noted that when unemployment increases enrollment also increases as more people tend to go back to school. The concern is that as community and state colleges are cutting back, enrollment could increase to the extent that there is no room for more students.

Ms. Reisman next reported that she is a member of the District Accessibility Committee, which she announced will be meeting the following week. One of the issues to be resolved is to increase visibility of student drop-off areas where the paint has worn off. She invited those present to add any comments and concerns they may have and that she will see these are addressed at the next District Accessibility Committee meeting.

*City of Santa Rosa:*

Mardell Morrison announced that there will not be a meeting of the city of Santa Rosa ADA Committee this month and that she had sent out a newsletter to this effect. The next meeting will be held in April.

Ms. Morrison next announced that the County of Sonoma will be conducting a public meeting on the update of the ADA plan to provide full accessibility for all Sonoma County residents and visitors. This is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. Ms March stated that copies of the flier were on the table for pick-up.

6.2. Other Agencies

Rafael Mendoza, representing the Latino community, had nothing to report except that he would be meeting with Mike Ivory of the city of Santa Rosa to discuss service and availability in Roseland, including scheduling and fares. Citizens have expressed the desire for lower fares and better routing of transit in this area.

6.3. SCTA

a. President Obama's Position on ADA\*

Ms. March stated that on this historic day that has witnessed the inauguration of President Barack Obama, she thought it would be interesting to understand his position on ADA and issues of importance to people with disabilities. She presented a website linking to a report on his take on ADA related issues. She noted that the report stated that one in six Americans personally experiences some form of disability, but that

barriers to opportunities still exist and need to be addressed. She reported that the Supreme Court decision that certain conditions *did not* constitute disabilities was reversed and that President Elect Obama supported this ADA Restoration Act. This provides greater protection for the rights of the disabled. The President Elect also pledged, if elected, to be a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She referred to the website <http://www.barackobama.com/issues/disabilities> for further information on *Barack Obama and Joe Biden's Plan to Empower Americans with Disabilities*.

b. Programming Update\*

Ms. March reported that the TFCA "Call for Projects" has been issued. This program has a two-part funding; one is off-the-top funding for Sonoma County Transit and Santa Rosa CityBus transit marketing; the other is competitive. There is a total of \$627,000 available for projects. The competitive portion may fund transit, bicycle, pedestrian and other projects, so long as these projects reduce emissions. The Technical Advisory Committee advises the SCTA Board as to what projects are to be recommended.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has advised SCTA that they will be requesting approval by the MTC Board of Tier 1 Lifeline projects. Lifeline is a three-year program; staff submitted projects for both Tier 1 and Tier 2. Due to the uncertainty of the State Budget at this time, funding for Tier II projects is uncertain. The total project costs for Tier I total almost \$2,600,000. This program is usually intended for transit enhancements; however, in light of budget and funding cuts this is being requested mostly to maintain existing operations. Ms. March announced that Petaluma Transit is requesting \$170,000; Healdsburg Transit approximately \$100,000; Sonoma County Transit is requesting funding for 13 natural gas coaches and to sustain existing routes 20, 22, 30, 42, 44, 48 and 60. Santa Rosa CityBus is requesting funding for expansion of the buses for Roseland service improvements (\$483,000) and also to sustain the new route 19 for Roseland, which is already one of the routes with the highest ridership.

Ms. March observed that funding sources for the Lifeline Transportation Program have changed; the current cycle is funded by Prop 1B, State Transit Assistance (STA) and Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funding; in the next cycle JARC will be gone; and STA and Proposition 1B funding are uncertain. Lifeline is linked with the Community Based Transportation Planning Program, which funded the Roseland CBTP and is funding the Lower Russian River CBTP. A number of the projects recommended by the CBTPs throughout the region are bicycle and pedestrian projects, but have no funding source under Lifeline. MTC is trying to identify new funding sources and is also investigating the possibility of implementing a pilot Means-Based Fare Discount Program. This would provide a benefit for the working poor in using transit service. This is being investigated to determine who would benefit, program administration, how the determination of eligibility would be made and maintained; and whether this should have a regional or county approach. There is debate as to which is the priority in each county--affordability or accessibility. She noted that accessibility is a significant issue in Sonoma County—specifically keeping the existing busses running. She reported that to date she has not learned definitively if Tier 1 has received Board approval.

