

To: MDC Stakeholders
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DERA Clears Another Hurdle – Impact on MDC

As MDC moves into the new year the funding we've all been watching has come a step closer to becoming reality. Congress has adopted an Omnibus Appropriations Bill for FY 2008. This bill contains \$49.2 million to support DERA activities. Bill language indicates that both nonattainment and attainment areas will be eligible for these grants.

February Workgroup Call Information

Save-the-date: Please Save the Dates for the following times for our upcoming Forum Conference calls. Agendas and call in information will be forthcoming.

Agenda: While we have some speakers set up for the February meetings, we are always open to suggestions.

Discussion and planning: In addition to presentations, each workgroup is charged with identifying priority focus areas and developing a work plan by March 2008. Discussions will flow from the Projects identified through the attached template.

Dates and Times:

Wednesday, February 20, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ~ **Urban Fleets**
Thursday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ~ **Goods Movement**
Tuesday, February 26, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ~ **School Bus**
Wednesday, February 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ~ **Construction**

Taking an Inventory – Cataloging Project ideas and needs

Please review and fill out the attached *Project Template*. By developing a list of potential projects in the region we will be better able to develop our short, medium and long term goals. Project ideas need not be limited to those that require funding. They can also include ideas that need staff support or other non-monetary actions to make them a reality. The template is a start and while we'd certainly prefer as much information as possible, please provide what you can. But at the very least get the idea down on paper so we can include it in our workgroup discussions.

Charting a course – Determining short, medium and long term goals for MDC

In response to a charge by the MDC Steering Committee each workgroup must develop short, medium and long term goals. These goals need to be completed by the end of March. Thus, MDC staff will

work to develop draft proposals for each workgroup for discussion on the February calls. We also invite feedback via email or please call the workgroup leads, Bill Jones or Susan Stephenson.

Reminder – Sign up to receive workgroup specific information

If you would like to receive workgroup specific emails such as call agendas, funding notices, etc. please send Susan Stephenson or Bill Jones an email and we will add you to the appropriate workgroup.

Web Site Updates – Refresh Early and Often

As MDC starts to regularly update our website again we just wanted to remind users that it is important to “Refresh” your machine on a regular basis. We have had instances where updates have been posted yet users still cannot view the new materials. When your first visit as webpage, the computer has to actually save that page onto your computer to view the material. The next time you visit a page your computer will first look for that saved version on your computer and will display the saved version. If something has changed on the website you will not see the updates until you “refresh” which tells your computer to reload the page and thus display the page with the updated information. So if you don’t refresh, you see old materials.