

TRANSPLAN COMMITTEE
Antioch - Brentwood - Pittsburg - Oakley and Contra Costa County

MINUTES

May 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the TRANSPLAN Committee was called to order in the Tri Delta Transit Board Room, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California by Chair Sean Wright at 6:37 P.M.

ROLL CALL / CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Juan Banales (Pittsburg), Diane Burgis (Contra Costa County), Emily Cross (Brentwood), Kerry Motts (Antioch), Kevin Romick (Oakley), Robert (Bob) Taylor (Vice Chair, Brentwood), and Sean Wright (Chair, Antioch)

ABSENT: James Coniglio (Pittsburg), Doug Hardcastle (Oakley), and Duane Steele (Contra Costa Planning Commission)

STAFF: Jamar Stamps, Senior Transportation Planner, TRANSPLAN Staff

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

On motion by Kevin Romick, seconded by Diane Burgis, TRANSPLAN Committee members adopted the Consent Calendar, as follows:

1. Adopted Minutes from the February 14, 2019 TRANSPLAN Meeting
2. Accepted Correspondence
3. Accepted Status Report on Major Projects
4. Accepted Calendar of Events
5. Accepted Environmental Register

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Banales, Burgis, Cross, Motts, Romick, Taylor, and Wright

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Coniglio, Hardcastle, and Steele

STANDING ITEM: CONCORD COMMUNITY REUSE PROJECT (FORMER CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION) UPDATE

Jamar Stamps, TRANSPLAN Staff, advised that there was nothing new to report other than the City of Concord was working on its Specific Plan and had consulted other jurisdictions with respect to the traffic study.

APPROVE THE EAST COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT LIST FOR THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC) REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), PLAN BAY AREA 2050, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Mr. Stamps referred to the memo in the packet dated May 9, 2019 that identified what the TRANSPLAN TAC had done to develop the recommendations for consideration.

Hisham Noeimi, Engineering Manager, Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), advised that MTC updated the RTP every four years and the last update had occurred in 2017. The current RTP, which had been named Plan Bay Area 2050, would be updated in 2021 and would cover 30 years through 2050. As part of the RTP, there was a project list constrained to the amount of funds expected to be available during those 30 years, and being on the list allowed sponsors to compete for federal and state funds. While not all the projects needed to be individually listed in the RTP in that there were programmatic categories to deal with bike/ped improvements, Complete Streets and the like, regionally significant projects such as widening a major freeway or an arterial or a major transit extension were regionally significant and could impact the system individually or impact air quality. As such, those regionally significant projects had to be included on the list.

Mr. Noeimi explained that CCTA staff had met with the RTPC TACs in April, had identified what was on the prior list and had made corrections, received updates, and updated the costs. While the needs for East County far exceeded the funding anticipated, in this case the identified projects slightly exceeded the East County target of \$809 million. He sought approval of the list to be able to submit to MTC. The list included all the high priority projects in East County, 17 individually listed projects anticipated to be completed over the next 30 years, and hopefully sooner. He added that whatever could not fit on the financially constrained list had been shown on the vision list, which included an eBART extension to Brentwood, widening the Highway 4 Bypass from two to three lanes, and other projects that were a lower priority at this time. If new funding sources became available over and above the \$809 million, projects on the vision list could be considered for funding.

On motion by Bob Taylor, seconded by Juan Banales, TRANSPLAN Committee members approved the East County Regional Transportation Plan Project List for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Regional Transportation Plan, Plan Bay Area 2050, as recommended by the TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Banales, Burgis, Cross, Motts, Romick, Taylor, and Wright

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Coniglio, Hardcastle, and Steele

APPROVE THE 2019 MEASURE J STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Stamps referred to the staff memo dated May 9, 2019 which summarized the TAC's process for updating the Measure J Strategic Plan and its recommendation for the 2019 Measure J Strategic Plan Update in light of lower revenue projections based on a slower economy that required a reduction in programs and projects in East County. He explained that the TAC's recommendation did not impact projects already under construction or projects already programmed. In addition to the suggested funding adjustments, the TAC had recommended programming some of TRANSPLAN'S share of Major Streets funds to the James Donlon Extension project.

