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Memorandum

TO: Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee DATE: February 29, 2008
FR: Christina Atienza
RE: Caltrans Call for Projects for FY 2006 New Freedom Program

Caltrans' Division of Mass Transportation is currently soliciting projects in small urban and rural areas throughout the state for the New Freedom Program (49 USC Section 5317). This is an accelerated call for projects for the FY 2006 apportionment, which would be lost to the state if not committed to projects by September 30, 2008. Applications are due to Caltrans on April 2, 2008.

Program Purpose

The New Freedom Program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies to provide new transportation services for individuals with disabilities, above and beyond the minimum required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Available Funding and Local Match Requirement

The available statewide funding is shown below. Project applications are subject to a competitive selection process. The target programming amounts for the Bay Area's small urbanized areas are provided as guidelines; if necessary, Caltrans will program any unused funds (please note: for rural areas, there isn't a regional target, only a statewide target). The maximum grant award per project is \$125,000. The minimum local match requirements are 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operating projects.

Statewide Available Funding	New Freedom
Small Urbanized Areas (pop. between 50,000-200,000)	\$1,101,680
Rural Areas (pop. less than 50,000)	\$453,268
Bay Area Target Programming Amounts	
Small Urbanized Areas	
Fairfield	\$53,281
Gilroy-Morgan Hill	\$27,138
Livermore	\$31,593
Napa	\$39,550
Petaluma	\$23,661
Vacaville	\$41,261
Vallejo	\$100,571
Rural Areas	No target amount

Coordinated Planning Requirement and Certification

Applicants are required to specify how their proposed project addresses transportation gap(s) and/or barrier(s) identified in the Bay Area's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan ("Coordinated Plan"), available at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/pths/>. If a project is recommended for funding, MTC will be required to certify that the project has been derived from the Coordinated Plan. The certification does not need to be submitted as part of the application.

Workshop and Application Form

Caltrans is hosting an optional workshop for prospective applicants:

Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 9:30 a.m. – noon
 Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 3rd Floor Fishbowl Conference Room
 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.

The application is available at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/Docs-Pdfs/JARC-NF-2006-App.doc>.

Deadline

Four applications (one original and three copies) need to be submitted by close of business, April 2, 2008 to:

California Department of Transportation
Division of Mass Transportation - MS 39
P.O. Box 942874
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001
(916) 657-4192

Shipping/Receiving Address:

California Department of Transportation
Division of Mass Transportation – MS 39
1415-11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

For more information: Please also refer to <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5317.html>.

Questions regarding this call for projects should be directed to:

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