

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: SB 1 and State Transit Assistance (STA) Population-Based Funds

FROM: Michael Tree, Executive Director

DATE: September 26, 2017

Action Requested

Receive staff report and provide direction to staff

Background

Senate Bill (SB) 1 provides a significant infusion of funding for public transit, including formula-based and competitive funding. The State Transit Assistance (STA) program will be boosted by approximately \$250 million per year from an increase in the diesel sales tax rate of 3.5 percent. These funds would augment the existing STA program (around \$294 million statewide). MTC estimates the Bay Area would receive approximately \$94 million per year from this augmentation of the STA Program.

Discussion

MTC is in initial discussions on how to increase funding to LAVTA and other small operators in the East Bay with the augmented STA Program. Staff will provide a report at the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting.

Recommendation

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