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## *Memorandum*

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

DATE: June 4, 2008

FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

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RE: Staff Report – June 2008

### **Cycle 2 of Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Funds**

Funds are available from Caltrans for Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects (SRTS Cycle 2). These funds are not to be confused with the State Legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S) funds.

There are two types of applications available for SRTS Cycle 2: 1) stand-alone infrastructure projects (sidewalks, pathways, bike lanes, traffic calming, etc.); or, 2) non-infrastructure activities (education, encouragement and enforcement).

All project awards are 100% federally reimbursable. Applications for infrastructure must not exceed \$1 million, and applications for non-infrastructure must not exceed \$500,000 (and can be spent on activities over a four-year period).

State, local or regional government agencies are encouraged to apply. *Non-traditional applicants such as school districts, nonprofit organizations, health/education departments, federally recognized Native American Tribes and hospitals are required to partner with a city /county/Metropolitan Planning Organization/Regional Transportation Planning Agency who will serve as the responsible agency for that non-traditional applicant.*

Approximately \$46 million is available for two fiscal years worth of projects (FY2008-09 and FY2009-10). The deadline for applications is **Friday, July 18, 2008**. To view the updated SRTS Guidelines and Application, please visit:

[www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts.htm).

If you or an organization you know is interested in applying for these funds, please contact Sean Co at MTC for assistance at 510-817-5748.

### **Transportation 2035 Update**

Public outreach for Transportation 2035 is winding down, and a summary will be presented to MTC's Planning Committee on Friday, June 13. Phase II of the T2035 outreach included: 1) a random telephone poll with 3,600 responses, 2) nine public workshops, one in each Bay Area county; 3) nine focus groups, one in each Bay Area county, recruited via the telephone poll; 4) and ten community-based focus groups, recruited by organizations from low-income communities. MTC staff will present a summary of similarities and differences between the groups, along with key messages heard.

In addition, the final item in the outreach process is a Web survey, which is now up. It should take you approximately ten minutes to take the survey, which asks similar questions posed at the workshops and in the telephone poll. Test your grasp of transportation facts, and tell MTC planners and policymakers how you would divvy up \$30 billion in discretionary funding expected to flow to the Bay Area over the next 25 years. Maintain the existing transportation network? Provide more funding to relief traffic congestion? Help reduce greenhouse gas emissions? Strategic expansion? Now is your chance to tell us what you think. Tell us your priorities and encourage a friend to log on to [www.mtc.ca.gov/T2035](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/T2035) and complete the survey by June 27, 2008.

### **High School Internship Orientation**

A reminder that this summer's MTC high school internship program will hold its orientation on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., in the MetroCenter Auditorium. All MCAC members are invited, and if you are interested in attending, please contact Jamila Williams, the High School Intern Coordinator, at 510-817-5807.

### **Meeting Reminders**

- **Transportation 2035 Equity Analysis Subcommittee**  
Thursday, June 26, 2008, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
MetroCenter – Third Floor “Fishbowl” Conference Room