Ms. March next reported that she had not as yet learned whether the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Program had been approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), but assumed it had been. Becoming Independent and Santa Rosa

CityBus projects were recommended for funding. Petaluma People Services was not recommended but Ms. March did not have details as to why.

Ms. Francie Moeller questioned the removal of a bus on Old Cazadero Road, which therefore effectively eliminates paratransit service for people beyond Old Cazadero Road. She was referred by Jodi Curtis to contact Jim Wagner at Sonoma County Transit to determine the reason for this change in service.

Ms. March next reported that she is still awaiting a fund estimate for the TDA Article 3 program, which funds bicycle and pedestrian projects. It is likely that this program will also be reduced from previous years, as it is based on sales tax revenues.

**5. Officer Elections --- DISCUSSION / ACTION\***

Dennis Battenberg and Larry Henzerling were elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the TPCC, thus will continue to serve during 2009.

**7. Other Business / Comments / Announcements**

Chair Battenberg reported difficulties scheduling a ride with Volunteer Wheels because of not having a street address for the IRS, which is located at the Federal Building in Santa Rosa. After looking up the street address he called again to schedule the ride, but he inquired as to a pickup window for paratransit; he thought that they had 30 minutes leeway. Ms. Curtis responded that paratransit has a 30-minute pickup window for when the trip is scheduled, but they have an hour for the ride. He said the person scheduling originally scheduled a 7:30 a.m. ride for a 9:00 a.m. appointment. Ms. Curtis concurred with Chair Battenberg that certain sites are landmarks or should be known by the staff even if they are not given a street address. She noted that staff is conducting meetings to address service issues such as these.

Francie Moeller, who addressed the Committee earlier in the meeting regarding the change in bus service for Old Cazadero Road, announced that the MTC had determined not to charge the disabled for transit on Spare the Air Days. Transit service on these days is free to the general public, but up until now has not been provided to the disabled for free.

**8. Adjourn – ACTION**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

## Staff Report

**To:** Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee  
**From:** Lynne March, Transportation Planner  
**Re:** TDA/STA Coordinated Claim for FY 2009/2010  
**Date:** March 17, 2009

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### **Issue:**

Should the TPCC recommend that the SCTA adopt the TDA/STA Coordinated Claim for FY 2009/2010? The Transit Technical Advisory Committee has recommended its adoption.

### **Background:**

Each year a Coordinated Claim for Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds is developed by the jurisdictions of Sonoma County. These funds are the primary source of operating revenue for all of Sonoma County's transit operators. Because the service areas of transit operators in Sonoma County cross jurisdictional boundaries, MTC requires that a Coordinated Claim for these funds be prepared and adopted annually by each jurisdiction in Sonoma County and by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority.

The Coordinated Claim documents existing inter-jurisdictional funding agreements for transit services in Sonoma County as they relate to the distribution of TDA and STA funds. The process of developing the Coordinated Claim each year is the primary mechanism for establishing contribution agreements for services provided by transit operators to local jurisdictions.

The Coordinated Claim has been reviewed by the Transit Technical Advisory Committee. Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee review is now requested.

### **Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Revenues:**

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds: TDA revenues are derived from sales tax receipts (one quarter of 1% of the state sales tax) and are, therefore affected by changes in the economy.

Measure M funds: Measure M revenues are also derived from sales tax receipts (one quarter of 1%) with bus transit receiving 10% of the incoming revenue.

