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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 13, 2009

TO: MTA Board of Directors

FROM: Barbara Thornton, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM K: AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) – STATUS REPORT**

Recommended Action: Receive written and oral update regarding ARRA and the MTA work in progress.

Background: Attached is a recent Power Point presentation presented by Jim Baller, Baller Herbst Law Group, to the Southeast Chapter of NATOA (SEATOA) regarding “Stimulus Funding Opportunities for Broadband Projects.” It summarizes the latest information regarding ARRA from the Federal Agencies National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Rural Utility Services (RUS) Federal program. The first few slides are information we have already seen, however the remaining slides provide good insight into more recent information about what will make projects competitive for funding.

The request for applications (NOFA) from NTIA and RUS is currently expected late June 2009 for the first round of applications.

The Executive Officer has been working with Tom Robinson regarding the ARRA opportunities and has held meeting with several Marin entities regarding opportunities. She will provide further update regarding this work at the Board meeting.