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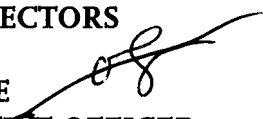
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**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THROUGH:** ROGER SNOBLE   
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**SUBJECT:** SECOND SOLICITATION FOR FEDERAL  
JARC FUNDING PROPOSALS

### ISSUE

We will be conducting a second countywide Solicitation for Proposals for funding projects eligible under Section 5316 - the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

### BACKGROUND

At their May 25, 2006 meeting, the Board of Directors approved us to be the Designated Recipient for federal formula funding from the JARC and Section 5317 - New Freedom (NF) programs. The Board also authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to select projects, program funding, and file and execute FTA grant applications, agreements and contracts needed to fulfill our responsibilities as a Designated Recipient.

In January 2008, we informed the Board that we would be conducting a countywide Solicitation for Proposals to fund eligible projects under the JARC and NF programs. Following that update, we completed an application package, which was posted on our website and mailed to an extensive list of prospective eligible agencies. Also, about 40 participants representing a variety of transportation and social services agencies attended two workshops that we conducted jointly with Caltrans. At the workshops, we reviewed the application process and requirements with the participants.

We have received several applications for both the JARC and NF programs in response to our initial Solicitation for Proposals. After reviewing these applications and the projects proposed, we have concluded that we need to go out with a second Solicitation for Proposals for the JARC program. A second Solicitation for Proposals process will allow us to receive more applications that address the gaps identified in the Coordinated Public Transit-Human

Services Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County, which was adopted by the Board in January 2008. Furthermore, a second Solicitation for Proposals will allow us to receive new applications from eligible agencies serving or willing to serve other regions that were not covered in applications from our first Solicitation for Proposals.

### **NEXT STEPS**

As we receive applications for JARC funding, our evaluation team will review them for project eligibility and rank them according to criteria established by federal guidelines. We expect to proceed with the following activities according to the schedule shown:

- Requests for Proposals Released: May 2008
- Workshops: June 2008
- Proposals Due: August 2008
- Notify Board of Projects Recommended for Funding September 2008
- FTA Application Submitted: September 2008

The CEO will need to approve project award recommendations before the projects are included in the Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Once approved and placed in the TIP, we will prepare and submit grant applications to the FTA for final funding awards.