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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**STANCOG BOARD ROOM**  
**1111 I STREET, SUITE 308**  
**MODESTO, CA**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017**  
**9:00 AM**

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## **AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*These matters may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Discussion is limited to five minutes or at the discretion of the Chair.*

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 1-3-17

**5. PRESENTATION**

- A. Commute Connection Enhanced Program Launch

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Approve by Resolution the FY 2016/17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Project Funding
- B. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the FY 2017/18 Draft Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report
- C. Proposition 1B – California Transit Security Grant Program – California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF) Call for Projects

**7. TRANSIT MANAGER/MOVE REPORTS**

**8. CALTRANS REPORT**

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**10. MEMBER REPORTS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:**

**April 4, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 9:00 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

**1111 I Street, Suite 308**

**Modesto, CA**



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# CONSENT CALENDAR

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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING**  
**StanCOG Board Room**  
**1111 I Street, Suite 308**  
**Modesto, CA**

**Minutes of January 3, 2017 (Tuesday)**  
**9:00 am**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eunice Lovi (Stanislaus County); Stacie Morales (MOVE); Margie Palomino (Area Agency on Aging); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities – Arrived during Item 5A); George Sharp (Drail)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Melissa Molina, Adam Barth (City of Modesto); Wayne York (City of Turlock); April Henderson-Potter (Stanislaus County); Elisabeth Hahn, Dave Reed, Stephen Hanamaikai, Karen Kincy, Dan Stewart, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stacie Morales called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 11-1-16**

**\*By Motion (Eunice Lovi/Stacie Morales),** and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 11-1-16.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2015-17 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Call for Projects**

Stephen Hanamaikai provided members with a brief overview of the FTA 5310 Program Call for Projects and reviewed the program fact sheet and timeline. He provided members with an application workshop schedule should they be interested to attend. He also stated that projects submitted in the application process must be included in the StanCOG Public Transit- Human

Services Coordination Plan. He encouraged all to coordinate with staff during the month of February prior to the March submittal date.

**B. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Call for Projects**

Stephen Hanamaikai provided members with a brief overview of LCTOP and the upcoming Call for Projects. He mentioned that the notice of funding availability and the timeline for the FY 2016/17 project cycle had not been finalized, however, he provided members with a tentative schedule. He stated that staff would provide updates regarding the schedule and distribution of funds to the transit agencies as the information becomes available.

**C. Transmittal of FY 2017/18 Local Transportation Funds Estimate to the Auditor-Controller**

Dave Reed provided an update to members regarding the LTF estimate and reviewed the projections for this fiscal year. He said staff was recommending an LTF estimate of \$20,900,000 for FY 2017/18.

**D. Measure L Implementation Update**

Dave Reed provided an update to members regarding Measure L and briefly went over the next steps for implementation of the measure. He said the tax would be effective April 1, 2017 for collection; however, the funds would not be available until approximately late July 2017. He mentioned that the oversight committee was to be established.

**6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT**

Eunice Lovi provided a brief report on StaRT. She mentioned that staff had been riding the new commuter service bus to receive any feedback from riders for improvement. She said that StaRT may make adjustments on the return route schedule based on input received.

Melissa Molina provided an updated ridership report on Modesto Area Dial a Ride (MADAR) for the month of November. She mentioned that staff had been working on improving the pick-up times for those that use the Dial-A-Ride service. She also reiterated the importance of the discussion regarding transportation of dialysis patients.

Adam Barth Modesto Area Express (MAX) – no report.

Wayne York provided an update on Turlock Transit and mentioned that major service changes were effective as of January 2, 2017. He said those changes included new fixed routes, operating hours, and schedules. He said staff would be reaching out to the public and riding buses to receive any input as well as holding public outreach meetings. He also reported that the City had worked on an agreement between the Associated Students Inc. (ASI) of California State University, Stanislaus (CSUS) to allow unlimited rides for students on fixed route. He said this agreement would go before the city council on January 10<sup>th</sup> and hoped that it would open up an opportunity with CSUS staff as well as other employers to initiate this type of agreement.

