



June 22, 2009

To: All Members, Transportation Policy Board

From: Sid Martinez

Subject: Director's Report

1. **Walk & Roll Fest Wrap-Up** – This year the MPO celebrated our 13th annual Walk & Roll Fest by partnering with the San Antonio River Authority and Pearl Brewery. The Fest welcomed nearly 1,000 participants and helped to educate the public on the benefits of active transportation. Activities included 5 km and 10 km walking routes along the beautifully redeveloped River North Museum Reach of the San Antonio River, 28-mile Historic Missions Cycling Tour from Pearl Brewery to Mission Espada and a Family Bike Ride through Brackenridge Park. There was something for everyone at this year's Fest, which by all accounts was our best Fest yet!
2. **Walk & Roll Corporate Challenge** – is currently underway. The Walk & Roll Corporate Challenge is an annual event conducted by the Alamo Area Council of Governments and the MPO. This year's Challenge runs through the entire month of June. Organizations and businesses from around the region participate by signing up and logging their "smart miles" to help improve air quality. Smart miles include telecommuting, walking, cycling, car/vanpooling, taking the bus to work or eating in for lunch. Both large and small organizations with the most smart miles at the end of June will receive the Walk & Roll Commuters Challenge Cup. Recognition of the winners will occur at the July MPO Transportation Policy Board meeting. For more information on the challenge please visit www.aacog.com.
3. **MPO Bike Night on July 8th** – The MPO's Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee will be hosting a special evening meeting on Wednesday, July 8th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the VIA Metro Center. The committee has committed to holding three evening meetings per year in order to increase citizen attendance and participation. Agenda items include review of the draft 3rd Edition Bike Map, Long Range Transportation Plan Update and opportunities for public comment.
4. **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program** – Under a new Recovery Act program, up to \$1.5 billion was made available through September 30, 2011, for the Secretary of Transportation to make grants on a competitive basis for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Projects eligible for funding provided

under this program include, but are not limited to, highway or bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, and port infrastructure investments.

Attached is a notice of funding availability that was published in the Federal Register last week. The notice announces funding limitations, project selection criteria, application requirements and the deadline for submitting applications, which is September 15, 2009. Questions about this program can be addressed to TIGERGrants@dot.gov.