

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Kiran Bawa
Budget Director

SUBJECT: Federal and State Budgetary Actions
Standing Report

DATE: December 8, 2015

City Administrator Approval

Date:

12/10/15

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive This Informational Report On The Status Of Federal And State Budgetary Actions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agendized at each Finance and Management Committee meeting is a standing verbal report on the latest known Federal and State budgetary actions. At its September 15, 2015 meeting, the Finance and Management Committee meeting, the Committee requested that a written report be prepared to accompany the verbal report. This report has been prepared in response to this request.

The information listed below represents the latest information available as of the release of this report. Any relevant information available after the release of this report will be reported in verbal format to the Finance and Management Committee on December 15, 2015.

Federal

Appropriations Bills

In November, Congress and President Obama reached an agreement on a comprehensive budget deal. Presently, the Congress is working on completion of the 12 appropriation bills which will extend spending authority for federal agencies. Current spending authority expires on Friday, December 11, 2015. If Congress is unable to approve and send to the president a bill extending funding it will likely pass a temporary continuing resolution and continue deliberations after the winter recess in January 2016.

Surface Transportation (Highway & Transit) Bill

On December 4, 2015 President Obama signed into law the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The \$305 billion FAST Act funds surface transportation projects including roads, railways, mass transit, rail, and bridges for a period of 5-years. Roughly \$26 billion will flow to California over the five-year period, an increase of 14% over current funding. While the law stabilizes funding for state & local governments in the near-term, it does not include a viable ongoing funding strategy for transportation projects. The FAST Act instead relies on one-time transfer of funds from a Federal Reserve capital account to the US

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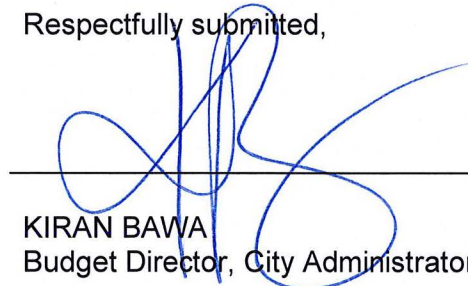
Government Treasury; rather than increasing ongoing funding sources such as the federal gas tax.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

That the City Council receive this informational report on Federal and State budgetary actions.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Bradley Johnson, Assistant to the City Administrator, at (510) 238-6119.

Respectfully submitted,



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