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# TRANSPLAN Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 2012 – 6:30 PM

Tri Delta Transit Board Room, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch

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## AGENDA

*Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preferences of the Committee.*

- 1. Open the meeting.**
- 2. Accept public comment on items not listed on agenda.**

### Consent Items (see attachments where noted [♦])

- 3. Adopt Minutes from June 14, 2012 TRANSPLAN Meeting ♦ PAGE 2**
- 4. Accept Correspondence ♦ PAGE 8**
- 5. Accept Status Report on Major Projects ♦ PAGE 21**
- 6. Accept Calendar of Events ♦ PAGE 30**
- 7. Accept Environmental Register ♦ PAGE 32**

### Action/Discussion Items (see attachments where noted [♦])

**None.**

### Closed Session Items

#### **8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- EXISTING LITIGATION (Govt. Code Sect. 54956.9(a))**

Case Name: TRANSPLAN & ECCRFFA v. City of Pittsburg; Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. MSN11-0395

### End of Closed Session Items

- 9: Adjourn to next meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. or other day/time as deemed appropriate by the Committee.**

**ITEM 3**  
**ADOPT MINUTES FROM JUNE 2012 MEETING**

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

MINUTES

June 14, 2012

The meeting of the TRANSPLAN Committee was called to order in the Tri Delta Transit Board Room, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California by Chair Jim Frazier at 6:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Gil Azevedo (Antioch), Brian Kalinowski (Antioch), Bruce Ohlson (Pittsburg), Kevin Romick (Oakley), Duane Steele (Contra Costa County Planning Commission), Robert Taylor (Brentwood), Joe Weber (Brentwood), and Chair Jim Frazier (Oakley)

ABSENT: Salvatore Evola (Pittsburg), and Mary N. Piepho (Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors)

STAFF: John Cunningham, TRANSPLAN Staff  
Stephen Siptroth, Legal Counsel

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

There were no comments from the public.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

On motion by Kevin Romick, seconded by Joe Weber, TRANSPLAN Committee members unanimously adopted the Consent Calendar, as follows:

3. Adopted Minutes from May 10, 2012 TRANSPLAN meeting.
4. Accepted Correspondence.
5. Accepted Status Report on Major Projects
6. Accepted Calendar of Events

**STATUS UPDATE ON SB 375/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES (SCS)**

John Cunningham, TRANSPLAN staff, explained that Martin Engelmann of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) had asked that the item be placed on the agenda. He was not currently present and it was continued until he was available.

**AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REGARDING BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT POLICIES ADDRESSING CHARGING STATIONS: FUNDING UTILITY**

Mr. Cunningham referred to his draft letter dated June 14, 2012 to Peter Engel, Program Manager of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority regarding electric vehicle charging stations and explained that the issue had been discussed at the last meeting of the TRANSPLAN Committee. He explained that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) had been resistant to publish guidelines or criteria to use Transportation Fund for Clear Air (TFCA) funds for charging stations, and with no response from the BAAQMD, the issue had been discussed at the local level which had then prompted a response from the BAAQMD. He referred to the draft letter that memorialized the criteria to be used given the lack of formal guidelines and asked that the letter be transmitted to the CCTA.

On motion by Bob Taylor, seconded by Gil Azevedo, TRANSPLAN Committee members unanimously authorized staff to send a letter to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority regarding Bay Area Air Quality Management District policies addressing electric vehicle charging stations.

**REVIEW TRANSPLAN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

Mr. Cunningham explained that the TRANSPLAN Administrative Procedures had also been held over from last meeting. County Counsel David Schmidt had asked for additional time to revise the procedures. The Administrative Procedures would likely be returned to the TRANSPLAN Committee next month.

On motion by Brian Kalinowski, seconded by Gil Azevedo, TRANSPLAN Committee members unanimously continued the Administrative Procedures to the next meeting.

**DRAFT 2012/2013 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**

Mr. Cunningham advised that the item had also been continued from the last meeting. He highlighted some of the changes from last year where ferry service planning coordination was likely to require some staff time along with a backstop for the State Route 4 Bypass project, additional changes related to the State Route 4 Ramp Metering Study, and Growth Management compliance. He noted that the budget had been adjusted to recognize new staffing, and had been reduced by approximately \$13,000, split across the five jurisdictions. He clarified that Jamar Stamps would assume the staffing of the TRANSPLAN Committee because duties within the Department of Conservation and Development had been rotated.

Mr. Cunningham added that the transition to new staffing should be smooth since he would remain in the same department and he and Mr. Stamps worked well together.

Mr. Cunningham advised that the final figures from the auditors had not yet been made available and the Preliminary Budget Report would be deferred until the exact figures became available, likely in September or October.

On motion by Brian Kalinowski, seconded by Joe Weber, TRANSPLAN Committee members unanimously approved the Draft Work Program and Budget for 2012/2013, and received the Preliminary Report on the 2011/2012 Budget.

