

Agenda: June 2, 2005

To: Regional Transportation Commission
From: Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner
Re: Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Allocation Request for \$200,000 for Curb Cuts in the City of Watsonville

RECOMMENDATION

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission:

Approve by resolution ([Attachment 1](#)) the City of Watsonville's FY 2004-05 Article 8 Transportation Development Act Allocation Claim for the construction of 67 wheelchair ramps on sidewalks throughout the city.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Regional Transportation Commission allocates Article 8 Transportation Development Account (TDA) funds to local jurisdictions for bikeway and pedestrian projects. TDA funds allocated to a local jurisdiction may be rolled over from one fiscal year to the next. Claims with pedestrian amenities must be reviewed by the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee prior to approval by the Regional Transportation Commission.

DISCUSSION

The City of Watsonville is requesting \$200,000 in TDA funds to construct wheelchair ramps for sidewalks at 67 locations in the city in conjunction with street repaving projects ([Attachment 1, Exhibit A](#)). The City of Watsonville has one of the most aggressive wheelchair ramp programs in the county and there are no other sources of funding available for this project. The City of Watsonville has an adequate balance of TDA funds for this claim. The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee reviewed the claim at its May 10 meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

This is an Article 8 TDA Claim and only the nine local jurisdiction representatives on the Commission are eligible to vote on Article 8 claims.

SUMMARY

The City of Watsonville has requested an allocation of TDA funds for wheelchair ramps at 67 locations in the city. The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the allocation for the attached \$200,000 claim.

Attachment 1: Resolution approving the City of Watsonville's TDA funding request

Exhibit A: Article 8 TDA Allocation Claim Letter from the City of Watsonville

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