



**MARCH 11, 2010**

**AGENDA ITEM # 4**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Action Requested:** Receive and file

**Key Staff:** Brian Williams, Executive Director

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### **Recommendation**

Receive and file this summary report of current STA activities.

### **Discussion**

#### **A. *Old Measure A Transportation Sales Tax Program***

There is no new information to report regarding this work element.

#### **B. *New Measure A, 2009-2039***

##### **Revenue Trends**

Cumulative Measure A revenues for the period July 2009 - February 2010 were \$55,662,104. This was down 14.9 percent from the same period a year ago, much greater than the 3% annualized reduction assumed in the current FY 2010 STA budget. In Item #7, staff proposes that your Board adopt an amended FY 2009-10 budget to account for a *net* decrease in assumed Measure A revenues of 12.8%. Staff preliminarily informed the Measure A entities in January that forecasted cumulative distributions for on-going operations and maintenance activities during FY 2010 would need to be trimmed. There will be some near-term impact to the Measure A capital program as well, but most of those affected expenditures are from bond proceeds that are already in hand.

One glimmer of hope: Year-over-year January sales tax revenues fell at a lower rate than the prior six months, and February revenues were up slightly.

##### **Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee**

Per your Board's direction, the Chair (Slowey) and Vice Chair (Yee) reviewed the applications from volunteers interested in serving as public members on the pending Measure A Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee (ITOC). We have been soliciting interested persons (active or retired) who possess the following professional and community credentials:

- A senior-level professional in municipal auditing, finance, and/or budgeting
- A licensed civil engineer or professional transportation planner
- A manager of large development or construction projects

**B. New Measure A, 2009-2039 (continued)**

After careful consideration, the Chair and Vice Chair are recommending three preferred applicants for consideration by the full Board (*Item #6*). The ITOC is charged with supervising fiscal and performance audits regarding the use of Measure A sales tax funds and with providing independent program review to ensure that all affected funds are spent in accordance with the provisions of the Measure A Ordinance. We anticipate that the ITOC will begin convening in the next couple of months.

Measure A Program Performance Standards

The **New** Measure A Ordinance requires that your Board adopt **performance** standards to guide the expenditure of transportation sales tax funds. In February, staff presented “baseline” performance standards for Board review and discussion. The matter was continued to today’s meeting for action (*Item #5*). The proposed standards are organized into three themes: *maintenance of effort; planning and programming; and reporting*. Staff also proposes that your Board direct the Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee (ITOC) to periodically re-visit the performance standards and recommend updates as appropriate to reflect program delivery experience and changing circumstances.

**C. Countywide Transportation Planning, Programming, and Policies**

SACOG is hosting a five-year anniversary event for the Sacramento Regional Blueprint. It will take place from 8:00am to 11:00 am, April 2 at the CSUS Ballroom. The purpose is to discuss the Blueprint’s major highlights, review examples of its implementation, and receive a forecast of related upcoming activities. Interested persons can register at [www.sacregionblueprint.org](http://www.sacregionblueprint.org).

**D. Sacramento Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority (SAVSA)**

There is no new information to report regarding this work element.

**E. Sacramento Metropolitan Freeway Service Patrol (FSP)**

Per the contract provisions, staff is recommending that Sierra Hart Auto Center be granted a one-year extension of its contract to provide motorist assistance services on Beats 3 & 4 (US 50 between I-5 and Scott Road) (*Item #2*). Sierra Hart has satisfactorily performed all contract services. Next year, the contract for Beats 3 & 4 will be up for competitive bid.

In January, Freeway Service Patrol operators provided 2,452 motorist assists, a daily average of 129. The monthly assistance statistics are attached hereto.

**F. Administrative Matters**

2010 Metro Chamber Capital-to-Capital Trip

At this year's Metro Chamber Capital-to-Capital advocacy trip to Washington, DC, the STA will be represented by your Executive Director and by Board members Cohn and Pannell who are being co-sponsored with other local transportation agencies. We will provide a report back to the Board in May.

**G. Upcoming Events 2010**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Apr 2	Blueprint: Then / Now / Next	<i>sacregionblueprint.org</i>
Apr 8	STA Board	
Apr 17-21	Metro Chamber Cap-to-Cap	
May 13	STA Board	

*Attachments: County Pooled Investment Fund – Monthly Review  
PFM Asset Management LLC – Monthly Market Update & Outlook  
Freeway Service Patrol – Monthly Statistical Reports*