**RECEIVE UPDATE ON WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (WETA)**

Mr. Cunningham stated with respect to WETA that there was nothing definitive happening. The CCTA had discussed the issue at its Administration and Projects Committee (APC) meeting last month with a follow up meeting in the next few weeks. The CCTA was considering how to approach the issue given the interest of several jurisdictions. On the suggestion of establishing a committee similar to the eBART Partnership Policy Advisory Committee (ePPAC), he stated he would follow up to get something on the agenda for next month given that the letter of interest had been out for two to three months now. He expected to have definitive information in the next couple of months.

As to the meeting with Senator DeSaulnier on the WETA issue, Mr. Cunningham stated that the Senator was supportive of allowing a representative from Contra Costa County sit on the WETA Board of Directors and had expressed some concern about legislation related to the reformed WETA Board. He looked forward to getting more information in that regard.

**STATUS UPDATE ON SB 375/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES (SCS)**

Martin Engelmann, Deputy Executive Director, Planning, of the CCTA, explained that for the past year the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) had been working to develop a preferred scenario for a Sustainable Community Strategy and were at the point of adopting a preferred scenario, working on the environmental process, and estimating 700,000 new housing units for the Bay Area region between 2010 and 2040, 40,000 of which would occupy dwelling units now vacant. He explained that the Great Recession had been calculated into that estimation. In addition, 1.1 million new jobs had been estimated for the Bay Area by the year 2040. Those figures translated into 90,000 homes and 120,000 jobs for Contra Costa County.

Mr. Engelmann delineated some of the expectations for eastern Contra Costa County, suggested it would be easy to meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocations with what had been projected, and noted that CCTA staff felt it was a reasonable forecast.

Mr. Engelmann presented the Plan Bay Area summary noting that more than half of the funding in the next 30 years would go to operations and maintenance for transit; the plan assumed that all available revenues, 88 percent, would go to operations and maintenance for transit, roads, and bridges.

Mr. Engelmann explained that the objective for the Plan Bay Area was to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 15 percent per capita by 2035. He delineated the report and noted that ABAG's major adjustment to the forecast reflected the loss of 400,000 jobs in the Bay Area and suggested that the GHG emissions were driven by jobs. He referred to the recommended climate policy initiatives for electric vehicle acceleration, vehicle buy-back and plug-in or electric vehicle purchase incentives, car sharing, vanpool incentives, the Clean Vehicles Feebate Program, smart driving strategies and a Commuter Benefits Ordinance to help meet the intended goals.

For the environmental development phase, Mr. Engelmann referred to five alternatives in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which were different from the earlier information and included a No Project alternative, a Jobs-Housing Connection scenario which was the preferred scenario, a Network of Transit Neighborhoods, Workforce Housing Opportunities, and an Environmental, Equity, and Jobs alternative. He identified the EIR schedule and explained that the plan remained on its original schedule with a 2013 adoption.

Bob Taylor wanted to go on record that East County would have a particular difficulty complying with the tenants of the plan given the lack of transit and the fact that most residents would be commuting for a long time.

Brian Kalinowski commented that East County had 90 percent of the builds and had net only 400 jobs, which would remain out of balance for some time. As to the type of jobs envisioned, he questioned whether there would be any emphasis in bringing any jobs beyond the standard residential development. From a regional perspective, he suggested that East County was in a deficit for job sustaining abilities and the expectation would be that East County residents would continue to commute. If that was the case, he suggested that East County should receive a larger percentage of roadway and transit monies. He characterized the plan as more of the same for East County.

Mr. Engelmann explained that by law, Plan Bay Area would have to be adopted by MTC by April 2013, and once adopted it would remain in force for four years until the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). If Senate Bill 1139 was implemented, he suggested it would not affect the adoption of the plan. With respect to jobs, he stated that MTC would offer information on the types of jobs proposed for East County, whether retail, service, office, manufacturing, or light industrial.

Mr. Kalinowski suggested that there needed to be a buy-in for diversifying the workforce throughout the Bay Area in partnership or leverage to provide East County some relief.

Chair Frazier adjourned into closed session at 7:06 P.M.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

Case Name: TRANSPLAN & ECCRFFA vs. City of Pittsburg; Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. MSN11-0395

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 7:29 P.M.

