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Memorandum

TO: Elderly & Disabled Advisory Committee DATE: May 1, 2008
FR: Christina Atienza
RE: Draft Program Management Plan for JARC and New Freedom Programs

MTC's combined draft Program Management Plan (PMP) for two Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs – Section 5316, the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program, and Section 5317, the New Freedom Program – is now available for public review at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/FTA/downloads/PMP_5316-JARC_and_5317-New_Freedom_050108.pdf. Please provide comments, if any, by Friday, May 23, 2008.

What is a PMP? The PMP is required by FTA to document MTC's procedures and policies for administering the JARC and New Freedom funds for which MTC is the designated recipient. Its primary purpose is to serve as the basis for FTA to review administration of the programs by designated recipients.

How does it differ from Program Guidelines? In contrast with the PMP, which is focused on program administration, the primary purposes of MTC's Program Guidelines are to provide sufficient information for prospective applicants to determine whether they should apply for funds, provide detailed instructions for how to apply for those funds, and to make transparent the competitive selection process for those funds. It is still MTC's intent to issue Program Guidelines prior to any calls for projects, and to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to review and comment on draft Program Guidelines.