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To: MTC Commissioners  
From: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee  
Re: Allocation of Proposition 1B Regional Transit Funding

The Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC) has had much discussion on the allocation of Proposition 1B Regional Transit Funding. In May, the committee unanimously approved a recommendation urging the use of Proposition 1B funds for Lifeline transit operations. That recommendation was previously transmitted to the Commission. Lifeline transit operations are critical to meet the needs of transit dependent residents of the Bay Area. The committee is again urging the Commission to continue its support for Lifeline funding and is urging the Commission not to reduce the \$153 million recommended for Lifeline programs. More specifically, the committee would ask the Commission not to reduce Lifeline funding in order to meet the match for the new BART proposal.

Below is the recommendation adopted by MCAC on May 8, 2007.

Whereas MTC has a supposed policy of "fix it first,"

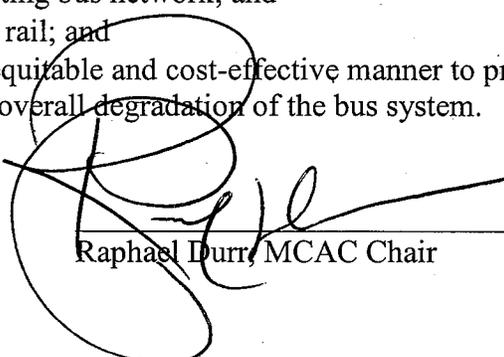
Whereas \$109 million of temporal and spatial gaps a year were estimated in the Lifeline Transit Network in 2001 and have been seriously underfunded,

Whereas transit dependence needs to be prioritized, and money and hours that have been cut from the bus system need to be restored,

Whereas essential bus systems are being eroded at the expense of billion dollar construction contracts for rail expansions into the suburbs,

We request that MTC prioritize funding:

- 1st for filling the gaps in the Lifeline Transit Network; and
- 2nd for maintenance of the existing bus network; and
- 3rd for maintenance of existing rail; and
- Finally to expand transit in an equitable and cost-effective manner to prevent further fare increases, scheduling cuts, and overall degradation of the bus system.

  
Raphael Durr, MCAC Chair