Legal Counsel Stephen Siptroth advised that there was nothing to report out of the closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Frazier adjourned the TRANSPLAN Committee meeting at 7:30 P.M. to July 12, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. or other day/time deemed appropriate by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Tucci-Smith  
Minutes Clerk

Handouts:

- Letter dated June 14, 2012 to Peter Engel, Program Manager of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority from John Cunningham, Program Manager of the TRANSPLAN Committee Re: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Bay Area Plan – Preferred Land Use and Transportation Investment Strategy, Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committees, May 11, 2012

**ITEM 4**  
**ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE**





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Executive Director

# MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara Neustadter, TRANSPAC  
Andy Dillard, SWAT, TVTC  
John Cunningham, TRANSPLAN  
Christina Atienza, WCCTAC  
Richard Yee, LPMC

From:   
Randell H. Iwasaki, Executive Director

Date: June 25, 2012

Re: Items approved by the Authority on June 20, 2012, for circulation to the  
Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest

At its June 20, 2012 meeting, the Authority discussed the following items, which may be of interest to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees:

- 1. Legislation.** The APC received a report from Mark Watts of Smith, Watts & Martinez regarding the status of the State budget deliberations, and several bills of interest. Staff provided a follow-up report on the request from the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors for the Authority to take the lead in discussions with the regional Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) regarding implementation of its regional plan as it pertains to Contra Costa. *(Attachment)*
- 2. Program and Project Management Services: Authorization to Execute Agreement No. 349 with Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. for Program and Project Management Services.** In April 2012, the Authority authorized staff to negotiate with Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. (Parsons) for program and project management services and upon completion of negotiations issue a limited Notice to Proceed (NTP). Staff successfully completed negotiations and on May 4, 2012 issued a NTP for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 authorizing Parsons to begin work and provide transition program management services through the remainder of FY 2011-12. A detailed scope and budget have now been developed covering the 3-year term of the

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proposed agreement. *The Authority authorized the the Chair to execute Agreement No. 349 in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,313,000 to provide Program and Project Management services to the Authority.*

- 3. Program and Project Management Services: Authorization to Execute Agreement No. 353 with Gray-Bowen for Project Management Services.** Staff seeks authorization for the Chair to execute Agreement No. 353 with Gray-Bowen for Project Management Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$341,000. Gray-Bowen staff has been instrumental in the management of the design phase for the SR4 Widening Project (3001/5009). This phase is nearly complete however remaining activity will be done by the end of the calendar year. Additionally, because Parsons currently holds the contract for environmental services for the I-680 Southbound HOV Gap Closure Project (8001), some Project Management Assistance is required to avoid a conflict with the management of this contract. *The Authority authorized the Chair to execute Agreement No. 353 with Gray-Bowen for an amount not-to-exceed \$341,000. This amount includes \$16,000 in contingency funds.*
- 4. SB 375 Implementation Update.** *Staff reported on recent meetings and events pertaining to the implementation of SB 375 and the development of a Sustainable Communities Strategy for the Bay Area. The Authority directed staff to draft a comment letter on the Plan Bay Area Draft EIR scoping plan. The letter will be reviewed by the Authority's Planning Committee prior to transmittal. (Attachment)*

## Administration and Projects Committee Meeting **STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: June 7, 2012

Subject	Legislation
<b>Summary of Issues</b>	<i>The APC received a report from Mark Watts of Smith, Watts &amp; Martinez regarding the status of the State budget deliberations, and several bills of interest. Staff provided a follow-up report on the request from the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors for the Authority to take the lead in discussions with the regional Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) regarding implementation of its regional plan as it pertains to Contra Costa.*</i>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<i>No action was taken on any of the above items other than to approve staff's continuing work with the RTPCs and local agencies regarding the implementation of the WETA plan.</i>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>A.</b> <i>Outline of Mark Watts' report to the APC (with staff annotations)</i>
<b>Changes from Committee</b>	N/A

*\*Included in the May, 2012 Authority meeting agenda were three letters concerning the implementation of the regional WETA plan: (1) a copy of a letter from TRANSPLAN Chair, Jim Frazier, to WETA Chair Charlene Haught Johnson, following up on a presentation by WETA staff to TRANSPLAN. The letter contained a request that a committee consisting of representatives of TRANSPLAN agencies and WETA be formed to work on the implementation of the WETA plan in eastern Contra Costa; (2) a copy of a letter from the Chair of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, Mary Piepho, to Assembly Member Jerry Hill, requesting that he amend his bill, AB 2433, concerning the terms of WETA members, to also provide for a Contra Costa County 'seat' on the WETA board; and (3) a letter from BOS Chair Piepho to Authority Chair, Don Tatzin, requesting the Authority to take the lead in working with the RTPCs and local agencies towards resolving potential issues with the implementation of the WETA plan in Contra Costa. At that meeting, the Authority directed staff to convene a meeting with local agency and RTPC staff from TRANSPAC, TRANSPLAN and WCCTAC (the agencies potentially impacted by the WETA plan).*

*At the APC meeting, staff reported that a meeting had been convened with RTPC and local agency staff, as directed, and that a number of issues remained outstanding pertaining to*

*WETA's plan and implementation approach, that would require additional information and discussion. The APC approved staff's request to proceed with the following:*

- *Respond to BOS Chair Piepho and TRANSPLAN Chair Frazier to indicate that CCTA staff will follow up on this issue and report back to them on developments;*
- *Staff will review WETA's plan and follow up with WETA staff with questions and requests for clarification;*
- *Staff will convene another meeting with RTPC and local agency staff to identify issues and potential solutions concerning the implementation of WETA's plan, and report back to the Authority;*
- *Staff will request Mark Watts to explore the potential for expansion of the WETA board to include a Contra Costa seat and assess the benefits of this action.*

