



Experience and References

MENDOCINO COUNTY TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT STUDY

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The Transportation Development Act (TDA) provides two major sources of funding for public transportation providers in California: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA). The LTF is derived from 0.25 percent of the 7.25 percent retail sales tax collected statewide, and can be used for a variety of transportation purposes according to a set of priorities detailed in the Act. The California Public Utilities Code (PUC) requires that all transit operators that receive funding under Article 4 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) be subject to a performance audit every three years. LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. was retained by the Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) to conduct triennial performance audits of MCOG and the Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 through Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Transit operations in Mendocino County include fixed-route, flex-route, Dial-A-Ride (DAR) and senior services programs. Through the performance audit process it was found that MTA met most TDA requirements. Audit recommendations included greater focus on data reporting, developing a written charter policy, improvements to the aging vehicle fleet, and development of performance standards for social service transportation programs. The final audit reports were accepted by MCOG.