

Office of the Mayor

October 8, 2007

Steve Heminger, Executive Director
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, California 94607

Re: CMAQ Funding for Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley

Dear Mr. Heminger:

I understand that MTC is in the process of programming a substantial amount of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funds. These funds will be enormously helpful in supporting the Bay Area's transportation needs.

I would like to recommend that a portion of CMAQ funds be programmed for important projects in Alameda County. In particular, I propose that \$10 million be reserved to complete the Ed Roberts Campus, a transit-oriented development which will be built at the Ashby BART Station.

The ERC has come along way since 1998 when MTC first awarded the project a \$50,000 planning grant from the TLC program. Since that time, MTC has supported the project with significant capital grants from the TLC and Lifeline programs as well.

As a result, the ERC has secured over \$35 million in public and private grants and loans. The total budget is \$45 million, and the \$10 million in CMAQ funds would close the remaining financial gap and allow the project to start construction next year, as all of the permits and environmental approvals are complete. It is essential to close the budget gap this year to avoid escalation costs that might be caused by further delay, and ensure that the various MTC grants are expended in a timely manner.

The Ed Roberts Campus promises to be a national landmark and a model for Transit Oriented Development that will relieve traffic congestion, increase transit use and serve thousands of low-income seniors and people with disabilities who live in the Greater Bay Area.

The Ed Roberts Campus is ready to start construction and perfectly fits the goals of CMAQ and MTC. I look forward to meeting with you soon to discuss this recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Bates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Tom Bates

cc: Phil Kamlarz, City Manager
Dmitri Belser, President, Ed Roberts Campus

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9TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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October 24, 2007

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Dear Mr. Heminger,

Thank you for your longstanding support for the Ed Roberts Campus (ERC) as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). I'm writing to ask for your support for a joint proposal with the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the City of Berkeley to help close the \$10 million funding gap that the ERC is facing, so that construction on the project can begin on time next year.

As you know the Ed Roberts Campus (ERC) is a model of transit-oriented development that will serve thousands of low-income seniors and people with disabilities who live in the Greater Bay Area, from its location at the Ashby BART Station. MTC was one of the first agencies to recognize the great potential of the ERC and awarded the project several planning grants, including significant capital grants over the past 10 years. With MTC's help the ERC has secured over \$35 million in public and private grants and loans to date. Next year, the ERC plans to start construction provided that they can close the remaining \$10 million gap in financing that they need. The plans are complete, approvals are in place, and all permits will be issued in time for the 2008 construction start.

I understand that MTC, the ACCMA, and the City of Berkeley have been meeting to discuss a joint proposal to close ERC's funding gap. I know that funds are limited and there is plenty of competition among worthy projects. However with a combination of funds from MTC, ACCMA, the City of Berkeley, and an additional \$250,000 in federal funding that I am working to secure this fiscal year, we can engineer a creative solution that shares the burden among all the major stakeholders in this important project.

Again, thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Ed Roberts Campus. I urge you to continue working together with the ACCMA and the City of Berkeley to help close the ERC's funding gap and ensure that the vision of a one-stop, transit oriented, service center for people with disabilities becomes a reality.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress

Cc: Mayor Tom Bates
Dmitri Belser, President, Ed Roberts Campus

From: Cynthia Kaufman <kaufmancynthia@fhda.edu>
To: <rmckeown@mtc.ca.gov>
Date: 10/19/2007 8:58:55 AM
Subject: CMAQ \$

Hi-

I am a citizen involved in Climate Change politics in Pacifica. I have been looking into the issue of traffic congestion in Pacifica, and into climate friendly solutions. One thing that has occurred to me is that if we had school busses our congestion would be significantly reduced. I believe that a rather large proportion of the morning commute traffic is parents taking their children to school.

I know Woody Hastings, and he mentioned to me that there is money from CMAQ for traffic mitigation projects. I wanted to see if you were looking into funding school busses as a form of traffic mitigation.

