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Memorandum

TO: Programming and Allocations Committee

DATE: Dec. 12, 2007

FR: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee
Raphael Durr, MCAC Chair & Michael Rubiano, Vice Chair

RE: **MCAC Comments on STA Funding Distribution Proposals**

The Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC), at its regular monthly meeting yesterday, December 11, 2007, was asked by MTC staff to comment on the proposed distribution proposals for the SB-717 augmentation to STA-population based funding. Yesterday was the First time this agenda item was before MCAC for comment, and because the turnaround time for providing comments to the Programming and Allocations Committee was extremely short, after much discussion, MCAC members voted unanimously to transmit these three points to Commissioners:

- 1) MCAC is uncomfortable making a recommendation on the funding proposals because MCAC members do not know how these proposals affect minority and low-income communities. MCAC asks that before any final decisions about the SB-717 augmentation are made, that an analysis be performed as to the number of minority and low income community members who utilize the four consolidated categories of transportation that will receive augmentation funds. Moreover, MCAC believes this analysis need not take an inordinate amount of time, as minority and low-income ridership data has already been collected for other studies and purposes. MCAC members believe we cannot give the Commission an informed decision without some knowledge of the number of minority and low-income residents who utilize the services in each funding category.
- 2) If possible, MCAC requests that the decision on a distribution proposal be delayed until such analysis can be performed with existing data. Again, MCAC reasonably believes this analysis can take place before your next meeting in January.
- 3) If you cannot delay your decision, MCAC requests that in the future such analysis of the impact on minority and low-income communities be completed and incorporated in any proposal before asking MCAC to make a recommendation on a proposal that will be in place for 10 years.