Stacie Morales provide a quick update on MOVE. She has mentioned that staff had not moved into the new location and would keep members updated on the progress.

**7. CALTRANS REPORT - NONE**

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

On behalf of Rosa Park, Dave Reed thanked everyone for their support of Measure L.

## 9. MEMBER REPORTS

Stacie Morales reported that three positions were available on the SSTAC and asked members for input. She provided suggestions of other agencies that may be interested in participating, and asked members to forward any suggestions to Stephen Hanamaikai.

Simona Rios reported that Catholic Charities was busy with rides in December and would provide their final numbers at a later date.

George Sharp reported that DRAIL as well as two other independent living centers now have funding through the recent passing of the State budget. He said DRAIL would be able to hire new staff for each center.

Eunice Lovi requested to discuss the transportation issues of dialysis patients at the next Transit Managers meeting.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

### Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

**January 31, 2016 (Tuesday) @ 9:00 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

**1111 I Street, Suite 308**

**Modesto, CA**

Minutes Prepared By:

  
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Debbie Trujillo, Planning Technician



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# PRESENTATION



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**TO:** Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

**THROUGH:** Rosa De León Park, Executive Director

**FROM:** Elisabeth Hahn, Senior Planner  
Stephen Hanamaikai, Associate Planner

**DATE:** February 14, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Commute Connection Enhanced Program Launch

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**Staff Report**  
Presentation

### **Background**

Launched almost 40 years ago, Commute Connection was established in the 1970s, during the energy crisis, to offer carpooling as a single solution in response to the need for resource conservation. As time went on, the program expanded the options to promote vanpooling, biking, walking, and riding transit. Today, with major advances in technology, more mobility options, and a change in consumer expectations and travel habits, Commute Connection has identified a need for re-branding to more successfully connect with the public and effect change in the years ahead. As a result, Commute Connection launched the development of a new strategic plan and vision.

### **Discussion**

The first phase of the plan was marked by the implementation of a new trip planning system in 2015. The enhanced system features a multi-modal trip planner, employer portal, mapping tool, system metrics and a commuter engagement module.

Led by the marketing agency Crocker and Crocker in 2016, phase II consisted of stakeholder interviews, surveys, focus groups, and industry research for the purpose of discovering valuable insights on the services and features to assist with development of new strategies. The outcome of this research supported the overall continuation of program services, but confirmed a need for change in order to reach various audiences. The result – a new name, logo, website, and strategic initiatives to expand awareness and increase participation.

The presentation will provide insight from the research that has been conducted as part of plan development and will include the release of new program elements. While the look may be new, the core mission has remained, “to promote smart travel options in an effort to improve air quality, reduce congestion, and enhance overall quality of life.”

Should you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Elisabeth Hahn, Senior Planner, at 209.525.4633 or via email at [ehahn@stancog.org](mailto:ehahn@stancog.org).





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# DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS



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**TO:** Social Services Transportation Advisory Council **Staff Report**  
**THROUGH:** Rosa De León Park, Executive Director **Motion**  
**FROM:** Dan Stewart, Senior Planner  
Stephen Hanamaikai, Associate Planner  
**DATE:** February 15, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2016/17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Project Funding

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**Recommendation**

**By Motion:**

Recommend the Policy Board approve by Resolution the City of Modesto's Transit Agency's project for FY 2016/2017 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funding.

**Background**

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862. The LCTOP was created as a statewide program to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. This program is funded by auction proceeds from the California Air Resource Board's Cap-and-Trade Program established by Assembly Bill 32 with proceeds deposited into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

The Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is a designated recipient of LCTOP funds for the Stanislaus region. The StanCOG regional allocation for the FY 2016/17 LCTOP totals \$238,250. A separate state allocation of \$17,602 will be made by the State Controller's Office (SCO) directly to Stanislaus County, the City of Modesto, and the City of Turlock. Stanislaus County and the City of Turlock have elected to transfer their direct allocations to the City of Modesto's project. Matching funds are not required for this program.

