

AGENDA: April 6, 2006

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Luis Pavel Mendez, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Amended FY 2005/06 Claims for Article 4 Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance Funds

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's (SCMTD) amended FY 05/06:

1. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4 claim (Attachment 1) in the amount of \$5,740,612 per the attached resolution (Attachment 2); and
  2. State Transit Assistance (STA) claim (Attachment 1) in the amount of \$1,542,851 per the attached resolution (Attachment 3).
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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 (RTC) oversees the allocation of these funds. TDA local transportation funds are derived from 1/4 cent of the 6-cent retail sales tax collected statewide. The RTC allocates TDA funds to SCMTD and other claimants based on priorities and formulas in the RTC Rules and Regulations. The allocations are then included in the overall budget.

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. Each year, the RTC allocates all STA revenues to the SCMTD. The STA allocation also flows through the RTC budget.

### DISCUSSION

In May 2005, the RTC approved SCMTD's claim for FY 05/06 TDA and STA funds in the amounts of \$5,677,686 and \$1,100,894 respectively. In November 2005, the RTC amended its FY 05/06 budget and increased the amount of TDA and STA funds available to the SCMTD. The SCMTD submitted an amended FY 05/06 TDA claim (Attachment 1) for those funds.

The SCMTD's amended FY 05/06 TDA claim is in the amount of \$5,740,612. This is an increase of \$62,926 over the original FY 05/06 TDA claim approved in May 2005. The increase was a special one-time allocation of TDA surplus funds. **Staff recommends that the RTC approve SCMTD's amended FY 05/06 TDA Article 4 claim in the amount of \$5,740,612 per the attached resolution (Attachment 2);**

The SCMTD's amended FY 05/06 STA claim is in the amount of \$1,542,851. This is an increase of \$441,957 over the original FY 05/06 STA claim approved in May 2005. The increase resulted from a revised allocation by the State Controller. **Staff recommends that the RTC approve SCMTD's amended FY 05/06 STA claim in the amount of \$1,542,851 per the attached resolution (Attachment 3).**

The amounts above are consistent with the RTC approved fiscal year 05/06 budget.

### **SUMMARY**

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) has submitted amended FY 05/06 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4 and State Transit Assistance (STA) claims (Attachment 1). Staff recommends approval of the amended TDA and STA claims per the attached resolutions (Attachments 2 and 3).

- Attachments:
1. Amended FY 05/06 TDA Claim from SCMTD
  2. Resolution for Amended FY 05/06 TDA Article 4 Claim
  3. Resolution for Amended FY 05/06 STA Claim