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To: MPOS AND RTPAS:

The Division of Mass Transportation (Division) is pleased to announce the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 call for projects. An estimated **\$25.1 million** will be allocated to enhance public transportation in rural areas. This amount excludes the amount allowable for program administration and 5311(f) discretionary funding. The amount includes **\$20.7** million in new federal transportation legislation "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21) funds and **\$4.4 million** unencumbered under prior Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users cycles that are being carried over to fiscal year (FY) 2013. This apportionment is based on the 2010 decennial census; **it represents the full funding amount for FY 2013**. Amounts allocated to each region can be viewed in Attachment 1.

Note: MAP-21 repealed the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program. However, JARC- like projects can now be funded under the Section 5311 program. This Program modification will allow Transportation Planning Agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations more flexibility and discretion. Eligible 5311 - JARC activities can be found in FTA Circular 9050.1 at: <u>http://www.fta.dot.gov/legislation_law/12349_6623.html</u>

This 5311- JARC inclusive program will be administered under the Division's Section 5311 process. The application for FFY 2013 is available on our website at: <u>http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5311.html</u> All FFY 2013 projects will require the following documentation:

- A complete application 1 original, notarized copy, and 1 electronic copy (CD or flash drive).
- A Program of Projects (POP).
- Support documentation.
- Current FTA Certifications and Assurances.

These documents are due to your California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District Transit Representative (DTR) on **April 5, 2013**. All FFY 2013 projects must be programmed prior to the Division's submittal to FTA. Flex funded Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) projects applications, their POP's, and transfer requests must route through your appropriate District Local Assistance Engineer and DTR. The CMAQ applications are due to Caltrans DTR by **March 1, 2013**.

For more information about the FTA Section 5311 program and other FTA programs, please navigate to the Federal Register: <u>http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-10-16/pdf/2012-25152.pdf</u> or contact your appropriate DTR or DMT Headquarters liaison as displayed in Attachment 2.

Sincerely, 20 JAMES OGBONNA

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