

RESOLUTION NO. 73693

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING TO (A) REQUEST AND ACCEPT THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE IN ITS LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 FOR THE EMERGENCY AUTO REPAIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHICH IS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING BY THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA AND THE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY JOINT LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE; AND (B) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION AWARD AND TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, AND SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED, TO MTC, THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND SUCH OTHER AGENCIES AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has established a Lifeline Transportation Program to assist in funding projects that 1) are intended to result in improved mobility for low-income residents of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties, 2) are developed through a collaborative and inclusive planning process and 3) are proposed to address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a Community-Based Transportation Plan or are otherwise based on a documented assessment of needs; and

WHEREAS, MTC has identified a certain amount of funds in the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and State Transit Assistance (STA) programs to be made available for eligible projects for a three year interim program; and

WHEREAS, MTC adopted principles, pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 3726, Revised, to guide implementation of the Lifeline Transportation Program for the three year period from Fiscal Year 2005-06 through Fiscal Year 2007-08, and has designated the County Congestion Management Agency (or another countywide entity) in each of the nine bay area counties to help with recommending project selections and project administration; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Lifeline Transportation Committee (JLTC), composed of representatives from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and the County of

Santa Clara Department of Social Services, has been designated by MTC to assist with the Lifeline Transportation Program in the County of Santa Clara on behalf of MTC; and

WHEREAS, the JLTC conducted a competitive call for projects for the Lifeline Transportation Program in Santa Clara county; and

WHEREAS, the City of San José Housing Department submitted a project(s) in response to the competitive call for projects; and

WHEREAS, the JLTC, after review, recommends the City's proposed project(s), described more fully on Attachment A to this Resolution, attached to and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, be funded in part under the Lifeline Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of San José Housing Department agrees to meet project delivery and obligation deadlines, provide for the required local matching funds, and all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 3726 Revised; and

WHEREAS, the City of San José Housing Department certifies that the project(s) and purpose(s) for which funds are being requested is in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and with the State Environmental Impact Report Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 1500 et seq.) and if relevant the National Environmental Policy Alert (NEPA), 42 USC Section 4-1 et seq. and the applicable regulations thereunder; and

WHEREAS, that there is no legal impediment to the City of San José Housing Department making the funding request; and

WHEREAS, there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the ability of the City of San José Housing Department to deliver the proposed project(s) for which funds are being requested, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

A. The Director of Housing is authorized to request and accept MTC grant funds available under its Lifeline Transportation Program, in the amounts requested for which the City is eligible, for the project(s) described in Attachment A of this Resolution, as more specifically set forth in the Director of Housing Report dated February 28, 2007.

B. The Director of Housing is authorized to negotiate and execute the grant agreements and any amendments or other documents necessary to implement the program funded by the Lifeline Transportation Program award and to forward a copy of this

Resolution, and such other information as may be required, to MTC, the County of Santa Clara Department of Social Services, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and such other agencies as may be appropriate, as more specifically set forth in the Director of Housing Report dated February 28, 2007.

ADOPTED this 20th day of March, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:	CAMPOS, CHIRCO, CONSTANT, CORTESE, LICCARDO, NGUYEN, OLIVERIO, PYLE, WILLIAMS; REED
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
DISQUALIFIED:	NONE
VACANT:	DISTRICT 4

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Mayor

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, MMC
City Clerk

**Attachment A – Emergency Auto Repair Assistance Program (ARAP)
City of San José – Housing Services Partnership**

The City of San José has been operating a full service program for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness for about 14 years. The Transportation Assistance Program (hereafter referred to as TAP) is an integral part of that program. TAP provides day passes and one-way long distance travel assistance to low-income individuals and families for job counseling, employment, educational and medical purposes.

The City would like to augment TAP by offering emergency one-time auto repair assistance to qualified individuals needing transportation for employment, education or medical purposes. Offering monthly transportation to individuals with regular transportation needs would be more efficient and cost effective than providing day passes. The cost savings realized would enable the program to offer more day passes to needy families and individuals.

The expense of auto repair can snowball into a crisis that pushes low income families closer to homelessness, but help with auto repair is not commonly available. A small amount of assistance at the right time can keep these families from joining the ranks of homelessness.

The program will be administered by the Housing Services Partnership (hereafter referred to as HSP), which is a collaborative of three community based organizations, EHC LifeBuilders, Sacred Heart Community Service and InnVision, that provides a full array of services to the homeless population on behalf of the City of San José. Monthly reports will be submitted to include recipients of this ARAP assistance and the reasons for which these individuals require reliable transportation.