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To: Eligible Applicants and Interested Parties
From: Janet Orth, Deputy Director for Administration
Re: **Notice of Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Program**

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has announced the availability of Fiscal Year 2010-11 Transportation Planning Grant funds. An estimated \$9,000,000 statewide is expected this cycle, providing grants for Community-Based Transportation Planning, Environmental Justice, Partnership Planning and Transit Planning (FTA Section 5304). The grant program is intended to promote a balanced, comprehensive multi-modal transportation system. The final results of these grants should lead to the adoption, initiation, and programming of transportation improvements that improve mobility, access, and economic vitality.

The grant programs are open to Cities and Counties, Native American Tribal Governments, Nonprofit Organizations/Community-Based Organizations, Transit Operators, Universities and Community Colleges, and other public and private entities.

Under several of the grant programs, only the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) is eligible to apply on behalf of the entity with a project, who would be a sub-recipient. In Mendocino County, the RTPA is Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG).

Therefore, if you need MCOG to be the project applicant, please submit your application to MCOG at the above address, and NOT to Caltrans. We would need to receive your concept proposal in advance, for consideration and approval by the Council at its regular meeting, by the following dates. Completed applications must be received in the Caltrans District 1 office in Eureka by the dates shown.

Planning Grant type	Date Due to MCOG	Date Due to Caltrans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partnership Planning ▪ Transit Planning 	5:00 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2010	5:00 p.m. Monday March 1, 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Based Transportation Planning ▪ Environmental Justice 	5:00 p.m., Friday, February 12, 2010	5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 1, 2010

I have attached the summary chart from Caltrans' Transportation Planning Grants Guide. Applications forms are available at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>. Also on the website you can view the complete guide and examples of past grant awards.

I encourage you to contact MCOG staff with your project concept initially, so that we can help recommend the appropriate grant program or other actions to achieve your planning objectives. MCOG has sponsored numerous planning grants over the years, so our staff has extensive experience with these programs. For more information, please call 463-1859 and ask for me or Loretta Ellard, or email to: ellardl@dow-associates.com.

Enc: Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart
cc: Jesse Robertson, Caltrans District 1