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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: September 26, 2007

FR: Executive Director

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RE: FY 2007-08 Annual Anticipated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Level Report

Attached is MTC's FY 2007-2008 Annual Anticipated Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Participation Level ("the AADPL Report"). This report was prepared in accordance with federal guidelines and changes adopted by Caltrans in May 2006 for the statewide DBE program. The report has been approved by Caltrans.

In summary, the FY 2007-08 AADPL for new federally-funded contracting opportunities is:

Funding Source	New Federally-Funded Third Party Contracts	Projected DBE Availability	Annual DBE Availability
MTC-FHWA	\$22,220,368	\$1,007,628	4.53%
MTC/SAFE-FHWA	\$0	\$0	0.00%
MTC – FTA	\$1,205,000	\$19,095	1.58%
MTC– FAA	\$600,000	\$29,632	4.94%
MTC - FEMA	\$2,000,000	\$108,638	5.43%

DBE Participation:

Below is a seven year summary of the cumulative DBE participation in all federally funded contracts awarded by MTC and SAFE for the period of FY 1999-00 thru FY 2005-06:

FY 99-00	FY 00-01	FY 01-02	FY 02-03	FY 03-04	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	7-Year Total
10.62%	16.46%	12.62%	4.93%	3.86%	5.37%	6.25%	7.53%

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DBE participation peaked in FY 00-01, then began a sharp decline in FY 02-03 as court-mandated changes to the DOT DBE program requirements with regards to setting contract-specific DBE goals were implemented. Nevertheless, over the seven year period starting in FY 99-00, contracts in the areas of marketing, performance measures, TETAP and the Freeway Service Patrol had overall DBE participation of 10% or greater. For more detailed information, see Attachment B, Actual DBE Participation.

Next Steps

Staff in conjunction with the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC) Sub-committee on Contracting will host an outreach forum in December for minorities, women and local/small businesses. Staff is also working with the MCAC Sub-committee to identify ways to achieve greater participation of DBEs and local/small business participation in MTC contracts.

Staff will continue the following:

- a. Notify certified DBEs and vendors in MTC's consultant database of solicitations exceeding \$10,000 and advertise in publications targeted to minorities and women.
- b. Facilitate DBE participation by actively participating with other agencies in their DBE and minority outreach efforts.
- c. Work with Caltrans, BATA and other agencies involved in the implementation of the state's infrastructure bond projects, and on the solicitation of contracts for the Toll Bridge projects.
- d. Review pending solicitations to determine the feasibility of breaking the proposed contract into smaller scopes of work aimed at providing more opportunities for minority, women, local and small business participation.
- e. Work with other transportation agencies to develop/coordinate a regional Small Business Program to encourage local, small and minority participation in contracting rather than each agency setting up separate and different programs.

Staff will advise the Commission of the outcome of the Disparity Studies and any additional changes to the DBE program as a result of the US DOT's review of Caltrans' submission.

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Attachments

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