**CCTA  
APC June 7, 2012**

***(Staff annotations in italics)***

**1. State Budget (\*details below)**

At the time of the APC meeting, several issues of interest to CCTA were active in the budget process:

**California Transportation Commission**

Funding Request for Public Private Partnership reviews

**Caltrans**

Funding for Public Private Partnership Program

Weight Fee and Special Fund Transfer Trailer Bill - Budget proposal would transfer funding from the Motor Vehicle Fuel Account to the General Fund, resulting in a General Fund savings of \$312.2 million in 2012-13 and \$128.8 million in savings in ongoing fiscal years. Transportation California and CSAC successfully sought sunset after three years and at that time these funds will be transferred to the Highway Users Tax Account.

**2. Bills of interest**

- a. AB 2498 (Gordon) - Senate Rules. Authorizes the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to use an alternative procurement method referred to as Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) for up to four projects. ***Staff note: consideration of this bill will be included in the July 2012 APC and CCTA agendas.***
- b. SB 1149 (DeSaulnier) - Senate Appropriations (held). Would create the Bay Area Regional Commission. Local efforts by Board members resulted in author holding the bill over. ***Staff note: CCTA Commissioner Julie Pierce provided an update on this bill and indicated that Senator DeSaulnier had been very responsive to the concerns of local agencies regarding its potential impacts. On that basis, he agreed to withdraw the bill for an indeterminate period of time in order to allow for local and regional agencies to work towards a solution to regional governance issues. The Authority had taken action at its May meeting to request the Senator to withdraw this bill and to oppose it if it were not***

*withdrawn. No change was required from previous CCTA action as a result of the Senator's withdrawing the bill from consideration.*

- c. SB 1545 (DeSaulnier)- Assigned to Assembly Transportation Committee - Prohibits the Bay Area Headquarters Authority (BAHA) from using public funds to develop or improve a specific building in San Francisco for use as the headquarters of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), and possibly other regional agencies until MTC responds to a State Auditor's report to be issued in June of this year. **Staff note: CCTA has taken no action on this bill.**

- 3. **Cap and Trade** - AB 1532 Speaker bill and SB 1575 (Pavley) Governor had sought in the January Proposed Budget a limited legislative role in disbursement of anticipated \$1 billion in Cap and Trade revenues that will result from allowance for emissions by regulated companies to be traded on an open market.

The legislature has pressed for a larger role through the bills listed above, with CARB setting annual program goals and the legislature appropriating the auction proceeds in line with the annual CARB program.

#### **\* Budget Details**

##### **CTC:**

##### **Augmentation Request for Public Private Partnership Program**

Governor's Proposal: The Governor proposes budget bill language that would allow for the augmentation of the California Transportation Commission's (CTC's) budget by up to \$400,000 (from the State Highway Account) to contract out with a financial consultant to assist in the review of proposed projects under the design/build contract method and the Public Private Partnership (P3) Program. The request relates to legislation that directs the CTC to establish criteria and review projects for inclusion in the program. This request is tied to the request under Item 2660 Department of Transportation regarding local reimbursements for P3 projects. Only one project has gone through the approval process since the legislation was adopted in 2009.

##### **Caltrans:**

##### **Funding for Public Private Partnerships Program**

Governor's Proposal: The Governor proposes an increase in reimbursement authority of \$2.6 million each year for two years for the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to receive funding from local governments to review locally-sponsored Public Private Partnership (P3) Programs for the state highway system. Caltrans also requests reduction in baseline funding for the program. This request is tied to the request under Item 2600 California Transportation Commission for the review of P3 projects. P3 projects generally involve construction

financed by a private partner, with the cost repaid with new toll revenues. Caltrans indicates that the funds would allow the department to hire fiscal and legal consultants to review projects submitted by local agencies.

**Weight Fee and Special Fund Transfer Trailer Bill**

**Governor's Proposal:** The Governor's Budget included a General Fund solution that shifts truck weight fees to the General Fund to pay for transportation-related debt service. The proposal also clarifies that gasoline excise taxes backfill the State Highway Account for any reduction stemming from the shift in weight fees and directs that excess revenue from the fuel swap resulting from gasoline purchased for off-highway vehicles be used for state highway and local road improvements. The May Revision maintains the weight fee shift and the backfill, and directs the excess revenue from the fuel tax swap to the General Fund.

**Prior Legislative Action:** Senate Budget Sub 2 adopted the May Revision proposal, but imposed a two-year sunset date. The Assembly approved the proposal.

