

AGENDA: December 2, 2004

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Amended FY 2004/05 Claim for State Transit Assistance Funds

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's amended FY 04/05 State Transit Assistance Act (STA) claim (Attachment 1) in the amount of \$982,569 per the attached resolution (Attachment 2).

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### BACKGROUND

The State of California provides two major sources of operating funds for public transportation: Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA). The Regional Transportation Commission oversees the allocation of these funds.

State Transit Assistance funds are derived from the statewide sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. The money is apportioned to each regional transportation planning agency based 50% on population and 50% on operator revenues for the prior fiscal year. STA funds may be allocated to public transit operators who meet certain qualifying criteria.

### DISCUSSION

The STA claim submitted by SCMTD in May, 2004 was consistent with the Commission's proposed amended FY 04/05 budget and with Commission Rules and Regulations and state regulations.

When submitted in May, 2004, it was anticipated that the final amount for State Transit Assistance (STA) may be changed with final State budget adoption, and that the SCMTD would submit an amended claim at that time. In November, 2004, the SCCRTC adopted an amended FY 04/05 budget which increased the amount of STA funds available to the District by \$123,493 over the May, 2004 claim based on the State Controller's August revision. The transit district is claiming the funds to increase its FY 04/05 Capital Improvement Program to the \$982,569 total available. The SCMTD Board approved this amendment at their November 19, 2004 meeting.

**Staff therefore recommends that the Commission approve the SCMTD claim for FY 04/05 State Transit Assistance funds in the amount of \$982,569.**

## **SUMMARY**

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has submitted an amended FY 04/05 State Transit Assistance claim. Staff reviewed the amended claim and finds that it is consistent with the Commission's amended FY 04/05 budget and meets the criteria set in the Commission Rules and Regulations and state regulations.

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Attachments:           1. Amended STA Claim from SCMTD  
                              2. Resolution for Amended STA Claim

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