



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

State Transit Assistance (STA) County Block Grant Distribution Formula Fiscal years 2021-22 & 2022-23



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State Transit Assistance (STA) Overview

- STA revenues generated through a statewide tax on the sale of diesel fuel
- Amount of STA revenue can vary greatly from year to year based on fluctuations in diesel prices
- Transit agencies are the only eligible direct recipients of STA funds
- Eligible uses include both capital projects and transit operations



State Transit Assistance (STA) Overview

STA Program Structure

- STA formula splits statewide revenue 50/50 between:
 - **Revenue-Based program**
 - Funds flow through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to transit operators based on their qualifying local revenue.
 - **Population-Based program**
 - Funds flow to the Bay Area based on the region's share of the State's population and are programmed by MTC.



State Transit Assistance (STA) Overview

STA Revenue-Based Program:

FY 2021-22 Fund Estimate:

Alameda County Transit Operators	STA Base Distribution	State of Good Repair (SGR) Program	Total Revenue-Based STA to Operators
AC Transit	\$18,707,978	\$4,001,204	\$22,709,182
BART	\$29,315,427	\$6,269,892	\$35,585,319
LAVTA	\$293,372	\$62,746	\$356,118
Union City	\$90,622	\$19,382	\$110,004
Total	\$48,407,399	\$10,353,224	\$58,760,623



STA County Block Grant Program

MTC's STA Population-Based Program:

- In 2018, MTC's STA Policy Framework, Resolution 4321, replaced Resolution 3837:
 - 70% directed towards a transit-focused STA County Block Grant program
 - 30% directed towards a Regional component administered directly by MTC to support Clipper, 511, and regional means-based fare program
- Revised framework only impacted programming methodology and not the amount of STA Population-based funds flowing to Alameda County, which remains 17.68%
 - STA Block Grant funds to Alameda County estimated \$6M - \$8M annually



STA County Block Grant Program

Alameda County's STA Block Grant Program

- Adopted by the Commission in April 2018, continues to distribute funds according to the three categories established in the original MTC STA Policy:
 - **Small Operator Guarantee**
 - Minimum 24% of annual funds, as required by MTC STA Block Grant policy
 - **Regional Paratransit/Mobility Management**
 - 25% of annual funds, consistent with amount distributed under prior MTC STA policy
 - **Lifeline/ Means-Based Program**
 - 51% of annual funds - formula-based distribution
 - Operators to use funds to benefit low-income riders (capital or operating)
 - Includes a 50% set-aside for the Affordable Student Transit Pass Program



STA County Block Grant Recommendation

Proposed distribution formula for FYs 2021-22 & 2022-23:

- No changes to:
 - Approved program categories and sub-categories;
 - Funding distribution to each program category; and
 - Funding distribution within the STPP sub-category, based on operators' estimated STPP participation for FY.
- Updated:
 - Funding distribution within the Lifeline sub-category updated to reflect operators' share of low-income ridership, based on latest rider income survey data available from MTC.



Proposed Formula, FYs 2021-22 & 2022-23

Alameda County STA Block Grant Program <i>Program Category</i>	Current		Proposed FYs 21-22 & 22-23	
	% of Program	% of Category	% of Program	% of Category
Small Operator Guarantee	24%	100%	24%	100%
LAVTA		74%		74%
Union City Transit		26%		26%
Regional Paratransit / Mobility Management	25%	100%	25%	100%
AC Transit (For East Bay Paratransit Service)		91%		91%
LAVTA		5%		5%
Union City Transit		4%		4%
Lifeline / Means-based Program	51%	100%	51%	100%
<i>Affordable Student Transit Pass Program:</i>	<i>25.50%</i>	<i>50% of Category:</i>	<i>25.50%</i>	<i>50% of Category:</i>
AC Transit		88%		88%
BART (not currently participating in the STPP)		0%		0%
LAVTA		8%		8%
Union City Transit		4%		4%
<i>Lifeline Transportation Program:</i>	<i>25.50%</i>	<i>50% of Category</i>	<i>25.50%</i>	<i>50% of Category</i>
AC Transit		72%		59%
BART		24%		38%
LAVTA		3%		2%
Union City Transit		1%		1%
Total STA Distribution	100%		100%	



Total % Share of STA Block Grant Funds

Operator	Estimated Total Block Grant FY 2021-22 Funding by Operator	Proposed Total Share of Funds, FYs 21-22 & 22-23	Prior Formula
AC Transit	\$ 3,997,099	60.3 %	63.6 %
LAVTA	\$ 1,434,474	21.6 %	21.9 %
BART	\$ 642,480	9.7 %	6.1 %
Union City Transit	\$ 556,285	8.4 %	8.4 %
Total	\$6,630,338	100 %	100 %



STA County Block Grant Schedule

Date	STA County Block Grant Program Milestone
April 2021	Approve STA formula for FYs 2021-22 & 2022-23.
May 1, 2021	Commission-approved STA formula due to MTC, and FY 2019-20 Program reporting due to MTC
Summer 2021	Operators work with MTC to access FY 2021-22 STA funding
May 1, 2022	FY 2020-21 Program reporting due to MTC
Spring 2023	Next review of STA Distribution Formula (every two years)



Recommendation

This is an action item and the recommendation is for the Commission to approve Resolution 21-008 regarding the Alameda County STA Block Grant distribution formula for FYs 2021-22 and 2022-23.



Questions?