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Memorandum

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Subcommittee

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RE: Framework for FY13 and FY14 FTA Section 5310 Large Urbanized Area Program

FTA Section 5310: FY13 and FY14 Large Urbanized Area Call for Projects

Under the two-year federal surface transportation authorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), the New Freedom program was eliminated as a stand-alone program, and consolidated with the Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled program into a single program, the Section 5310 Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. This expanded program provides a mix of capital and operating funding. Approximately \$9M is expected to be available for the region, based on FTA FY13 and FY14 apportionments.

Under this cycle, Caltrans continues in the role as the designated recipient, but has delegated program development of the Bay Area's large urbanized areas to MTC. Caltrans will submit the FTA grant, administer subrecipient funding agreements and vehicle procurement, provide technical assistance and FTA compliance monitoring, while MTC will conduct the competitive project selection process. Caltrans also continue to administer the state's small urbanized and rural area program.

Major Program Changes

Staff is currently drafting FY13 and FY14 large urbanized area program guidelines and will be seeking Commission approval in September for an October 1 release date. Major program changes are:

- 55% of available funds must be set aside for capital projects
- Eligible capital projects now include mobility management projects
- Operations projects are now eligible under the "expanded" program (including mobility management)
- Funding comes to the region by urbanized area

Staff is also considering a number of changes to the application form, applicant workshop and the project evaluation process. Likely changes are:

- One application will be used for both capital and operating projects
- Vehicles and equipment projects will be scored quantitatively (utilization efficiency, age of equipment), while operations and mobility management projects will be scored qualitatively (needs and benefits; coordination, partnership and outreach; and project readiness)

- The second half of the applicant workshop will include breakout sessions for networking and project coordination
- Project evaluations will be performed by one regional panel, made up of Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) staff, PCC chairpersons, a Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee member, a representative from the disabled community, and MTC staff

Coordination and Mobility Management

As with the previous Section 5310 and New Freedom programs under the preceding federal authorization, SAFETEA-LU, extra points were awarded to projects that were coordinated or contained mobility management elements. Consistent with the Coordinated Public Transit—Human Services Transportation Plan (the Coordinated Plan), this practice will continue in this current call for projects.

Below is the schedule for the FY13 and FY14 funding cycle for the Bay Area’s Large Urbanized Areas.

Section 5310 FY13 and FY14 Cycle Schedule – Large Urbanized Areas

Activity	Date
MTC approves regional guidelines	September 24, 2014
Caltrans releases call for projects	October 1, 2014
Applications due to MTC	November 6, 2014
Preliminary Program of Projects due to Caltrans	January 1, 2015
Draft Program of Projects to Programming and Allocations Committee	January 14, 2015
Draft Program of Projects to Commission	January 28, 2015
Adopted Program of Projects due to Caltrans	January 30, 2015
Grant Approved by FTA	September 30, 2015

If you have questions regarding the 5310 FY13 & FY14 Cycle, please contact Drennen Shelton (dshelton@mtc.ca.gov / 510-817-5909).