Thanks,

Cynthia Kaufman 650.557.9797

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November 6, 2007

**SUBJECT: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM/CONGESTION
MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STP/CMAQ) Cycle 3
Bonus**

Dear Mr. Bockelman:

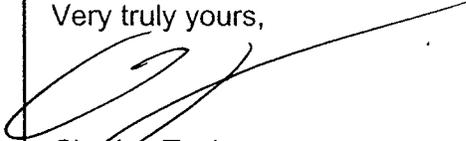
The City of Menlo Park understands that this might be late in the process but only found this out recently. The City would like to submit the following projects for your consideration for the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Surface Transportation/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (STP/CMAQ) Cycle 3 Bonus Funding:

- Willow Road Traffic Signal Systems Modification (Total Project Cost: \$1.3 million)
- Bayfront Expressway Bicycle/Pedestrian Undercrossing (Total Project Cost: \$750,000)

For more information about these two projects, enclosed are the City's previous project funding applications. The City was successful in securing partial funding in the amount of \$240,000 for the Willow Road Traffic Signal Modification from the SAFETEA-LU grant program. The amount of funding being requested for this project is the unfunded portion of the project cost, which is approximately \$1.2 million. The City is requesting funding for the project cost of \$750,000 for the Bayfront Expressway/Bicycle Pedestrian Undercrossing. The City is anticipating that both projects, if the required funding were received, would be completed prior to December, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning our proposed projects, please contact me at (650) 330-6771.

Very truly yours,


Charles Taylor
Transportation Manager

attachments

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October 29, 2007

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Programming and Allocations
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
101 Eighth Street
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Subject: Request for apportionment of federal CMAQ funds

Ref: MTC October 15, 2007 Memorandum to PTAC (Cycle 3 Bonus)

Dear Alix,

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) has previously approved the distribution of \$550,000 of TDA Article 3 FY 2007/08 funds for the City of Brisbane's "Bayshore Corridor North-South Bikeway Project". As demonstrated in the enclosed original TDA Article 3 application, the project proposes a new Class II bikeway in a corridor where there is no nearby existing bike lane. The application demonstrates that the project is well-supported by the community, and that it provides a viable alternative to automobile commuting, while also enhancing transit commute opportunities due to the number of transit modes the bikeway will pass.

Due to limited funds in the TDA Article 3 program, the dollar amount approved by C/CAG will only construct approximately 1/2 of the 3.3 miles of ultimate bikeway proposed. The emissions reductions of bicycle commuters (whether or not they employ an additional transit mode) is consistent with the transportation control measures identified in section 108 of the Clean Air Act.

Therefore, **we respectfully request MTC favorably consider funding \$700,000 CMAQ Cycle 3 Bonus dollars to the Bayshore Corridor North-South Bikeway Project for completion of the currently unfunded portion of the project.** Preliminary design has already been completed for the project; there are no anticipated environmental challenges as the bikeway will be installed on the paved shoulders of an existing roadway; and, the City can hold a Field Review meeting with Caltrans' Local Projects Assistance office within 30 days of notification that funding for the second half of the project is available. **Staff is available and the City will commit to ensuring obligation of any CMAQ funds received prior to December 2008.**

October 29, 2007
Alix Bockelman
CMAQ Bonus funds-Bayshore Bikeway
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Please call me at (415) 508-2131 if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,



Randy L. Breault, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Encl: October 29, 2007 C/CAG Letter of Support
January 8, 2007 TDA Article 3 Application to C/CAG (copy)

Cc(w/out encl): Rich Napier, Sandy Wong (C/CAG)
Matt Lee

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October 29, 2007

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RE: Support for City of Brisbane Request for CMAQ funding

Dear Alix,

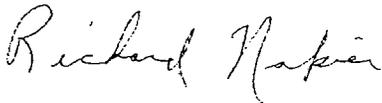
This letter is written in support of the City of Brisbane's request for an apportionment of CMAQ funding (Cycle 3 "Bonus" dollars) for the "Bayshore Corridor North-South Bikeway Project".

The referenced project was ranked number 2 out of 20 projects submitted to the C/CAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for TDA Article 3 FY 2007/08 consideration. As the total dollar value of all submitted projects exceeded the available funding by nearly \$1M, the City voluntarily offered to re-engineer its application into two geographic projects and only request funding for the southern half so that the BPAC could extend funding to several other deserving projects within the county.

The City of Brisbane's Department of Public Works has a solid record of project delivery, and has in previous years been the recipient of "bonus" funding, with all project funds obligated on time.

Please feel free to contact me at (650) 599-1420 or Sandy Wong at (650) 599-1409 if you need any further information.

Sincerely,



Richard Napier
Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG)

Cc: Ross McKeown, Kenneth Folan