State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds: State Transit Assistance Funds are allocated from three subcategories; (1) STA Population Formula Funds, (2) STA Regional Paratransit Funds, and (3) STA Revenue Based Funds. Each category has a slightly different set of requirements for its distribution. This funding source has been drastically reduced for this year and eliminated for the next five years as per the recently approved State Budget.

**Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Funding Coordination:**

In general, most jurisdictions provide TDA funding to Sonoma County Transit for a variety of contract transit services. For a complete listing of all contracted services, please refer to the Coordinated Claim.

Based on a contribution formula established in FY 1996/1997, all Sonoma County entities contribute to Golden Gate Transit (GGT). Collectively, as required by MTC resolution 2858, these contributions provide an amount equal to 25% of Sonoma County's FY 2009/2010 TDA funds.

In an effort to fund complementary paratransit services required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, each entity that contracts with Sonoma County Transit contributes an additional 20% of their fixed-route contributions to support ADA required paratransit services. Currently, Sonoma County contracts with Volunteer Wheels, Petaluma contracts with Petaluma People Service Center and the city of Santa Rosa contracts with MV Transportation to provide paratransit services within their respective service areas.

TDA funds can also be used for non-transit purposes if MTC makes a finding that "all transit needs which are reasonable to meet are being met" in those jurisdictions claiming funds for other purposes. Recognizing the increased need for paratransit services and continuing unmet transit needs, the SCTA determined that use of TDA funds for non-transit purposes be phased out by 2002 (Resolution 2001-008).

**REQUESTED ACTION;**

The TPCC is requested to review the enclosed 2009/2010 Coordinated Claim and make a recommendation to the SCTA.

FY 2009-10 TDA / STA / Measure M - Fund Summary

	TDA		STA**	MEASURE M		Total TDA / MEASURE M	
Forecasted Revenue:	\$18,500,000	100.00%		\$1,784,870	100.00%	\$20,284,870	100.00%
MTC Contributions:	647,500	3.50%		-----		647,500	3.19%
County Administration (Auditor)	15,000	0.08%		-----		15,000	0.07%
Article 3 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects	356,750	1.93%		-----		356,750	1.76%
FY 2009-10 TDA Funds to Transit Operators	17,480,750	94.49%		1,784,870	100.00%	19,265,620	94.98%
Healdsburg Transit	122,471	0.66%	36,373	43,127	2.42%	201,971	1.00%
Santa Rosa CityBus	4,329,351	23.40%	17,812	589,397	33.02%	4,936,561	24.34%
Petaluma Transit	1,253,082	6.77%	6,474	211,538	11.85%	1,471,094	7.25%
Sonoma County Transit*	7,405,659	40.03%	49,988	940,808	52.71%	8,396,456	41.39%
Golden Gate Transit	4,370,187	23.62%	0	-----	-----	4,370,187	21.54%
Totals by Funding Source	\$18,500,000	90.71%	\$110,647	\$1,784,870	8.75%	\$20,395,517	100.00%

\* includes support for Cloverdale Transit local service and Mendocino Transit Authority coast service.

\*\* Remainder FY 2008-09 funds available to claim.

**I. TDA Funds Available**

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	SCTA Adopted Coordinated Claim Distribution	
	FY 2009-10	FY 2008-09
TDA Forecast	\$18,500,000	\$20,500,000
Less: MTC Administration	92,500	102,500
MTC Planning	555,000	615,000
County Administration	15,000	20,000
Subtotal:	17,837,500	19,762,500
Less: Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Funding (2.0%)	356,750	395,250
Total: Article 4 and 8 available	\$17,480,750	\$19,367,250

County Auditor's Estimate for  
 FY 2009-10  
 reflects a  
 -9.76%  
 change over  
 FY 2008-09 Coordinated Claim  
 distribution.

