

STAFF REPORT

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

FROM: Michael Tree, Executive Director

DATE: October 2, 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 meet with MTC staff, East Bay CMA staff, and the East Bay small operators on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Staff will provide a report at the Board meeting.

**Recommendation**

Receive staff report and provide direction to staff

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_