Hisham Noeimi presented an update on Measure J, which had become effective on April 1, 2009, and the delivery of Measure J projects. Given the importance of subregional equity, the Expenditure Plan had been drafted based on shares of population, with money set aside for projects and programs. Some regions had put most of the revenue into programs (West County) while others had put most of the revenue into projects (East County). Under Measure J, each jurisdiction received 18 percent of revenue as return to source. CCTA had issued bonds against future revenues to take advantage of one-time funding sources, which had helped to deliver projects such as the Highway 4 Widening project, which had allowed benefits to the public much sooner than would otherwise have been possible, and which had been able to take advantage of a good construction bid environment. He explained that the Strategic Plan had identified how much a Measure J project would get, and in what year.

Mr. Noeimi stated the CCTA Board of Directors had committed to update the Strategic Plan every two years and this would be the sixth update to the Measure J Strategic Plan since the first that had been adopted in 2007. With each update, bid service costs, revenue projections, and project schedules had been evaluated. Given that most economists expected an economic slowdown in a few years due to high interest rates, the tariff situation that would be passed to consumers, and the impact of the tax plan where people were not able to deduct as much as had previously been deducted which was expected to reduce spending in the next three years, lower revenues were expected.

With respect to the delivery of Measure J projects, Mr. Noeimi stated one third of the program had passed although two thirds of the projects had been delivered and 77 percent of Measure J funds had already been spent. He identified some of those projects that had been completed along with those that remained. Because of the expected revenue reductions, the amount of funding for projects had to be reduced. In East County that needed reduction had been identified as \$56 million.

Mr. Noeimi explained that there had been an effort not to impact projects that were ongoing or had been committed. The projects recommended for reduction were identified, areas where savings could occur were noted, and reserves had been removed.

Mr. Noeimi responded to questions and advised that the passage of a new measure would involve a new program of projects; and it would be up to the TRANSPLAN Committee to identify what projects to be restored and the process that could be used if additional funding became available.

On motion by Kevin Romick, seconded by Kerry Motts, TRANSPLAN Committee members approved the 2019 Measure J Strategic Plan Update, as recommended by the TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Banales, Burgis, Cross, Motts, Romick, Taylor, and Wright

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Coniglio, Hardcastle, and Steele

RECEIVE REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIAL NEW TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN (TEP)

Mr. Noeimi stated that Measure X, which had been on the ballot in November 2016, had fallen short to get the two thirds vote for passage. At the request of the CCTA Board, a Work Plan and schedule had been presented to develop a new Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), to be placed on the March 2020 primary or the November 2020 ballot. For various reasons, the Board preferred a March 2020 ballot, but in order to meet the schedule staff would have to develop the initial draft of the TEP at the June CCTA Board meeting, to then be distributed to the RTPCs for consideration. There was a need for adoption by August 2019 with city and county support to be able to place it on the March 2020 ballot. He acknowledged the quick timeline and sought information from the TRANSPLAN Committee as to how to proceed with the process. He noted the potential need for special meetings to accommodate the schedule.

Mr. Noeimi stated that EMC had done some public research and had held five focus group meetings to identify what people were thinking about transportation. He presented a document to identify some of the takeaways from those meetings and reported that EMC was currently doing polling and would present the information to the CCTA Board on May 15, 2019.

While Bob Taylor wanted to see what had been produced prior to considering the next step, Kevin Romick suggested the TAC should get started immediately to be ready by June for adoption and referral to the CCTA Board to allow its action by August 2019.

Mr. Stamps reported that the TAC had already planned to meet this month to discuss the TEP and other items prior to the July deadline. He noted there were two regularly scheduled TRANSPLAN Board meetings between now and the end of July, although special meetings could be considered.

Chair Wright agreed with the need to consider extra meetings. He also acknowledged the need for East County to allocate money for infrastructure.

ADOPT PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019/20 WORK PLAN AND BUDGET AND DIRECT STAFF TO DELIVER INVOICES TO THE MEMBER AGENCIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Stamps presented the 2019/20 operating budget which was supported by the member payments from all Member Agencies. He stated this year there had been a small surplus and the member payments would be reduced somewhat; however, he added that TRANSPLAN staff and the TAC would be very busy with all the plans being updated and extra meetings might be required. Each jurisdiction's contribution would be \$5,263. He recommended approval of the budget.

On motion by Kevin Romick, seconded by Diane Burgis, TRANSPLAN Committee members adopted the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Work Plan and Budget and directed staff to deliver invoices to the Member Agencies, as recommended by the TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Banales, Burgis, Cross, Motts, Romick, Taylor, and Wright

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Coniglio, Hardcastle, and Steele

TRANSPLAN COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/UPDATES

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wright adjourned the meeting of the TRANSPLAN Committee at 7:18 P.M. to Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. or other day/time deemed appropriate by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Tucci-Smith
Minutes Clerk