**II. Distribution of TDA Funds**

**A. Distribution by Apportionment Area**

Area	Population*	Percent	FY 2009-10 Apportionment	FY 2008-09 Apportionment	Difference
Cloverdale	8,577	1.7704%	\$309,477	\$342,389	(\$32,912)
Cotati	7,532	1.5547%	271,771	302,912	(31,141)
Healdsburg	11,706	2.4162%	422,378	470,588	(48,210)
Petaluma	57,418	11.8517%	2,071,769	2,291,274	(219,505)
Rohnert Park	43,062	8.8885%	1,553,772	1,726,978	(173,206)
Santa Rosa	159,981	33.0219%	5,772,469	6,351,094	(578,625)
Sebastopol	7,714	1.5923%	278,338	311,957	(33,619)
Sonoma	9,943	2.0523%	358,765	399,795	(41,030)
Windsor	26,564	5.4831%	958,488	1,062,583	(104,095)
County	151,973	31.3689%	5,483,522	6,107,680	(624,158)
Total	484,470	100.0000%	17,480,750	19,367,250	(1,886,500)

\* California Department of Finance - January 1, 2008 - Based on published population by entity.

**B. Funds allocated to Golden Gate Transit for regional transit services:**

Area	Distribution	FY 2009-10 Allocation	FY 2008-09 Allocation
Cloverdale	9.5429%	\$29,533	\$32,356
Cotati	28.8350%	78,365	87,390
Healdsburg	9.5429%	40,307	44,471
Petaluma	28.8350%	597,394	661,033
Rohnert Park	28.8350%	448,030	498,233
Santa Rosa	25.0000%	1,443,117	1,587,774
Sebastopol	9.5429%	26,562	29,480
Sonoma	9.5429%	34,237	37,781
Windsor	9.5429%	91,468	100,414
County	28.8350%	1,581,174	1,762,066
Total		4,370,187	4,840,998
		25.00%	of County TDA

**C. Contribution to Sonoma County Transit for intercity services between Petaluma and Santa Rosa:  
 (Sonoma County Transit Routes 44 & 48)**

Area	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10		
	Fixed Route	Paratransit	Percent of Route Budget*	Fixed-Route Allocation**	Paratransit Allocation***
Petaluma	204,346	40,869	14.64%	184,410	36,882

\* Cotati and Rohnert Park contributions to Sonoma County Transit Routes 44 & 48 are included in Section D.  
 \*\* Assumes a -9.76% change over FY 2008-09.  
 \*\*\* Assumes 20% of fixed-route contribution for ADA complementary paratransit services.

**D. Funds allocated to support intercity Sonoma County Transit/Paratransit services:**

Area	FY 2008-09			FY 2009-10			
	Total Contribution	80% Fixed Route	20% Paratransit	Percent of TDA	Total Contribution	80% Fixed Route	20% Paratransit
Cotati	\$159,092	\$127,274	\$31,818	Remainder	\$155,353	\$124,282	\$31,071
Sebastopol	131,386	105,109	26,277	Remainder	128,947	103,158	25,789
Healdsburg	267,349	213,879	53,470	Remainder*	259,601	207,681	51,920
Cloverdale	195,013	156,010	39,003	Remainder*	190,889	152,711	38,178
Windsor	636,583	509,266	127,317	Remainder	618,560	494,848	123,712
Rohnert Park	423,426	338,741	84,685	Remainder	454,027	363,222	90,805
Sonoma	142,433	113,946	28,487	Remainder	143,622	114,898	28,724
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,955,282</b>	<b>1,564,225</b>	<b>391,057</b>		<b>1,950,999</b>	<b>1,560,799</b>	<b>390,200</b>

\* Remaining TDA funds less support for City operated transit services.

