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Memorandum

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FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

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RE: Staff Report – September 2009

Transportation Reports

Given discussions at recent Lifeline and Equity Analysis Subcommittee meetings, I thought I would include a couple of reports from two organizations that are looking to move transportation in a new direction.

First, Policylink has long been an advocate for “equity” in many aspects of life, and they have partnered with the Prevention Institute and the Convergence Partnership in a report that focuses on transportation and related health issues. *The Transportation Prescription: Bold New Ideas for Healthy, Equitable Transportation Reform in America* is a report about transportation policies and their influence on health, with a main focus on transportation reform. You can download it from the PolicyLink Web site at:

<http://www.convergencepartnership.org/atf/cf/%7B245a9b44-6ded-4abd-a392-ae583809e350%7D/TRANSPORTATIONRX.PDF>

For more information on this and other reports, visit the PolicyLink Web site at www.policylink.org

Also, you may recall that MTC’s former Senior Planner James Corless is now the Executive Director for Transportation for America (T4America), a national coalition of housing, business, environmental, public health, transportation, equitable development and other organizations. T4America is seeking ways to align national, state and local transportation policies along a variety of issues like economic opportunity, climate change, energy, security, health, housing and community development. T4America has recently done an analysis, along with the Transportation Equity Network (TEN), that documents the current financial crisis facing transit systems across the country. *Stranded at the Station: The Impact of the Financial Crisis in Public Transportation*, is the resulting report, and it can be downloaded via the T4America Web site at:

http://www.t4america.org/docs/081809_stranded_at_thestation.PDF

For more information on this report, visit the Transportation for America Web site at: <http://t4america.org/resources/stranded/>

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2009 MTC High School Internship Program Ended

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As a brief update, the closing meeting for this summer's high school internship program was held at MTC on Thursday, August 20. MCAC members Jacquee Castain, Dawn Love, Gerald Rico, and David Rosas were in attendance. A statistical report and a more comprehensive summary of this summer's program will be given at the next High School Internship Subcommittee meeting, currently scheduled for October 13 (see meeting reminders below).

Final T2035 Plan Available

If you have not already gotten your copy, the *Final Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area* is now available. Copies will be available at your September meeting, and can also be obtained through the MTC-ABAG Library. To reach the library, phone 510-817-5836, send an e-mail to library@mtc.ca.gov, or request a copy through the MTC Web site at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/library/pub_orderform.php. You may also view the document online at MTC's Web site.

Miscellaneous

MCAC members James McGhee and Lee Pierce accompanied me to the Black Board of Trade and Commerce luncheon on Friday, August 7. The keynote speaker was recently appointed Caltrans Director Randy Iwasaki. As a former MTC Commissioner, former 2004 interim Caltrans Director, and a Caltrans employee for over 26 years, Mr. Iwasaki has had a front row seat for transportation issues. During his speech, he talked about the new Caltrans DBE program and how Caltrans will work to assist small and minority-owned businesses in getting certified.

I received an e-mail from former MCAC member Eric Shaw last month. Some of you may recall that Mr. Shaw left the San Francisco area to take a job with the Louisiana recovery effort. He sends his greetings to MCAC, saying that he misses you all, along with our focus on community planning and a good salad.

Meeting Reminders

- **Equity Analysis Subcommittee**
Thursday, September 24, 2009, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Claremont Conference Room – 2nd Floor (check in on 3rd Floor first)
- **Lifeline Subcommittee Site Visit to Santa Rosa**
Tuesday, September 29, 2009
Meet at MTC 10 a.m. for departure
(further details to come on meeting time and place in Santa Rosa)
- **High School Intern Subcommittee**
Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 2:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Third Floor “Fishbowl” Conference Room