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April 14, 2009

Sam Storey, Chief Executive Officer
Community Bridges
236 Santa Cruz Ave
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**RE: Mobility Management Center Project for the Second Round of Federal Stimulus
Funding**

Dear Mr. Storey:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) advises transportation service providers and planning agencies on issues related to the provision of specialized transportation for people with disabilities, seniors and persons with limited means.

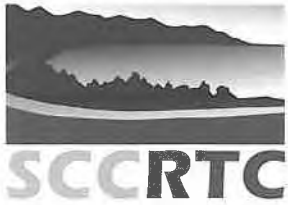
At their April 14, 2009 meeting, the E&D TAC took action to:

Recommend that Community Bridges include a project to develop and implement a Mobility Management Center for Santa Cruz County in their request for the second round of federal economic stimulus funding.

Sincerely,

John Daugherty, Chair
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

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RE: Inclusion of a Senior Mealsite Transportation Project in the Second Round of Federal Stimulus Funding

Dear Mr. Storey:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) advises transportation service providers and planning agencies on issues related to the provision of specialized transportation for people with disabilities, seniors and persons with limited means.

At their April 14, 2009 meeting, the E&D TAC took action to:

Recommend that Community Bridges include a project for supplemental funding for transportation to senior mealsites in the request for the second round of federal economic stimulus funding.

Sincerely,

John Daugherty, Chair
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

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April 14, 2009

Les White, General Manager
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Inclusion of Bus Shelters in San Lorenzo Valley for the Second Round of Federal Stimulus Funding

Dear Mr. White:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) advises transportation service providers and planning agencies on issues related to the provision of specialized transportation for people with disabilities, seniors and persons with limited means.

At their April 14, 2009 meeting, the E&D TAC took action to:

Recommend that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District include a project to construct bus shelters, particularly in the San Lorenzo Valley, in their request for the second round of federal economic stimulus funding.

Sincerely,

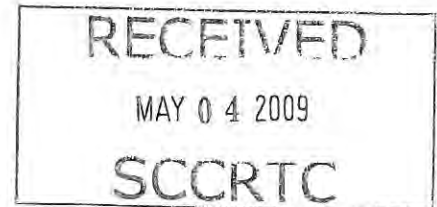
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*Santa Cruz Metropolitan
Transit District*

April 30, 2009

John Daugherty, Chair
Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, California 950960



RE: SCCRTC Federal Stimulus Funds

Dear Mr. Daugherty,

This letter is in response to a letter that I received from you dated April 14, 2009. In your letter you indicated that the Members of the Santa Cruz County Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) had taken action at their April 14, 2009 meeting to recommend that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) include a project to construct bus shelters, particularly in the San Lorenzo Valley, in the request for funding from the second round of federal stimulus funds.

The funds that were made available to Santa Cruz County, for transportation, from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) were allocated in two programs. One program delivered transit funds directly to METRO using the Federal Transit Administration Urban Formula mechanism. The other program delivered funds designed primarily for highway purposes, through the State, to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC). The METRO Board of Directors elected to use the transit funds to replace 27 vans in the ParaCruz Division. Additionally, the METRO Board of Directors chose to use some of the ARRA transit funds to purchase and implement a Smart Card fare collection system and an improved dispatching system for the Fixed Route Division.

METRO also applied for funds from the SCCRTC. The SCCRTC elected to use the ARRA funds that they received to fund three paratransit vans at UCSC and a number of local road projects. It was pointed out to METRO during the project selection process for the ARRA funds that there was an agreement by METRO in 2007 that, in exchange for the use of flexible funds by the SCCRTC to purchase buses, repower buses to CNG, and to direct funds to the construction of a portion of the MetroBase Project, METRO would not apply for flexible funds in the future that could be used for road projects. There was a concern expressed by City Public Works Directors that the ARRA application by METRO reneged on that agreement. The METRO projects were assigned a "back-up" status by the SCCRTC so that they would receive funding only if there was a danger of losing ARRA funds from Santa Cruz County due to the failure of one of the approved projects from meeting their deadline.

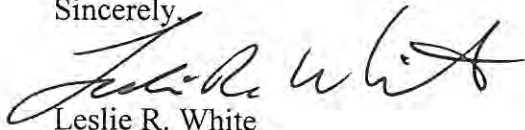
The next round of ARRA funds will also be from a program that is primarily for highway and road construction. If METRO were to submit an application for these funds the same concerns would arise that were expressed in the first round of funding. Therefore, I do

not anticipate that METRO will be submitting an application for any funding from the second round of ARRA funds from the SCCRTC. However, Santa Cruz County has been a leader locally in using funds from the Redevelopment Agency to purchase and install bus shelters in certain locations. I would encourage you to send your letter of April 14, 2009 to the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department. They may be able to incorporate shelter installation in the San Lorenzo Valley into road projects that they may be developing for that area.

I wish I could provide a more positive response regarding bus shelter financing. As you know, the State of California has adopted a budget policy that eliminates all public transit financing for five years. Therefore, capital improvements, such as bus shelters, buses, transit centers, and other needed projects will not be funded in the near future. This is a very disappointing situation for METRO.

Thank you for your letter regarding the recommendation of the Members of the SCCRTC E&D TAC and for your continuing support for improved public transportation services. I look forward to the time when METRO will be able to respond affirmatively to your recommendations.

Sincerely,



Leslie R. White
General Manager

Cc: Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager
 Angela Aitken, Finance Manager
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