

Lifeline Cycle 3 Proposed Program Guidelines DRAFT



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Program Overview and Background

- **MTC established Lifeline Transportation Program in 2005, successor to LIFT Program**
- **Lifeline Program Goals:**
 - **Improve transportation choices for low-income communities with a range of solutions**
 - **Address locally identified transportation gaps or barriers**
 - **Fund projects developed through local collaborative process (Community Based Transportation Planning)**
- **Two funding cycles completed, providing \$74 million for 125 projects**

Results of Program Evaluation

- **Recently completed program evaluation in anticipation of third funding cycle**
- **Major findings:**
 - Overall, program successful in achieving goals
 - Range of non-traditional services implemented
 - Local county administration effective for developing and implementing projects
 - Program's mix of funding sources provides flexibility, but creates other issues
 - Administrative challenges
 - More robust monitoring and evaluation needed
 - CBTPs at various ages and stages

Proposed Third Cycle - Summary

- **Proposes \$87 million in funding, continued mix of state and federal funds, operating and capital**
- **Call for projects to be mostly conducted by County Congestion Management Agencies, with some exceptions**
- **Guidelines to be released in November, program due to MTC in April, grant/contract administration to follow**

Proposed Changes From Cycle 2

- **Addition of Federal STP funds, in accordance with draft OneBayArea grant proposal and “Resolution 3814 payback” (approx \$9 million)**
- **Proposition 1B Transit funds to be distributed directly to large transit operators and counties using formula approach (approx \$46 million)**
- **Low-income population factors to be updated with 2010 Census data – will likely result in some shifts between counties**
- **Funding cycle to be three years FY11-FY13; final year has some uncertainty**
- **MTC to solicit 1 or 2 mobility management projects toward development of CTSA’s using approximately \$0.7 million in available JARC funds**
- **Applicants with multi-county projects will apply directly to MTC. MTC will screen multi-county applications and coordinate scoring activities with Lifeline Program Administrators.**
- **Planning basis to be expanded – could be CBTPs or other substantive local planning efforts**
- **Various administrative updates**