**E. Other contract services between apportionment areas:**

Area	FY 2009-10 Contribution	Claiming Agency	Purpose	FY 2008-09 Contribution
Cloverdale	\$89,055	County	Cloverdale Transit local service (reimbursement)	98,683
<b>Cotati Total FR * PT</b>	<b>\$38,053</b>	<b>County</b>		<b>42,167</b>
Cotati*	30,443	County	Local Routes 10 & 11	33,734
Cotati**	7,611	County	Local Paratransit Contribution**	8,433
<b>Rohnert Park FR &amp; PT Total</b>	<b>651,715</b>	<b>County</b>		<b>722,171</b>
Rohnert Park*	521,372	County	Local Routes 10,11,12,14	577,737
Rohnert Park**	130,343	County	Local Paratransit Contribution**	144,434
<b>Sebastopol FR &amp; PT Total</b>	<b>122,829</b>	<b>County</b>		<b>136,108</b>
Sebastopol*	98,263	County	Local Route 24	108,887
Sebastopol**	24,566	County	Local Paratransit Contribution**	27,222
<b>Sonoma FR &amp; PT Total</b>	<b>180,907</b>	<b>County</b>		<b>200,464</b>
Sonoma*	144,725	County	Local Routes 32 & 34	160,371
Sonoma**	36,181	County	Local Paratransit Contribution**	40,093
<b>Windsor FR &amp; PT Total</b>	<b>248,460</b>	<b>County</b>		<b>275,321</b>
Windsor*	198,768	County	Local Route 66 ***	220,257
Windsor**	49,692	County	Local Paratransit Contribution**	55,064

\* Contributions assume a -9.76% change over FY 2008-09.  
 \*\* Assumes 20% of fixed-route contribution for ADA complementary paratransit services.  
 \*\*\* Includes contribution for maintenance of the Windsor Intermodal Facility.

**F. Paratransit Contributions**

See paratransit contributions detailed in Section II, C,D,E and summarized in Section III column F.

**Prior-Year Revenue Adjustment\***

\*Prior year revenue adjustments are reflected in "Prior Year TDA Funds Available" on page 4. Balances are in accordance with MTC's Regional Fund Estimate dated February, 25, 2009.

**IV. Distribution of TDA Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Funds**

Area	FY 2009-10		Funds Available
	Population	Apportionment	
Cloverdale	1.7704%	\$6,316	\$6,316
Cotati	1.5547%	5,546	5,546
Healdsburg	2.4162%	8,620	8,620
Petaluma	11.8517%	42,281	42,281
Rohnert Park	8.8885%	31,710	31,710
Santa Rosa	33.0219%	117,805	117,805
Sebastopol	1.5923%	5,680	5,680
Sonoma	2.0523%	7,322	7,322
Windsor	5.4831%	19,561	19,561
County	31.3689%	111,909	111,909
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>356,750</b>	<b>356,750</b>

**Article 3 Summary**

Projected FY 2009-10 Apportionment	\$356,750
Projected Prior-Year Fund Balance*	1,252,490
<b>Total Article 3 Funds Available</b>	<b>1,609,240</b>

\* Per MTC Draft Regional Fund Estimate 2-25-09  
 Article 3 claimants should verify their prior-year balance with SCTA prior to submitting a claim to MTC.

**III. Summary of TDA Fund Activity**

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Agency	A. FY 2009-10 TDA Apportionment	B. FY 2009-10 Contributions to GGT	C/D. FY 2009-10 Contributions to SCT	E. +/- FY 2009-10 Contract Services	F. FY 2009-10 Contributions to SC Paratransit	Projected FY 2009-10 TDA Entitlement	Projected Prior-Year TDA Funds Available*	Projected Total TDA Funds Available
Cloverdale	\$309,477	(\$29,533)	(\$152,711)	(\$89,055)	(\$38,178)	(\$0)	\$0	(\$0)
Cotati	271,771	(78,365)	(124,282)	(30,443)	(38,681)	0	0	0
Healdsburg	422,378	(40,307)	(207,681)	----	(51,920)	122,471	195,688	318,159
Petaluma	2,071,769	(597,394)	(184,410)	----	(36,882)	1,253,082	650,841	1,903,923
Rohnert Park	1,553,772	(448,030)	(363,222)	(521,372)	(221,148)	(0)	0	(0)
Santa Rosa	5,772,469	(1,443,117)	----	----	----	4,329,351	3,458,270	7,787,621
Sebastopol	278,338	(26,562)	(103,158)	(98,263)	(50,355)	0	0	0
Sonoma	358,765	(34,237)	(114,898)	(144,725)	(64,906)	0	0	0
Windsor	958,488	(91,468)	(494,848)	(198,768)	(173,404)	0	0	0
County	5,483,522	(1,581,174)	1,745,209	1,082,627	675,475	7,405,659	2,156,242	9,561,901
GGT	----	4,370,187	--	--	--	4,370,187	(427,055)	3,943,132
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,480,750</b>					<b>\$17,480,751</b>	<b>\$6,033,986</b>	<b>\$23,514,738</b>