*Contra Costa Transportation Authority* **STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: June 20, 2012

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**SB 375/SCS Implementation Update**

**MTC Releases NOP for Draft EIR for Plan Bay Area:** Following MTC/ABAG's decision on May 23, 2012 to proceed with development of the 2013 Draft RTP EIR, MTC has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Plan Bay Area Draft EIR (see attached). The NOP is intended to seek comments on the scope and content of the environmental review that will be evaluated in the EIR. Scoping meetings will be held in Oakland, San Jose, San Francisco, and San Rafael between June 20 and 27<sup>th</sup>. The Contra Costa Council has sent a comment letter regarding the selection of the alternatives to be evaluated in the Draft EIR (see attached). A full copy of the NOP is available at: [http://www.onebayarea.org/pdf/NOP\\_060812\\_final.pdf](http://www.onebayarea.org/pdf/NOP_060812_final.pdf)

**Regional Advisory Working Group (RAWG):** The RAWG met on June 5, 2012 to discuss the challenges of meeting affordable housing requirements. Jeff Levin from the City of Oakland spoke about various strategies that the City was using to promote infill affordable housing. He underscored that the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies had significantly impaired the City's progress towards meeting its affordable housing goals. ABAG staff also presented two new "place types": Rural Investment Areas, and Economic Investment Areas.

**OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program:** On May 17, MTC finalized the OBAG proposal, which was adopted through MTC Resolution No. 4035. The final resolution is available at: [http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/onebayarea/RES-4035\\_approved\\_unsigned.pdf](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/onebayarea/RES-4035_approved_unsigned.pdf)

The adopted program requires the CMAs to prepare and adopt a PDA Investment & Growth Strategy by May 1, 2013.

**CMA Director Meetings:** The CMA directors are convening during June and July to initiate the consultation process with MTC for amending the scope of activities identified in the PDA Investment & Growth Strategy.



# **TRANSPLAN** **Bay Area**

## **Scoping the EIR Alternatives**

Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committees

June 8, 2012

**June 20, 2012  
Authority Meeting Handout  
Agenda Item 4.B.8**

# Potential EIR Alternatives

**1**

No Project

(CEQA required)

**2**

Jobs-Housing Connection

(Preferred Scenario - CEQA "Project")

**3**

Network of Transit Neighborhoods

**THEME:**  
FOCUSED  
GROWTH

**4**

Workforce Housing Opportunities

**THEME:**  
HOUSING  
FOR ALL

**5**

Environment, Equity, and Jobs

**THEME:**  
EQUITY  
EMPHASIS

# EIR Schedule

June 8	Present <b>Draft EIR Alternatives</b> for review by the Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committees
June 11	Release <b>Notice of Preparation</b> for 30-Day Public Review Period
June 20-28	Hold <b>Regionwide Scoping Meetings</b>
July 13	Present <b>Final Alternatives</b> for review by Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committees and recommendation to Commission and ABAG Executive Board
July 19	Commission and ABAG Executive Board Approve <b>Final Alternatives</b>
July – December	Prepare Draft EIR
December 14	Release <b>Draft EIR and Draft Plan</b> for 45- and 55-Day Public Review Periods by Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committees
January	Hold <b>Public Hearings</b> on Draft Plan and Draft EIR
February – March	Prepare Final EIR (including Response to Comments)
April	Commission and ABAG Executive Board Certify <b>Final EIR</b> and Adopt <b>Final Plan</b>

# WCCTAC

West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee

El Cerrito

June 25, 2012

Hercules

Mr. Randell Iwasaki, Executive Director  
Contra Costa Transportation Authority  
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RE: WCCTAC Meeting Summary

Richmond

Dear Randy:

The WCCTAC Board at its June 22 meeting took the following actions that may be of interest to CCTA:

San Pablo

1) Approved AC Transit and WestCAT's FY 12-13 claims for Measure J Program 19b, Additional Bus Service Enhancements.

2) Approved East Bay Paratransit Consortium, El Cerrito, Richmond Paratransit, and WestCAT's FY 12-13 claims for Measure J Program 20b, Additional Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities.

Contra Costa  
County

3) Received a presentation from Nina Rannells and Chad Mason of the Water Emergency Transportation Authority on the status of ferry expansion projects in Richmond and Hercules.

AC Transit

4) Approved the Agency's FY 12-13 work plan, dues, and budget. The work plan includes initiatives to investigate additional ways of lowering dues and expenses, and how to maintain functionality and cohesion as a subregional body when one or more members are facing severe fiscal crises.

5) Adjourned in memory of former Hercules Council member Joe Eddy McDonald and AC Transit Director of Service Development Cory LaVigne.

BART

Sincerely,



Christina M. Atienza  
Executive Director

WestCAT

cc: Danice Rosenbohm, CCTA; Barbara Neustadter, TRANSPAC; John Cunningham, TRANSPLAN; Andy Dillard, SWAT

**ITEM 5**  
**ACCEPT STATUS REPORT ON MAJOR PROJECTS**

# TRANSPLAN: Major East County Transportation Projects

- State Route 4 Widening • State Route 4 Bypass
- State Route 239 • eBART

## Monthly Status Report: July 2012

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Information updated from previous report is in *underlined italics*.

