



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	February 26, 2025
SUBJECT:	Consider Updates to SRTA's Transportation Development Act Policies
AGENDA ITEM:	17
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors provide direction to staff regarding transit-only eligible funding in SRTA's Transportation Development Act (TDA) Policies and Procedures.

DISCUSSION:

SRTA, Dignity Health Connected Living (DHCL), and Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) staff are coordinating on regional transit consolidation based on recommendations in SRTA's 2024 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan and 2040 Long-Range Transit Plan. Staff are working on the transit consolidation efforts systematically and bringing items before the SRTA Board of Directors, the RABA Board of Directors, and DHCL's executive committee for consideration and approval. Consolidation of regional transit services should improve costs and provide better service to riders over time.

The RABA service area now covers all of Shasta County and all transit service operations are being consolidated under RABA, including rural services previously overseen by Shasta County. With these changes, it seems prudent to simplify SRTA's TDA Policies and Procedures to provide all estimated transit-only eligible funding directly to RABA for administration of transit operations as part of the annual TDA budgeting process. Current policies require SRTA to allocate transit-only eligible funding to the local agencies independently and then have the local agencies give the money to RABA to meet their transit obligations. In preparation for the annual Transit Needs Assessment and Unmet Transit Needs process, staff recommends moving forward in fiscal year (FY) 2025/26 with RABA receiving all of the State Transit Assistance (STA) portion of the TDA. A thorough review of the TDA Policies and Procedures is required, and staff are seeking direction from the board of directors to proceed.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may direct staff to leave the TDA policies and procedures as they are, which may retain a more complicated TDA allocation process than is necessary.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

/// The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on February 10, 2025, to discuss TDA policies and RABA claiming all transit-only eligible funding and to vote on the matter.///

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact to SRTA with these actions. SRTA staff time for review of the TDA Policies and Procedures and regional transit consolidation is included in SRTA's FY 2024/25 Overall Work Program.

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