In late 2016 Caltrans, in association with the Air Resource Board (ARB) and the SCO, published preliminary guidance and a tentative schedule for the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and allocation requests. However, the amount of available funding was not identified at that time.

The SCO notified all eligible LCTOP recipients of the available funding amounts on February 7, 2017, with a deadline to submit applications by March 30, 2017. In order to provide the StanCOG committees with an opportunity to consider project submittals, prior to the deadline, an expedited application process was required. Therefore, on February 7, 2017 staff announced the call for projects for the regional component of the LCTOP Program, with a February 17, 2017 deadline to submit draft applications to StanCOG.

### **Discussion**

The City of Modesto's Transit Agency, Modesto Area Express (MAX), applied for funding for an expansion of the regional intermodal transit facility. The project is intended to significantly increase the size of the customer service area and improve customer service amenities, which will include the installation of additional customer service windows, an expansion of the customer waiting area, and the installation of additional bicycle parking and pedestrian improvements. No other applications were received.

StanCOG staff recommends that the regional LCTOP apportionment be allocated to the City of Modesto's project.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Elisabeth Hahn, Senior Planner, by phone at 209.525.4633 or via e-mail at [ehahn@stancog.org](mailto:ehahn@stancog.org).

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution

**STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION  
APPROVING THE  
FY 2016/2017 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)  
STANCOG REGIONAL ALLOCATION**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization, pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, the LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, StanCOG is an eligible contributing project sponsor and recipient of state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, StanCOG has been appointed by Caltrans as the designated recipient for the distribution of LCTOP StanCOG Regional Allocation in the amount of \$238,250 for Fiscal Year 2016/17; and

WHEREAS, local agencies were given the opportunity to submit competitive applications for the LCTOP StanCOG Regional Allocation funding pursuant to the Caltrans LCTOP Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, The City of Modesto was the only local agency to apply for the Regional Allocation for the Regional Intermodal Transit Center Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, StanCOG staff has reviewed and determined that the Regional Intermodal Transit Center Expansion Project in Modesto meets the eligibility requirements and purposes of the LCTOP Program; and

WHEREAS, once the FY 2016/17 LCTOP StanCOG Regional Allocation funding has been approved for the Modesto Regional Intermodal Transit Center Expansion Project by the StanCOG Policy Board, the project application will be provided to Caltrans for final approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the StanCOG Policy Board approves the distribution of FY 2016/17 LCTOP StanCOG Regional Allocation in the amount of \$238,250 to the Regional Intermodal Transit Center Expansion Project in Modesto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized to make administrative changes as needed, to ensure that the program is implemented in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was introduced at a regular meeting of the Stanislaus Council of Governments, on the 15th day of March, 2017. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

MEETING DATE: March 15, 2017

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BILL ZOSLOCKI, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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ROSA DE LEÓN PARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**TO:** Social Services Transportation Advisory Council **Staff Report**  
Motion

**THROUGH:** Rosa De León Park, Executive Director

**FROM:** Elisabeth Hahn, Senior Planner  
Stephen Hanamaikai, Associate Planner

**DATE:** February 16, 2017

**SUBJECT:** FY 2017/18 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report

## **Recommendation**

### **By Motion:**

Recommend the Policy Board approve by Resolution the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report with the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet for the FY 2017/18.

## **Background**

In accordance with the Transportation Development Act (TDA), regional transportation planning agencies must complete an annual unmet transit needs assessment process to identify potential transit needs within their region, which are not being met by existing public transit service. Any identified transit need is further analyzed for reasonableness based upon definitions and guidelines adopted by the State and StanCOG Policy Board. If an “unmet transit need” is identified as “reasonable to meet,” Local Transportation Funds (LTF) must be budgeted for the service for the upcoming 2017/18 Fiscal Year (FY) prior to funds being allocated for non-transit purposes.

