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Agenda Item 6.3.1

Memorandum

Date: September 14, 2009

To: CMA Board

From: Plans and Programs Committee

Subject: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Small Urbanized Area Fund Application

Action
It is recommended that the Board approve the Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority (LAVTA) application for $323,225 of Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Small Urbanized Area Funds. The funds would be used to continue providing service on LAVTA's Wheels' Bus Route 14. Route 14 transports residents in the central, residential district of Livermore to downtown business district employment sites. Livermore is the only city in Alameda County that is eligible for Small Urbanized Area funds. JARC Small Urban Area applications must be submitted to Caltrans by October 30, 2009.

Next Steps
The recommended JARC Small Urbanized Area program will be submitted to MTC after the CMA Board meeting in October.

Discussion:
The goals of the JARC Small Urbanized Area Program, administered by Caltrans, are to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for low-income individuals and welfare recipients and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities. Livermore is the only area in Alameda County that is eligible for JARC Small Urbanized funds. The Central residential district in Livermore, which is served by Route 14, has a low income share of 21 percent with more than 70 CalWorks families in the service area. Route 14 has been funded by the LIFT (Low Income Flexible Transit) and JARC since 2002.

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