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Memorandum

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

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RE: Second-Cycle Lifeline Tier 2 Program of Projects

Background

In July 2008, MTC adopted Resolution 3860, which established guidelines and a fund estimate for the Second-Cycle Lifeline Transportation Program for the three-year period FY 2009-2011. The Lifeline Program is intended to result in improved mobility for low-income residents of the Bay Area, and is administered at the county level. The Second-Cycle program is funded by State Transit Assistance (STA), Proposition 1B Transit funds, and federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds. Each county received a funding target based on the county's share of the region's total population below the poverty level. Due to uncertainty in state funding levels for later program years, the program guidelines called for two funding tiers: Tier 1 for the first two years of funding, and Tier 2 for the third and final year.

Following the release of the guidelines and fund estimate, county Lifeline Program Administrators (LPAs) issued calls for projects in mid-2008. LPAs had an option of selecting projects for both Tier 1 and Tier 2 in a single call for projects, or submitting projects for Tier 2 in late 2009. MTC approved the Tier 1 Program of Projects by adopting Resolution 3881 in January 2009.

In September 2009, MTC revised the Second-Cycle program guidelines and funding estimate to: 1) add a one-time augmentation of \$3.9 million in STA population-based funds to the Lifeline Program consistent with STA distribution in the STA Consolidated Policy, and 2) add \$2.8 million in FY 2010 JARC Large Urbanized Area funds which MTC staff expects to be available under the extension of SAFETEA. This one-time augmentation of \$7 million brought the total available for the three-year program to \$55.8 million, including \$17.4 million available for programming in Tier 2.

Tier 2 Program Recommendations

Based on these changes to funding availability, LPAs submitted either new or revised Tier 2 programs to MTC by October 30. MTC received 14 new and 24 revised projects for Tier 2 totaling \$13.2 million, which were selected by the counties based on guidelines set forth in Resolution 3860. MTC staff is recommending funding for the projects, summarized in Attachment 1.

San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties have unprogrammed balances totaling \$4.3 million that will be programmed following subsequent calls for projects in these counties, anticipated to be in early 2010.

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Next Steps

After MTC approval of the Tier 2 program of projects, staff will follow up with allocations and programming actions as funds are made available.

Upcoming Program Evaluation

MTC plans to conduct an evaluation of the Lifeline Transportation Program in 2010. Staff will reach out to project sponsors and other program stakeholders in early 2010 to begin gathering feedback on the future direction of the program.

MCAC Selection Committee Participation

At a previous meeting, MCAC members requested an update regarding which MCAC members served on Lifeline project selection committees in each county as indicated by the program guidelines. The following summarizes participation of MCAC members in local selection processes around the region either for the Tier 2 project selection, or for Tier 1 & 2 projects in counties that selected both tiers at once:

| <i>County</i> | <i>MCAC Selection Committee Participation</i> |
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| Alameda | Ms. Dawn Love |
| Contra Costa | Mr. Darnell Turner |
| Marin | Mr. Charles Rivasplata |
| Napa | VINE Consumer Advisory Committee represented community interests |
| San Francisco | Mr. James McGhee |
| San Mateo | Mr. Bill Allen |
| Santa Clara | Selection committee members determined by existing Lifeline MOU between VTA and the County |
| Solano | Solano's MCAC seats were vacant at the time the selection committee met |
| Sonoma | Sonoma's MCAC seats were vacant at the time the selection committee met; Mr. David Rosas was a member of the selection committee prior to his appointment to MCAC. |