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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: FUNDING AND DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES
AMONGST SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES ADMINISTERING
THE RIDER RELIEF TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

ISSUE

In November 2007, the Board of Directors approved our recommended Rider Relief Transportation Program (RRTP). At that time, we identified three social service agencies that had expressed interest in administering the program. We also informed the Board that we would work with the agencies to finalize the details for dividing the administrative service areas, defining administrative duties and allocating subsidies.

We now will be allocating subsidies according to the size and the corresponding population of each agency's agreed-upon geographical service area. Therefore, the FAME Assistance Corporation (FAC), the Human Services Association (HSA) and the Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles (JFS) will be accorded 60%, 25% and 15%, respectively, of the administrative and transportation subsidies.

BACKGROUND

When the Board of Directors approved the recent Metro fare adjustment, they set aside \$5 million in the FY 08 Budget for the RRTP. The goal of establishing the RRTP was to help mitigate the impact of the fare adjustment on the neediest segment of the transit dependent population in Los Angeles County. We began distributing the RRTP fare media in April 2008, and we will be implementing the RRTP on a trial basis through the end of FY 2009. At the end of FY 2009, we may return to the Board with program modifications if any.

Currently, the FAC, HSA and JFS are working with a network of non-profit and governmental agencies to distribute Metro tokens and pass subsidy coupons to the RRTP's target population. Tokens are available for distribution to eligible clientele, as well as pass subsidy coupons in the following denominations:

- \$5 for the regular riders (reflects 50% of the fare adjustment);
- \$2 for the seniors (reflects 100% of the fare adjustment);
- \$3 for the K-12 students (reflects 50% of the fare adjustment); and
- \$2 for the college students (reflects 50% of the fare adjustment)

Each of the three agencies is required to use at least 90% of their RRTP funding for the above-mentioned transportation subsidies, and each may use up to 10% of their RRTP funding for administrative costs.

NEXT STEPS

We will return at the end of FY 2009 with a program evaluation and any modifications that may be needed for the program. The program will continue to operate, subject to Board approval.