\* From MTC's Regional Fund Estimate dated 2-25-09. Claimants should confirm prior-year balances with MTC prior to submitting a claim for prior-year funds.

**Measure M Transit Distribution**

FY 2009-10 TDA Forecast	\$18,500,000
Measure M Adjustment Factor:	96.4795%

19,552,410	FY 2008 TDA Actual Receipts
18,864,061	FY 2008 Measure M Actual Receipts
96.4795%	Measure M Total Revenue vs. TDA Total Revenue

FY 2009-10 Measure M Forecast	\$17,848,701
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<b>Measure M Distribution to Transit (19%)</b>	<b>\$3,391,253</b>
- Distribution for Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects (4%)	713,948
- Distribution to SMART (5%)	892,435
- Distribution to Transit Operators (10%)	1,784,870

<b>Distribution to Transit Operators based on TDA Population Percentages</b>		
Healdsburg Transit	2.4162%	\$43,127
Petaluma Transit	11.8517%	211,538
Santa Rosa CityBus	33.0219%	589,397
Sonoma County Transit	52.7102%	940,808
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>1,784,870</b>

Sonoma County  
**STA Coordinated Claim**

Fiscal Year 2009-10  
 PRELIMINARY Draft - February 20, 2009

**STA**

**Projected FY 2009-10 STA Distribution\***

Per MTC estimate - February 25, 2009

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Entity	Population*	% Population	Distribution			Total STA
			STA Population	Regional Paratransit	Revenue Based STA	
Cloverdale	8,577		\$0	----	----	----
Cotati	7,532		0	----	----	----
Healdsburg	11,706	2.4162%	32,760	----	\$3,613	\$36,373
Petaluma	57,418	11.8517%	6,474	\$0	----	6,474
Rohnert Park	43,062		0	----	----	----
Santa Rosa	159,981	33.0219%	18,038	0	(226)	17,812
Sebastopol	7,714		0	----	----	----
Sonoma	9,943		0	----	----	----
Windsor	26,564		0	----	----	----
County	151,973	52.7102%	28,792	0	21,196	49,988
Golden Gate Transit	---	---	---	0	----	----
<b>Total</b>	<b>484,470</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>\$86,064</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$24,583</b>	<b>\$110,647</b>

\* Remainder FY 2008-09 funds available to claim. Note City of Healdsburg's distribution includes \$31,440 in prior-year unclaimed funds.

## Staff Report

**To:** Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee  
**From:** Lynne March, Transportation Planner  
**Re:** Social Services Transportation Advisory Council  
**Date:** March 17, 2009

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**Issue:**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has informed SCTA that Transportation Development Act (TDA) law requires that all counties that receive TDA funds must hold annual Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) hearings. TDA law allows for the use of Paratransit Coordinating Committees (PCCs) to conduct the hearings "...since the membership makeup is similar and/or identical to that of SSTACs." SCTA's TPCC is the PCC.

