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Memorandum

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

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FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

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RE: Staff Report – July 2009

Report on Equity and Congestion Pricing

Last month I gave you a link to a study by the Washington State Department of Transportation on the impact of tolling on low-income individuals in the Puget Sound area. This month, we have a new report. MCAC member Carlos Romero would like to bring to your attention a recently-completed Rand Corporation report on equity and congestion pricing. I am attaching a copy of the summary for your review. In addition, if you would like to read the entire report (which is rather lengthy), you can download it from the Web at:

http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TR680/

High School Internship Orientation

The 2009 MTC High School Internship program got underway with an orientation on Tuesday, June 23rd. MCAC members Jacquee Castain, Michael D’Augelli, Bob Liems, Dawn Love, and Lee Pierce were in attendance, as well as former MCAC member Candy Gayles (who spoke at the event).

There are a total of 36 interns this year, 30 of whom are employed by MTC. Five are being employed by BATA, and one extra intern was hired by AC Transit. A report with the demographic makeup of the interns and other data is scheduled to be presented to the High School Intern Subcommittee in September. As always, a closing workshop is planned for the end of the program, and I will pass along more information as it becomes available.

Reminder: Bay Bridge Closed Labor Day Weekend

This is a reminder that the Bay Bridge will be closed in both directions over the Labor Day weekend, beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, September 3rd. During the closure, Caltrans is scheduled to assemble a detour viaduct to handle traffic on the half-mile distance between the East Span and the Yerba Buena Island Tunnel. This new roadway alignment will require traffic to slow down to 40 mph once it is reopened at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8th.

For more details on the Bay Bridge construction, visit www.baybridgeinfo.org on the Web, or go to www.511.org for updates.

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Reminder: No MCAC Meeting in August

Here is another reminder that MCAC does not meet during the month of August. All of the MTC standing committees and advisory committees are in recess during that time. There will, however, most likely be a few subcommittee meetings, so watch your e-mail for further details.

Meeting Reminders

- **Equity Analysis Subcommittee**
Thursday, July 30, 2009, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Third Floor “Fishbowl” Conference Room