### STATE ROUTE 4 WIDENING

#### A. SR4 Widening: Railroad Avenue to Loveridge Road No Changes From Last Month

Lead Agency: CCTA

**Project Description:** The project widened the existing highway from two to four lanes in each direction (including HOV lanes) from approximately one mile west of Railroad Avenue to approximately ¾ mile west of Loveridge Road and provided a median for future transit.

**Current Project Phase:** Highway Landscaping – Plant Establishment Period

**Project Status:** Landscaping of the freeway mainline started in December 2009 and was completed in June 2010. A three-year plant establishment and maintenance period is currently in progress as required by the Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans.

**Issues/Areas of Concern:** None.

#### B. SR4 Widening: Loveridge Road to Somersville Road No Changes From Last Month

Lead Agency: CCTA

**Project Description:** The project will widen State Route 4 (e) from two to four lanes in each direction (including HOV Lanes) between Loveridge Road and Somersville Road. The project provides a median for future mass transit. The environmental document also addresses future widening to SR 160.

**Current Project Phase:** SR4 mainline construction.

**Project Status:** Construction of the SR4 mainline and Loveridge Road widening began in June 2010. It is estimated that the project construction will be completed in late 2013 or early 2014.

Current construction activities include sound wall and retaining wall construction, traffic barrier construction and final items of work on the new southbound Loveridge Road Bridge over SR 4. The new southbound Loveridge Road Bridge is anticipated to be opened to traffic on June 11, 2012. During the next phase of construction, all Loveridge Road traffic will be temporarily switched onto the new bridge so demolition of the inactive roadway and railroad bridges over SR 4 can take place, as well as construction of the new northbound Loveridge Road Bridge. Access for the North Park Plaza shopping center is currently being provided via a temporary roadway connected to California Avenue behind the shopping center.

Eastbound and Westbound SR 4 traffic in the vicinity of Century Boulevard has been switched to the newly constructed outside concrete pavement lanes and onto the newly constructed bridges over Century Boulevard. The switch of both eastbound and westbound traffic to the new outside lanes in this vicinity allows for the demolition of inactive bridges and construction of the freeway median and eBART bridges over Century Boulevard. At the time of production of this report, demolition of the inactive bridges over Century Boulevard was tentatively scheduled for May 30th, May 31st, and June 1st.

The project construction is approximately 48% complete.

**Issues/Areas of Concern:** none

**C. SR4 Widening: Somersville Road to SR 160 No Changes From Last Month**

**Lead Agency:** CCTA

**Project Description:** This project will widen State Route 4 (e) from two to four lanes in each direction (including HOV Lanes) from Somersville Road to Hillcrest Avenue and then six lanes to SR 160, including a wide median for transit. The project also includes the reconstruction of the Somersville Road Interchange, Contra Loma/L Street Interchange, G Street Overcrossing, Lone Tree Way/A Street Interchange, Cavallo Undercrossing and the Hillcrest Avenue Interchange.

**Current Project Phase:** Segments 1 & 2 – Construction Phase; Segment 3A – Bid Phase, Segment 3B – Right-of-Way Acquisition, Utility Relocation & Final Design Phase.

**Project Status:** The project is divided into four segments: 1) Somersville Interchange; 2) Contra Loma Interchange and G Street Overcrossing; 3A) A Street Interchange and Cavallo Undercrossing and 3B) Hillcrest Avenue to Route 160.

**Segment 1:** The Somersville Road Interchange project was awarded on December 23, 2010 to R & L Brosamer, Inc. for the bid price of \$35,727,083.49 (25% below Engineer's Estimate). The total project allotment is \$39,641,000.00.

Contract approval was received on January 19, 2011. Construction started on March 16, 2011. The anticipated completion date is August, 2013.

During the month of May, construction continued along both the north and south sides of the freeway on remaining soundwall work and finishing work on retaining walls that have the Delta Region Native Landscape Architectural Treatment. Demolition of the inactive mainline bridge in the westbound direction has been completed. Work emphasis has now shifted to the construction of the new westbound SR4 mainline bridge over Somersville Road. Center columns have been completed and abutments at both sides of the bridge have been started. Mainline pavement sections to the east and west of the new bridge are under construction. Work on various drainage systems and electrical systems also continued.

Segment 1 construction is approximately 50% complete.

**Segment 2:** The Contra Loma Interchange/G Street project was awarded on October 11, 2011 to CC Myers, Inc. for the bid price of \$42,380,000 (16% below the Engineer's Estimate). The total project allotment is \$48,718,000. Construction began in March 2012 and is anticipated to be completed by spring 2015.

The G Street on and off ramps have been closed since March. With the closure of these ramps, construction has proceeded with the western half of the new G Street Bridge over SR4. The Contractor has begun roadway / structure excavation and general construction of retaining walls and sound walls north and south of the freeway east of G Street and also along the Contra Loma EB off ramp. Drainage systems and other miscellaneous utility work are also under construction at this time.