Christina Verdin is the new Transit Coordinator at MTC. She will be conducting the hearing at the **May 19th TPCC meeting**, which will be held in the Hearing Room of the **Sonoma County Permit Resources Management Department (PRMD)** at **2550 Ventura Avenue** in **Santa Rosa**.  
(please see below)

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**Extrapolated from the Public Utilities Commission code:**

Each transportation planning agency shall provide for the establishment of a social services transportation advisory council for each county, or counties operating under a joint powers agreement, which is not subject to the apportionment restriction established in Section 99232.

The social services transportation advisory council shall have the following responsibilities:

- (1) Annually participate in the identification of transit needs in the jurisdiction, including unmet transit needs that may exist within the jurisdiction of the council and that may be reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation or specialized transportation services or by expanding existing services.
- (2) Annually review and recommend action by the transportation-planning agency for the area within the jurisdiction of the council, which finds, by resolution, that (A) there are no unmet transit needs, (B) there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, or (C) there are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.

- (3) Advise the transportation-planning agency on any other major transit issues, including the coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services.

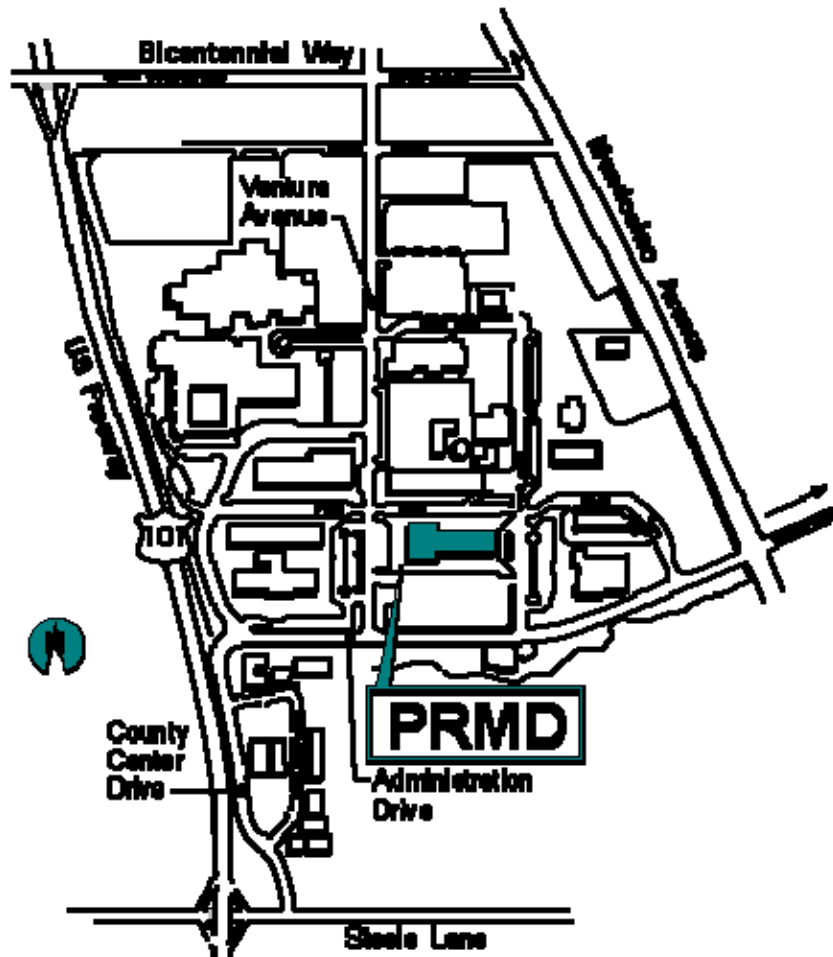
It is the intent of the Legislature that duplicative advisory councils shall not be established where transit advisory councils currently exist and that those existing advisory councils shall, instead, become part of the social services transportation advisory council and shall assume any new responsibilities pursuant to this section.

### **Citizen Participation Process**

The transportation planning agency shall ensure the establishment and implementation of a citizen participation process appropriate for each county, or counties if operating under a joint powers agreement, utilizing the social services transportation advisory council as a mechanism to solicit the input of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including the elderly, handicapped, and persons of limited means. The process shall include provisions for at least one public hearing in the jurisdiction represented by the social services transportation advisory council.

