



March 23, 2009

**To:** All Members, Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Sid Martinez

**Subject:** Director's Report

1. **Issued RFP for Legal Services on March 9<sup>th</sup>** – the Request for Qualifications/Proposals for Legal Services was issued on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Proposals are due to the MPO on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee will review the submittals and prepare a recommendation for action at your next meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Status of Vacant Legislative Position on the TPB** – In accordance with the MPO's Policies, we have sent a letter to the Dean of the Bexar County State Delegation, Representative Frank Corte, to name a member of the delegation to the TPB. The position was last filled by Senator Carlos Uresti.
3. **Program Call for Pass Through Financing Projects** – On February 26, 2009, the Texas Transportation Commission approved a program call for pass-through financing projects. The amount of funding available for this program call is very limited. The Commission can approve no more than \$300 million in total reimbursements for projects selected in the pass-through financing program. Additional information can be found in the attachment. The deadline for the submission of pass-through financing applications is 3:00 pm on May 12, 2009.
4. **MPO Bike Night on April 8<sup>th</sup> and Walk & Roll Events** – the MPO's Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee will be hosting a special evening meeting on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 status reports on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Data Collection Project and the Linear Creekway project.

The two premier Walk & Roll events are the Walk & Roll Rally and the Walk & Roll Festival. The Walk & Roll Rally will be held on Friday, May 1, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Main Plaza. The Walk & Roll on the River Fest will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Pearl Brewery. More information can be found on the flyer on the back of this report.

5. **MPO Office will be closed on April 10<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday and Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> for Battle of Flowers**