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Memorandum

TO: MCAC Lifeline Subcommittee

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RE: Lifeline Program Update, Lifeline Program Evaluation

Second-Cycle Program of Projects

At your subcommittee meeting on January 8, I will provide an update on the second-cycle Lifeline Transportation Program funding cycle. Staff plans to take a Tier 1 Program of Projects to the Commission for approval in January. MTC received 64 recommended projects totaling over \$37 million that were selected by the counties based on the MTC-approved Lifeline Program guidelines (Resolution 3860). A complete list of the projects will be available at your meeting.

Lifeline Program Evaluation

At your last subcommittee meeting during your work plan discussion, we talked about an evaluation of the Lifeline Transportation Program. Rather than a project-level evaluation, the focus of this evaluation would be on the overall program – an assessment of how well the Lifeline program is improving mobility for the region's low-income population. While the performance of each Lifeline project factors into this assessment, our discussion at your January meeting will concentrate on potential indicators to measure the performance of the overall program.

The subcommittee asked staff to propose a number of potential measures as a starting point for discussion. These ideas include:

- Taking an inventory of all proposed Community-based Transportation Planning projects in completed plans and identifying those that have been funded to-date
- Reviewing initial questions and possible measures related to the proposed short-range snapshot analysis (see Attachment A) to identify potential tie-ins to the Lifeline Evaluation
- Looking at the possibility of using a matrix used by the Federal Transit Administration (see Attachment B) to track the performance of JARC and New Freedom-funded projects as a way to assess Lifeline projects/performance in the region.