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Re: SBCAG interest in purchasing MCI coaches through a federal asset transfer

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for contacting SBCAG about the possibility of making MTD's MCI coaches available to the Clean Air Express service through a federal asset transfer process in partnership with the City of Lompoc. As you know, the Clean Air Express does not receive any state or federal transit funding and faces significant capital needs in order to maintain current service levels. As the five coaches were originally purchased with CMAQ funding approved by SBCAG and intended for use in interregional service connecting North Santa Barbara County with the South Coast, it is fitting that they be returned to use in Clean Air Express service. SBCAG has funding available to reimburse MTD for the non-depreciated local match contributed by the District when the buses were procured in 2004.

The Clean Air Express has a need for five coaches at the present time and we appreciate MTD's willingness to support regional transit service in Santa Barbara County by proposing a federal asset transfer process to assist SBCAG with our capital replacement plan. If the MTD board moves forward with an asset transfer process, we would like to schedule an inspection of the vehicles at your convenience and anticipate bringing a recommendation to the SBCAG North County Subregional Committee and full board in early 2015.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or want to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

Jim Kemp
Executive Director

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