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To: Michelle Baumer and Safe and Equitable Street Solutions

Re: OBAG 3 County & Local Program

Dear Members of Safe and Equitable Street Solutions:

Thank you for your additional input on MTC's OBAG 3 County & Local Program, and for following up on your concerns with the City of Lafayette's application. MTC staff hope the following clarifications help address your key concerns as they relate to MTC's OBAG 3 project selection process.

Consistent with program policies, MTC staff evaluated OBAG 3 County & Local Program applications as complete projects as submitted by the sponsor and county; staff did not assess individual scope elements independently. The project application and supporting materials provided sufficient information for evaluation at both the county (completed by CCTA) and regional (completed by MTC) stages, per program guidelines. MTC staff are aware that a portion of the project's scope received a federal earmark and are working with the City of Lafayette to identify the outstanding funding need for the full project scope as applied for under OBAG 3. As detailed in the January 11 Programming and Allocations Committee staff report, MTC staff will re-evaluate funding awards to projects that receive additional funds (e.g., federal earmarks) subsequent to application submittal.

Should the City's project receive funding from MTC, specific concerns relating to elements of the project scope (e.g., the inclusion of a multi-use path on Topper Lane) should be addressed directly with the project sponsor, City staff and elected officials, during project development.

Sincerely,

Theresa Romell, Director

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