

MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Budget Calendar

- Nov. – Jan.** Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) convenes annual Unmet Transit Needs Workshop.
- Dec. / Feb.** MCOG Board conducts Unmet Transit Needs hearing to identify needs. Testimony includes needs identified by SSTAC, MTA, and the general public. MCOG refers to MTA all testimony for analysis of needs that meet the adopted definition. Analysis may include cost projections, ability to provide service, and prioritization.
- Jan. – March** MTA staff prepares Unmet Transit Needs analysis for recommendation by Transit Productivity Committee (TPC) in April or May.
- County Auditor-Controller provides annual estimate of Local Transportation Fund (LTF) revenues to MCOG, by due date of February 1.
- February** MCOG staff prepares preliminary draft budget, including available LTF, State Transit Assistance (STA), Capital Reserve, and grant funds for Reserve, Administration, 2% Bicycle & Pedestrian program, Planning, and Transit allocations.
- Executive Committee reviews staff's preliminary recommended budget and amount available for transit claims, for recommendation to MCOG Board. MTA staff receives committee materials and is included in discussions.
- MCOG staff issues notice to eligible claimants of the County Auditor-Controller's estimate and Area Apportionment by population, by due date of March 1.
- Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) begins preliminary transit budget.
- March** MTA, as the designated Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA), informs subcontractors (senior centers) of projected amounts available to claim.
- MTA Board prepares transit claim based on MCOG's anticipated funds available.
- MTA submits transit claim to MCOG office by due date of April 1.
- April / May** TPC reviews for report and recommendations to MCOG: 1) Unmet Transit Needs reasonable to meet, 2) Annual Transit Claim, and 3) Annual Review of MTA Transit Performance and MCOG Transit Performance Standards.
- May** SSTAC meets to review and recommend on MTA's Unmet Transit Needs analysis and any other transportation issues.
- June** MCOG Board adopts reasonable-to-meet finding of Unmet Transit Needs for the upcoming fiscal year's budget.
- MCOG Board adopts the annual budget, allocating funds for Administration, Bicycle & Pedestrian projects, Planning, and Transit, including any Unmet Transit Needs found reasonable to meet.