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Ivan Allen Jr., Mayor

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Ivan Allen and Model Cities
Project Review Committee

FROM: Johnny C. Johnson and Model Cities
Plans and Evaluation Staff *Jle*

SUBJECT: Implementation of Transportation
and Education Projects

TRANSPORTATION:

Because of the dire need for improved transportation facilities in the Model Neighborhood Area and because of the high visibility factor involved in this project, we recommend the signing of the contract between the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Transit System for the immediate implementation of the following project:

TR-003N

Intra-Neighborhood Bus System

EDUCATION:

It is our recommendation that the contract between the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Board of Education be signed immediately for the implementation of the following projects:

ED-003N
ED-005N
ED019C
ED-020C
ED-021C

Middle School
Supplemental Classrooms
Tutorial Program
Communication Skills Laboratory
Lead Teachers

ED-022C	School Social Workers
ED-023C	School Library Program
ED-024N	Extended Day
ED-025N	Pre-School Activities
ED-039N	Inservice Training
ED-041C	Community School Program

We are not prepared at this time to recommend the implementation of two other projects in the Education Component. They are the following:

ED-026N Camping Program

The Board of Education has proposed taking all fifth graders in the Model Neighborhood Area and exposing them to a one-week camping experience. This project is too restrictive in nature to meet any real needs of the program. We would prefer a situation in which children from this area would have an opportunity to live with and relate to children from other areas of the city. A camping program with such severe time and participation limits as these cannot be tied directly to any of the first-year objectives of the Model Cities Program. We recommend its cancellation for this year since any need that it might fill under the existing plan can be filled by any number of other projects in the Education, Social Services, and Recreation and Culture components.

ED-030N Coordination and Evaluation

All evaluations of Model Cities projects will be performed under the supervision of the Plans and Evaluation Division and/or consultants representing the CDA and the city. It would not be logical nor would it be in the interest of complete objectivity for the Board of Education to evaluate itself. This same policy holds true for any other administering agency. We have no objection to the Board of Education doing a self-evaluation for its own sake, but for the benefit of the CDA and the city of Atlanta an objective third party should perform this task.

CONCLUSION:

All projects mentioned above in Education and Transportation have been carefully reviewed by the Plans and Evaluation Division of Model Cities and by the committee selected by Mayor Allen for the purpose of reviewing all proposed projects of Model Cities. We recommend, therefore, that contracts for the implementation of these projects be signed as soon as possible in order that residents may begin to see concrete evidence of the effectiveness of the Model Cities Program.