



COMMUNITY BRIDGES
Puentes de la Comunidad

May 24, 2005

Pat Dellin
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Ms. Dellin,

Community Bridges is requesting the RTC's sponsorship for a Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District AB267 grant proposal. The Meals of Wheels program has developed a "Green Wheels" two-year project that would significantly decrease county vehicular mileage and reduce county emissions. The Green Wheels program is centered around the acquisition of two hybrid vehicles with separate designated functions. One vehicle would act as transportation for an incentive driven vanpool to pre-existing congregate meal sites. The other vehicle would implement a weekly bulk meal delivery service to Santa Cruz and North Monterey County clients, replacing the current daily delivery service.

The entire project budget is \$141,363 with a \$96,000 grant request from the MBUAPCD AB 2766. The grant budget details the division of funding sources with supplemental fiscal support leveraged from TDA's secured monies for the vanpool project. We have been coordinating with the AB267 Grant Representative in order to design a project that provides needed services, which Meals on Wheels delivers and best aligns with the intention of the grant. The fiscal, statistical and forecast data support the need and demonstrate long-range county benefits from the successful implementation of this program.

Our representative has communicated that a preliminary endorsement from RTCCC with a contingency pending commission approval would be sufficient for a Community Bridges application due on June 1st. Community Bridges would be honored to have RTCCC sponsor this grant as our public agency. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sam Storey
CEO
Community Bridges