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*Memorandum*

TO: Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee      DATE: February 27, 2009  
FR: Kristen Mazur, MTC Staff  
RE: Section 5310 Elderly & Disabled Specialized Transit Program

**Background**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5310) is a formula program that provides grants to private nonprofit corporations and public agencies. The 5310 program provides for safe, efficient, and coordinated transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities when transportation is unavailable, insufficient, etc. California's apportionment is managed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and Caltrans.

In December 2008, the CTC adopted the FY 2008 program of projects for the FTA Section 5310 program. It included \$13.2 million in federal grant funding, \$3.3 million of which was awarded to Bay Area nonprofit organizations and public agencies to purchase transit capital equipment for seniors and persons with disabilities. The final statewide prioritized project list is attached (see Attachment 1).

**Timeline for the FY09 FTA Section 5310 cycle**

Caltrans will release the FY09 FTA Section 5310 call for projects in mid-March 2009. At that time, the FY09 application, scoring criteria, instructions, and due dates will be posted on the Caltrans website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html>. MTC staff will also mail a program announcement to Bay Area stakeholders. Caltrans estimates there will be approximately \$13.6 million in available funding statewide for the FY09 cycle.

The following is a projected timeline for the FY09 cycle, based on the FY08 timeline. MTC staff will distribute an updated timeline with specific dates to Bay Area stakeholders in early April.

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Tentative 2009 Date</b>
Caltrans releases call for projects	Mid-March
Caltrans makes application forms available for web download at: <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html">http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html</a>	Mid-March
MTC mails program announcements to Bay Area stakeholders	Early April
Caltrans provides application workshops at various locations: At MetroCenter building in Oakland: <b>April 28, 2009</b>	March - May
Section 5310 planning meeting at MetroCenter hosted by MTC staff with each county's Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)	May
If requesting pre-review assistance, applicants submit draft applications to MTC and/or to PCCs (optional)	Mid-May
<b>Final applications due to County PCCs</b>	<b>End of June</b>
<b>PCCs transmit county scores to MTC</b>	<b>Mid-July</b>
MTC compiles scores and mails regional rankings to PCCs	End of July
Applicants review scores and prepare appeals as necessary	Early August
<b>MTC Open Forum – Applicant appeals</b>	<b>Mid-August</b>
MTC Programming & Allocations Committee approval of regional rankings and referral to MTC Commission for adoption	Sept. 9

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Tentative 2009 Date</b>
MTC Commission adoption of regional rankings	Sept. 23
<b>MTC transmits adopted regional priorities to Caltrans</b>	<b>End of Sept.</b>
Caltrans notifies region of Draft Statewide Scores	TBD
MTC notifies PCCs of score changes; discuss with applicants and Caltrans	TBD
Caltrans staff level conference for appeals of statewide scores	TBD
CTC approves final Section 5310 scores and adopts program	TBD

MTC staff will come to the March 5 EDAC meeting to present this information and answer any questions.