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### **PRMD is in the County Administration Complex:**



## Staff Report

**To:** Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee  
**From:** Lynne March, Transportation Planner  
**Re:** Status of Lifeline Transportation Program Funding  
**Date:** March 17, 2009

**Issue:** What are the final funding amounts for the Lifeline Program of Projects?

### **Background:**

The Lifeline Transportation Program (Lifeline) is administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). It is designed to fund projects that improve the mobility of low-income residents.

In November 2008, the SCTA Board approved a three-year “Program of Projects” for submission to MTC. The three-year program was divided into Tier 1 (08/09 and 09/10) and Tier II (10/11). At that time, \$3,988,824 was projected to be available to Sonoma County through Lifeline from State Transit Assistance (STA), Proposition 1B, and Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC). Funding for Tier II was stated as an estimate subject to change.

Subsequently, the funding picture has been uncertain; however, MTC has now informed SCTA of the “final” amounts to be available for Tier I.

The following amounts can be considered “final” for **Lifelines’ Tier I:**

**Regarding STA:** the following shows the final amounts based on:

- \$899,484 being available in year 1 and \$297,259 being available in year 2.

#	Sponsor	Project	As Approved	Final Funding Amounts
1	Petaluma Transit	Sustain existing service	\$170,918	<b>\$141,365</b>
2	Healdsburg Transit	Sustain existing service	\$34,956	<b>\$28,872</b>
3	Sonoma County Transit	Sustain existing service Routes 20/22, 30, 42, 44/48 and 60	\$764,944	<b>\$632,389</b>
4	Santa Rosa CityBus	Sustain new Roseland Route 19 & service enhancements	\$476,710	<b>\$394,117</b>
				<b>TOTAL = \$1,196,743</b>

**Regarding Prop 1B.** Amount is unchanged.

#	Sponsor	Project	As Approved	Final Funding Amounts
5	Healdsburg Transit	Replace the old fixed route mini-bus	\$49,000	<b>\$49,000</b>
6	Sonoma County Transit	Assist with purchase of 14 natural-gas coaches	\$483,744	<b>\$483,744</b>
7	Santa Rosa CityBus	For expansion buses for Roseland service improvements	\$483,744	<b>\$483,744</b>
				<b>TOTAL = \$1,016,488</b>

**Regarding JARC.** Amount is unchanged

#	Sponsor	Project	As Approved	Final Funding Amounts
8	Santa Rosa CityBus	Sustain new Roseland Route 19 & service enhancements	\$130,872	<b>\$130,872</b>

**Regarding Tier II:**

There is *no expectation* of any JARC or STA being available.

At this time, approximately \$653,000 of Prop 1B funding is estimated to be available to Sonoma County (this is unchanged).

**No Action Requested:**

This is an informational update.

## Staff Report

**To:** Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee  
**From:** Lynne March, Transportation Planner  
**Re:** Status of FTA 5310 FY09 Cycle  
**Date:** March 17, 2009

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**Issue:** Status of the FY09 FTA 5310 cycle?

### **Background:**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5310) is a formula program that provides grants to private nonprofit corporations, and under certain conditions, public agencies, to provide safe, efficient and coordinated transportation services for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities for whom public transportation is otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. California's apportionment is managed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and Caltrans.

In the last cycle, Becoming Independent and Santa Rosa CityBus were selected for grants.

It is anticipated that Caltrans will release the FY09 "Call for Projects" in mid-March. The application, scoring criteria, instructions and due dates will be posted on the Caltrans website (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html>). MTC will also mail a program announcement to Bay Area stakeholders. It is anticipated that the timeline will make the applications due to SCTA at the end of June

Caltrans has reported that **\$13.6 million** is anticipated to be available for FTA 5310 statewide in this next cycle