Segment 2 construction is approximately 7% complete.

**Segment 3A:** The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated State Proposition 1B Bond funds in January 2012. This segment of SR4 was advertised for construction bids on February 27, 2012. Bids were opened on April 18th and construction is anticipated to start this summer. Bay Cities/Myers JV is the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$52.5 million, 12% below engineers estimate.

**Segment 3B:** The design of this segment, Hillcrest Avenue Interchange area, was delayed due to coordination issues related to the future eBART station and geometric approval by Caltrans of the proposed Hillcrest Avenue Interchange. The design consultant is wrapping up the final construction documents. At the time of production of the June report, the Ready-To-List (RTL) date for this segment was anticipated to occur on June 4, 2012. The Authority will advertise, award and administer the construction contract for this segment. Currently, it is anticipated that Segment 3B will be constructed using 100% local funds, however, the Authority is seeking from CTC an additional \$44 million in Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds for this segment.

**Issues/Areas of Concern:** Caltrans and the Segment 1 contractor (R&L Brosamer, Inc.) are currently engaged in some discussions about potential claims by the contractor. Caltrans provided a written response to a letter submitted by the contractor and Caltrans acknowledged that some portions of the issues raised by the contractor may have some merit, albeit with very minor impacts and costs to the project. All other issues have no merit according to Caltrans' position and opinion. The contractor recently submitted ten related Notices of Potential Claims (NOPCs) to formally protect their claim noticing rights on issues raised by the contractor. The contractor has not submitted any documents which substantiates their claims.

#### **D. SR4 Bypass: SR4/SR160 Connector Ramps No Changes From Last Month**

**Project Fund Source:** Bridge Toll Funds

**Lead Agency:** State Route 4 Bypass Authority/CCTA

**Project Description:** Complete the two missing movements between SR4 Bypass and State Route 160, specifically the westbound SR4 Bypass to northbound SR160 ramp and the southbound SR160 to eastbound SR4 Bypass ramp.

**Current Phase:** Final Design.

**Project Status:** Mark Thomas and Company (consultant to the SR4 Bypass Authority) is responding to Caltrans comments to finalize the Project Report. Completion of the Project Report was delayed due to the discussion on the responsibility to pay for the potential additional costs to accommodate eBART in the median of SR4. In April 2012, the SR4 Bypass Authority approached the TRANSPLAN committee with two design options and the direction was to proceed with a design that will accommodate the



existing SR4 geometry and some of the future SR4 geometry with eBART in the median. Although it will add to the current project cost, it will minimize future throwaway costs. Project design has begun by Rajappan and Meyer Consulting Engineers with Caltrans oversight. Design is scheduled to be completed in July 2013.

The Authority has finalized a MOU with the SR4 Bypass Authority to transfer Lead Agency status to the Authority, and a MOU with TRANSPLAN and ECCRFFA to address cost issues should the \$50 million in Bridge Toll funds be insufficient to complete the project.

**Issues/Areas of Concern:** There is no funding identified to address the potential additional costs to accommodate eBART in the median of SR4. Future savings from eBART construction may be returned to the TRANSPLAN Committee to reimburse for the additional costs.

E. **SR4 Bypass: Widen to 4 Lanes – Laurel Rd to Sand Creek Rd & Sand Creek Rd I/C – Phase 1** **No Changes From Last Month**

**CCTA Fund Source:** Measure J

**Lead Agency:** State Route 4 Bypass Authority/CCTA

**Project Description:** Widen the State Route 4 Bypass from 2 to 4 lanes (2 in each direction) from Laurel Road to Sand Creek Road, and construct the Sand Creek Interchange. The interchange will have diamond ramps in all quadrants with the exception of the southwest quadrant.

**Current Phase:** Construction.

**Project Status:** Bids were opened on March 27, 2012 and the construction contract was awarded to Bay Cities/Myers JV at the Authority Board meeting on April 18, 2012.

A groundbreaking ceremony took place on June 22, 2012.

**Issues/Areas of Concern:**

F. **East County Rail Extension (eBART)** **No Changes From Last Month**

**CCTA Fund Source:** Measure C and J

**Lead Agency:** BART/CCTA

eBART Construction Contact: Mark Dana: [mdana@bart.gov](mailto:mdana@bart.gov)

**Project Description:** Implement rail transit improvements in the State Route 4 corridor from the Pittsburg Bay Point station in the west to a station in Antioch in the vicinity of Hillcrest in the east.

**Current Project Phase:** Final Design and Construction. BART is the lead agency for this phase. First Construction Package: Construction of the Transfer Platform and eBART Facilities in the median to Railroad Avenue is underway.

**Project Status:** BART opened bids for the next construction contract (Contract 120) for the maintenance shop shell, the Hillcrest Parking Lot and Slatten Ranch Road on May 8th. The apparent low bidder is Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc. with a bid of \$23,606,745. The Engineer's estimate was \$31,215,412.