## **Discussion**

Staff has completed extensive outreach for the FY 2017/18 unmet transit needs process, which included the following activities:

- Seven (7) presentations of the unmet transit needs assessment process, and announcements of the public hearings, were made to the City Councils in, or adjacent to, the cities where the public hearings were held.
- Presentations were also made to the StanCOG Policy Board and the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors.
- StanCOG staff, in coordination with staff from MOVE, Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT), Modesto Area Express (MAX), and Turlock Transit visited eleven (11) senior congregate meal sites and community based organizations throughout the region to announce the public hearings, provide members of the public with information about existing transit services, and solicit public comments regarding any potential unmet transit needs.
- Notices for the public hearings were circulated in English and Spanish in the region's newspapers for general circulation. They were also circulated in locally distributed newspapers.
- Flyers in English and Spanish announcing the public hearings were circulated at senior assisted living sites and to other community based organizations.

In addition, Unmet Transit Needs public comment forms were distributed at senior congregate meal sites and to other community based organizations. These forms were also posted online for members of the public to fill out and mail directly to StanCOG staff.

Three (3) public hearings were held to record comments regarding potential unmet transit needs in the Stanislaus County region. The hearings were conducted on: October 19, 2016 at the StanCOG Policy Board Meeting; November 10, 2016 at the Gene Bianchi Community Center in Oakdale; and on January 11, 2017 at the Hammon Senior Center in Patterson.

Staff received a total of fourteen (14) comments during the 2017/18 assessment. Additional potential unmet transit needs were received throughout the assessment process; however these needs were able to be addressed with existing transit services and programs. These comments are documented and analyzed in the *FY 2017/18 DRAFT Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report*, available at the following link:

<http://www.stancog.org/pdf/tnas/utn-analysis-report-2017-2018.pdf>

### **Comments Considered Unmet Transit Needs**

One comment identified an unmet transit need due a lack of Paratransit service in the unincorporated community of Diablo Grande; another comment identified an unmet transit need due to a lack of Sunday service on StaRT in Patterson. Though these comments were found to be unmet transit needs, they do not satisfy the definition of "reasonable to meet" as established by the Policy Board.

The following sections briefly describe additional comments that were received during the assessment. Staff determined that these comments are, also, not "unmet transit needs" per the StanCOG Policy Board's adopted definition.

### **Comments Regarding Changes to Routes and Schedules**

Requests for changes to the daily bus service schedules were received; however, these are not "unmet transit needs" per the Policy Board's adopted definitions, though they do provide valuable feedback from the community to the transit operators. All of the region's operators continually monitor their services and adjust routes and schedules to improve quality of service and to accommodate requests, where feasible. Any future changes to the policies or schedules to accommodate these service requests will be made at the sole discretion of the transit operators.

### **Comments Regarding Transit Service to Areas Outside of Stanislaus County**

Similar to last year's assessment, comments were received regarding interregional transportation services to neighboring counties. While some of the region's transit operators provide interregional services to neighboring counties during the work week commute periods and/or for special medical appointments in the Bay Area region, StanCOG recognizes that these services are provided on a limited basis and at the sole discretion of the operators. Should demand exist, these operators can still establish future interregional services at their own discretion.

### **Comments Regarding Facility Matters**

Several comments were received this year that pertained to bus stop facility needs and/or operational matters and transit service policies. While not identified as unmet transit needs, these comments are noted and have been provided to the transit operators to be addressed as part of the on-going evaluation and maintenance of their transit systems.

Should you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Elisabeth Hahn, Senior Planner, at 209-525-4633 or via e-mail at [ehahn@stancog.org](mailto:ehahn@stancog.org)

Attachment:

1. Draft Resolution



**STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION  
APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS  
IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS REPORT WITH THE FINDING THAT THERE  
ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT ARE REASONABLE TO MEET FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2017/18**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization, with the responsibility of administering the Transportation Development Act (TDA); and

WHEREAS, StanCOG has a Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), established pursuant to Section 99238 of the TDA; and

WHEREAS, the SSTAC has met on a monthly basis during the year to obtain public input on unmet transit needs; and

