



## Agenda Item No. 3

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### *Memorandum*

TO: MCAC Lifeline Subcommittee

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FR: Alea Gage and James Corless

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RE: Means-Based Transit Fare Discount Program White Paper Draft

At your subcommittee meeting on January 8, staff will present a summation of the recently released draft of a white on a means-based transit fare discount program for the region. The white paper is a collection of research on the topic and provides recommendations on design, structure and timing of a program for the region (and is attached).

At the end of the presentation, staff will seek your feedback through the following key questions:

- **Funding:** In a time of budget uncertainty and faced with a decision between service and affordability, would this program remain the priority?
- **County Level Approach:** Do you think it's a good idea to allow Counties to decide whether this is a priority? If so, should we fold it into the Lifeline Program?
- **Target Population:** Do you think the white paper identifies the right target population?
- **Next Steps:** Do you agree with the proposed recommendations set forth in the white paper?