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DATE: August 26, 2008

TO: Amber Crabbe  
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RE: SFMTA Lifeline Transportation Program Grant Application for Improvements to Lifeline Pass Distribution


The Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA) would like to go on record in support of the SFMTA's grant request for funding to improve the distribution of SFMTA's Lifeline Pass.

For low-income San Franciscans, a discounted transit pass is vital for access to educational and employment opportunities. Making public transportation an economical choice for low-income residents allows them to save money and help achieve financial stability.

The improvements under SFMTA's grant request would help make the Lifeline Pass more accessible to those most in need. Currently, eligible low-income residents can purchase Lifeline Passes at only three locations. SFMTA's innovative proposal would expand pass sales to dozens of locations throughout San Francisco and likely lead to significant growth in pass utilization.

EDIA urges the SFCTA to help improve the mobility of low-income residents by funding this program.

Sincerely,

  
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RE: SFMTA Lifeline Transportation Program Grant Application for Improvements at the Persia Triangle

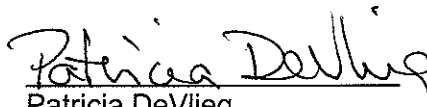
The Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA) would like to go on record in support of the SFMTA's grant application to fund improvements at the Persia Triangle.

The Persia Triangle is central to the commercial core of the Excelsior district, and is an important transit hub for many of the low-income and transit-dependent community members who reside in the neighborhood. The Triangle is also the site of our largest annual community-building event, the Excelsior Festival, and is a high pedestrian and car traffic area. We believe there is great development potential in this area, and improvements at this core location will serve as a catalyst for additional improvements and investment in our community.

Currently, the Persia Triangle exhibits many of the problems we believe need to be immediately addressed. With the proposed design solutions, transit access and pedestrian safety will be increased by reducing crossing distances with curb extensions, and other measures designed to reduce traffic conflicts along Persia, Ocean and Mission. The proposed designs also include greening along the perimeter of the triangle area to further calm traffic while enhancing the pedestrian experience in this very busy area.

EDIA enthusiastically urges the SFCTA to support the proposed improvements to the Ocean/Mission/Persia Triangle by funding this grant application.

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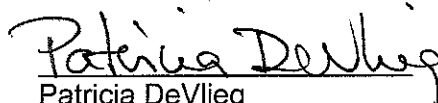
RE: SFMTA Lifeline Transportation Program Grant Application for 29 Line Reliability Improvements

The Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA) would like to go on record in support of the SFMTA Lifeline Transportation Program grant application to fund one additional year of the Line 29 Reliability Improvement Project.

SFMTA has received Lifeline funding for this project in the past, which provided additional buses and operators to implement a more realistic schedule and more frequent service. As a result, intervals between buses during rush hours have decreased from 15 minutes to 10 minutes. Customers have directly benefitted from improved service reliability and shorter waiting times. SFMTA anticipates that it will not have to submit an additional grant request after this funding cycle. The implementation of SFMTA's Transit Effectiveness Project is expected to result in a balanced citywide service plan which will incorporate resources sufficient to properly operate Line 29 without external supplementary funding.

The 29 Sunset is an important transit line that serves residents of our community. EDIA supports SFMTA's efforts to improve service in this area overall, and on the 29 Line specifically.

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RE: SFMTA Lifeline Transportation Program Grant Application for San Bruno Avenue TPS Improvements

The Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA) would like to go on record in support of the SFMTA Lifeline Transportation Program grant application to implement Transit Preferential Streets (TPS) improvements along San Bruno Avenue. San Bruno Avenue is among the most busily traveled transit corridors in San Francisco, served by three heavily-used Muni routes (9, 9AX, and 9BX). However, it is also one of the most congested corridors with automobile traffic intensified by its location adjacent to Highway 101.

TPS measures proposed for San Bruno Avenue under this grant application would speed up service, improve bus stops, enhance safety for pedestrians and transit customers, and enhance the riding experience for Muni patrons. As noted by SFMTA's Transit Effectiveness Project, San Bruno Avenue is designated as a "Rapid" corridor, where capital improvements can significantly expedite service and attract new ridership, in turn reduce net operating costs for the SFMTA.

EDIA concurs that the San Bruno Avenue TPS project is essential to the low-income residents and workers of southeast San Francisco and hope that your funding support will make it a reality.

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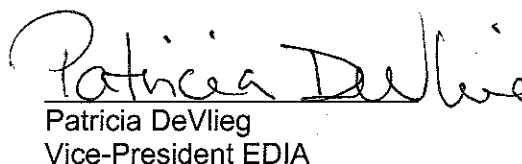
RE: SFMTA Lifeline Grant Application for Customer/Operator Security

The Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA) would like to go on record in support of the SFMTA's application for the Customer/Operator Security Lifeline Grant for Muni routes in low-income areas.

This grant will provide security on remote segments of low-income transit lines with security challenges. The transit lines identified for this grant include but are not limited to Routes 9, 19, 44, 54, and 67. EDIA supports SFMTA's efforts to bring safe and efficient transit service to San Francisco's low-income communities. This funding would provide security in the evening hours when security is most critical. The scope of this service would be to provide security either riding buses, following behind buses, or patrolling bus stops. This security would ensure safer travel for a ridership that is predominantly transit dependent.

EDIA urges the SFCTA to support this important element of SFMTA's service delivery by supporting this grant request.

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