WHEREAS, StanCOG has identified the transit needs of each jurisdiction through an annual assessment of the size and location of identifiable groups likely to be transit dependent or transit disadvantaged; an analysis of the adequacy of existing public transportation services and specialized transportation services; an analysis of potential alternative public transportation and specialized transportation services and service improvements that would meet all or part of the transit demand; and an analysis of the need for farmworker vans or related equipment; and

WHEREAS, StanCOG has adopted definitions for “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet” by Resolution 14-21; and

WHEREAS, StanCOG has held three formal noticed public hearings on October 19, 2016, November 10, 2016 and January 11, 2017 to solicit comments on potential unmet transit needs pursuant to Section 99238.5 of the TDA; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of comments regarding unmet transit needs is contained in the FY 2017/18 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that after reviewing documentation and analyzing public comments, the Policy Board adopts the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report and finds that: There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet for the Fiscal Year 2017/18.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that StanCOG will process claims and allocate TDA funds consistent with the above findings and with TDA Section 99401.5(e).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, in the name of the Stanislaus Council of Governments, administrative modifications and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements, and any other documents required to implement and carry out the purposes specified in this resolution.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was introduced at a regular meeting of the Stanislaus Council of Governments, on the 15th day of March, 2017. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

MEETING DATE: March 15, 2017

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BILL ZOSLOCKI, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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ROSA DE LEÓN PARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**TO:** Social Services Transportation Advisory Council **Staff Report**  
**THROUGH:** Rosa De León Park, Executive Director **Discussion**

**FROM:** Elisabeth Hahn, Senior Planner  
Stephen Hanamaikai, Associate Planner

**DATE:** February 15, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Proposition 1B - California Transit Security Grant Program - California  
Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF) Call for Projects

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### **Background**

On November 7, 2006, voters approved the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, known as Proposition 1B. This Bond authorized approximately \$20 billion for specified purposes, including grants for transit system safety, security, and disaster response projects. Proposition 1B funds were made available for a period of ten years; FY 2016-2017 will be the final year in which Prop 1B funding will be made available. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) administers the CTSGP-CTAF program and the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) oversees the allocation of the regional apportionment.

In accordance with Program Guidance, eligible activities to receive program funds include the following:

- Capital projects that provide increased protection against security or safety threats, such as security enhancements to public infrastructure and transit related facilities.
- Capital projects that increase the ability of transit operators to prepare for disaster-response transportation systems that can move people, goods, emergency personnel and equipment in the event of a disaster.

Successful applications may utilize funding to cover expenses directly related to:

- Construction or acquisition, including, but not limited to, planning, engineering, construction management, architectural, and other design work, environmental impact reports and assessments, required mitigation expenses, appraisals, legal expenses, site acquisitions, and necessary easements and warranties.
- Management and administration costs are not an eligible expense for Proposition 1B funds.

The following link to the CalOES website contains the program guidelines, identifying a complete description of all eligibility criteria:

<http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/grants-management/homeland-security-prop-1b-grant-programs/proposition-1b-grant>

### **Discussion**

StanCOG is the direct recipient of Proposition 1B funding for distribution to the Stanislaus Region and has a combined total of \$744,167, for FY 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Agency	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17	Combined FY's
StanCOG	\$413,426	\$330,741	\$744,167

Staff will be contacting the transit operators in March 2017 to schedule a meeting to discuss agency needs and the allocation of regional funds. Agencies requesting regional funds must email funding requests to StanCOG by April 7, 2017. Please submit your funding requests to Stephen Hanamaikai, Associate Planner, via email at [shanamaikai@stancog.org](mailto:shanamaikai@stancog.org). StanCOG will review the requests to ensure project applications meet program guidelines prior to submittal to CalOES.

**Applications for the CTSGP-CTAF Program are due to CalOES by June 30, 2017.**

Should you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Elisabeth Hahn, Senior Planner, at 209-525-4633 or e-mail at [ehahn@stancog.org](mailto:ehahn@stancog.org).