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Memorandum

TO: Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee DATE: June 26, 2009

FR: Ursula Vogler, EDAC Staff Liaison

RE: Staff Liaison Report

Call for projects: TIGER Discretionary Grant Program

Caltrans is leading a statewide effort to secure a portion of the \$1.5 billion TIGER (TIGER stands for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grant Program (see Attachment I for details). The deadline for submission of applications to MTC is July 6, 2009. You may also go to <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/> for more information.

New Freedom Program Call for Projects: Third Funding Cycle for Large Urbanized Areas

MTC is currently soliciting projects in the San Francisco Bay Area's large urbanized areas (UAs) for the Federal Transit Administration's New Freedom Program (49 USC Section 5317). The New Freedom program provides grants for new capital and operational projects aimed at reducing, beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, transportation barriers faced by individuals with disabilities. The available funding is \$3.7 million for the Bay Area's large urbanized areas. Eligible applicants include non-profits, local governments, and public transportation operators. The application deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, August 7, 2009.

MTC staff member Kristen Mazur will be recruiting three EDAC members to serve on the application evaluation panel; she will send out an email to all EDAC members soon.

MTC Brokers Regional Consensus on High-Speed and Commuter Rail Package to Compete for Economic Stimulus Funds

MTC adopted a plan this week for using federal economic stimulus funds to expedite the arrival of high-speed rail service to the San Francisco Bay Area, while at the same time upgrading commuter rail service along the Peninsula Corridor that runs from San Francisco through Silicon Valley to San Jose. The package is the result of a collaborative effort by MTC, the cities of San Francisco and San Jose, and stakeholder transportation agencies along the route.

The plan lays out nearly \$3.4 billion in regional rail projects, with just over half of that to come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) passed by Congress in February of this year. Together, these projects are projected to generate more than 100,000 jobs. For more information, visit MTC's Web site.

Don't forget, we're off in August

There will be no EDAC meeting in August, although some subcommittees may meet. I will send an email in advance of the meetings with date and time information.