



Sonoma County Transportation Authority  
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## **SCTA Board Allocates Nearly \$50 Million to Bus and Rail Operations for FY23/24**

Annual Coordinated Claim combines State and local funding to support transit

SANTA ROSA, CA - On April 10th, The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) Board authorized nearly \$50 million in critical funding to Sonoma County transit operators. Supporting public transit is an important component in SCTA's Comprehensive Transportation Plan and is consistent with the agency's current congestion mitigation and GHG reduction goals. The funds allocated through SCTA's Coordinated Claim provide the bulk of operational revenue that keep buses in service and rail running smoothly.

"SCTA is committed to supporting public transit across Sonoma County," said Chris Rogers, SCTA Chair and Santa Rosa Council Member. "Making sure local transit networks are stable, reliable, and meet the needs of our residents continues to be an SCTA priority."

Funding in the FY23/24 Coordinated Claim is calculated based on the latest fund estimates prepared by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the County Auditor's office, and on previously established agreements for allocating funding among the transit operators. Overall, the three sources of funding have remained steady, allowing operators to deliver consistent transit and paratransit service to those who need it most. Local ridership numbers continue to grow following the COVID pandemic and service coordination between operators is at an all-time high.

"Funding transit and paratransit to keep buses running is so important for people like myself, who rely on these services to get around our county on a daily basis," said transit rider and member of SCTA's Citizens Advisory and Transit Paratransit Coordinating committees Jeana Lynn Eriksen. "Local transit and paratransit are the only transportation options for many residents, particularly those with mobility issues. "

Funding included in the Coordinated Claim comes from two State sources and one local source:

**Transportation Development Act (TDA):** These funds are derived from sales tax receipts (0.25% of the State sales tax) and distributed among the transit operators through the Coordinated Claim.

**State Transit Assistance (STA):** These funds are derived from a portion of sales tax revenues collected from the sale of vehicle fuels.

**Measure M:** These funds are also derived from sales tax receipts (0.25% of Sonoma County sales tax) with bus transit receiving 10% and SMART receiving 5% of the incoming revenue. Measure M is administered by SCTA, and funds are generally used by local operators to support fixed-route and paratransit operations.

**Transit Funding Summary**

Petaluma Transit	\$4,043,928
Santa Rosa CityBus	\$13,803,001
Sonoma County Transit	\$19,099,260
Golden Gate Transit	\$7,789,523
SMART	\$4,632,658
Total Coordinated Claim Funding	\$49,368,370

**About the Sonoma County Transportation Authority:**

The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) was created in 1990 and is governed by a twelve-member Board of Directors representing each of the nine cities. The SCTA plays a leading role in transportation in Sonoma County by securing funds, overseeing project delivery and long-term planning. The SCTA acts as the countywide planning and fund programming agency for transportation related issues.

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