Work continues on the transfer plan platform in the median and is about 75% complete. Work continues on the foundation for the train control building (about 90% complete) and work on the access tunnel is complete. Civil improvements are anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

Coordination between BART and CCTA consultants is now shifting to the construction management teams with a large focus on the Hillcrest segment (3B) because the construction of CT 120 is directly north and adjacent to the Segment 3B construction area. A master integrated schedule has been developed for the eBART and SR4 Construction Contracts.

**Issues/Areas of Concern:** Availability of fund sources, including Prop 1B transit and ECCRFFA funding continues to be a concern.

## **STATE ROUTE 239 (BRENTWOOD-TRACY EXPRESSWAY) PHASE 1 - PLANNING**

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### **July 2012 Update**

**Study Status:** Committees to support the planning study were formed and convened. See information on following pages regarding the committees and the study process.

# **eBART Hillcrest Extension Project & Next Segment Study**

## **July 2012 Update** **No Changes From Last Month**

### **eBART Contract 04SF-120 Progress**

- Award of the second construction contract, Contract 04SF-120 for the construction of the Hillcrest Station Parking Lot and Maintenance Facility is anticipated by late June 2012. Notice To Proceed is expected to be issued by early August 2012.

### **eBART Contract 04SF-110A Construction Progress**

- Construction continues on the first eBART Contract, 04SF-110A, Transfer Platform and Guideway project, located in the tailtracks of the Pittsburg/Bay Point BART Station.
- The transfer platform structure construction is being completed at this time. Construction of the ancillary building is also nearing completion. Underground ductbanks and pullboxes continue to be installed within the guideway. Installation of trackway ballast is beginning as is the excavation for the encasement protection of the EBMUD Mokelumne Aqueduct.
- Approximately 40-60 people are employed on the project

### **Design Progress**

- Design of Contract 04SF-130 for Hillcrest Station and maintenance facility finishes and track and systems installation is progressing, and currently at the 65% submittal stage. Final design will be completed by the end of 2012.
- BART, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, and Caltrans continue to closely coordinate funding, design and construction of the billion-dollar Integrated Project (Highway 4 widening, and eBART construction).

### **Vehicles Procurement**

- Advertisement of the Vehicle Procurement Contract 04SF-140 is anticipated late Spring 2012. The manufacturer of the diesel multiple unit trains will be selected by early 2013.

### **eBART Extension**

- A Next Segment study has been initiated. The study will be a pre-feasibility evaluation of the Bypass and Mococo alignments, and station site opportunities. Station sites to be evaluated on the Bypass alignment are: Laurel Road, Lone Tree Way, Mokelumne Crossing of SR4, Sand Creek Road, Balfour, and a location near Marsh Creek Road and the Bypass serving Byron and Discovery Bay. Railroad Avenue Station will be evaluated as an infill station. The Next Segment study will be completed Fall 2012.



Installation Of Access Hatches. Transfer Platform. May 29, 2012.



Reinforcing Steel Installation At Transfer Platform. May 23, 2012.



Encasement Of Communications And Power Ductbank. June 1, 2012.



Completing CMU Block Installation. Ancillary Building. May 29, 2012.

**ITEM 6**  
**ACCEPT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**Calendar of Upcoming Events\***

<b>Spring 2012</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
June 22, 2012 (Tentative)	Brentwood	Groundbreaking - SR4 Bypass Sand Creek Road Interchange and 4-Lane Widening Lone Tree Way to Sand Creek
<b>Summer 2012</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
July 2012 (Estimated)	CCTA - Walnut	Advertisement - SR4 Widening, Segment 3B
July 2012 (Tentative)	Antioch	Groundbreaking - SR4 Widening Segment 3A
<b>Fall 2012</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Winter 2012 -Spring 2013</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
Date TBD	Danville	Groundbreaking - I-680 Auxiliary Lanes - Sycamore Valley to Crow Canyon
April 24, 2013 (Tentative)	MTC - Oakland	MTC to Adopt the 2013 RTP
<b>Fall 2013</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
Date TBD	Orinda	Open to Traffic - Caldecott Fourth Bore Project

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**ITEM 7**  
**ACCEPT ENVIRONMENTAL REGISTER**



**TRANSPLAN COMMITTEE REGISTER OF RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: 2012/2013**

LEAD AGENCY	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION <small>(City, Region, etc.)</small>	NOTICE /DOCUMENT	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT DEADLINE	RESPONSE REQUIRED
City of Oakley	East County – S/E Corner of Oakley Road and Knarwood Road	Public Hearing	The Estates at Vineyard Acres Subdivision 9285 (TM 04-11)	Request for approval of Vesting Tentative Map 9285 to subdivide 7.14 acres into 7 single-family residential lots. APN# 041-090-002	7/10/12 (hearing date)	No