

TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee

30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Participating entities: Cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley and Pittsburg • Contra Costa County
Tri Delta Transit • 511 Contra Costa • Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) • Caltrans District 4 • BART
TRANSPLAN • State Route 4 Bypass Authority • East Contra Costa Regional Fee & Financing Authority (ECCRFFA)

Meeting Location:
Antioch City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Conference Call-In Option:
(925) 779-6155
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AGENDA

*NOTE: The Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) agenda/packet is only distributed digitally, **no paper copies will be sent.** If you need a printed copy please contact TRANSPLAN staff.*

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

Item 1: STANDING ITEM: Concord Community Reuse Project (former Concord Naval Weapons Station) Update.

Item 2: TRANSPLAN Staff Transition. *The TAC will discuss TRANSPLAN staffing and administration.* ♦ **Page 2**

Item 3: Accessible Transportation Strategic (“ATS”) Plan Oversight Committee. *The TAC will discuss and nominate a volunteer to serve on the ATS Oversight Committee for consideration by the TRANSPLAN Committee.* ♦ **Page 4**

Item 4: CCTA Vision Zero Working Group. *The TAC will discuss and nominate a volunteer to serve on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (“CCTA”) Vision Zero Working Group for consideration by the TRANSPLAN Committee.* ♦ **Page 6**

Item 5: Northern Waterfront Short-Line Railroad Feasibility Study. *Contra Costa County staff will present an update to the study to the TAC.* ♦ **Page 8**

Item 6: Other Business

Item 7: Adjourn to Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

The TAC meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 1:30 p.m., third floor conference room at Antioch City Hall. The TAC serves the TRANSPLAN Committee, the East Contra Costa Regional Fee & Financing Authority, and the State Route 4 Bypass Authority.

Persons needing a disability-related accommodation should contact Jamar Stamps, TRANSPLAN staff person, at least 48 hours prior to the starting time of the meeting.

ITEM 2
TRANSPLAN STAFFING

TRANSPLAN COMMITTEE

EAST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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TO: TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”)

FROM: Jamar Stamps, TRANSPLAN staff

DATE: October 15, 2019

SUBJECT: TRANSPLAN Staffing

TRANSPLAN Staffing Duties

Per the TRANSPLAN Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, Section II.4., the TRANSPLAN TAC shall *“designate staff from Contra Costa County Community Development Department, as the designated Project Manager for the TRANSPLAN Committee or designate a Project Manager by other means as determined by the TRANSPLAN Committee.”*

It should be noted that while the County will agree to continue to assume staffing duties, the TAC has the authority to recommend to the TRANSPLAN Committee designation of a different project manager (e.g. other TAC members or third-party contract).

If the TAC agrees to continue to designate County staff as TRANSPLAN staff, County staff will initiate the transfer of TRANSPLAN staffing duties to Colin Piethe, Planner in the County Department of Conservation and Development. Colin’s appointment to the TRANSPLAN staff role will become effective 1/1/2020.

Nevertheless, staff recommends the TAC consider formalizing a recommended staffing option for the TRANSPLAN Committee’s consideration at their November 14, 2019 meeting.

TRANSPLAN Website

TRANSPLAN staff has preliminarily inquired about potentially upgrading the TRANSPLAN website and hosting platform to improve TRANSPLAN’s public interface, information and document archiving and backend user (i.e. TRANSPLAN staff) efficiency. The estimate TRANSPLAN staff received from the current website host (Blinktag) is \$21,850. This would generally include: development meeting with the TRANSPLAN TAC, website design, development and content migration.

A project of this nature will have to be funded by the TRANSPLAN Committee budget. The FY 20/21 dues invoice could be augmented to include the \$4,370 share of the website update project. The total dues amount will not be known until the budget is drafted in April/May 2020, but could be estimated at a total of approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 based on recent dues trends. With that, the website update could commence mid-2020.

TRANSPLAN staff recommends the TAC discuss this item and consider either a) maintaining the existing website or b) moving forward with a website update and a funding option for the TRANSPLAN Committee’s consideration at the November 14, 2019 meeting.

ITEM 3
ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PLAN OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

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TO: TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”)

FROM: Jamar Stamps, TRANSPLAN staff

DATE: October 15, 2019

SUBJECT: CCTA Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan

Background

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (“CCTA”) has initiated the Accessible Transportation Strategic (“ATS”) Plan which will study how accessible transportation (ADA Public paratransit, non-profit provided paratransit, dial-a-ride, etc.) is provided and administered in Contra Costa County. The plan includes an Oversight Committee, a Policy Advisory Committee (elected officials, executive directors, etc.), and a Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) that is comprised of agency staff or other individuals with knowledge or experience with paratransit issues. CCTA will have several rider summits, conferences and meetings to solicit input from users of paratransit service.

The TAC includes a seat for each subregional transportation planning committee (“RTPC”). CCTA is asking TRANSPLAN to nominate an individual. Ideally, the individual would be a public agency employee but that is not absolutely necessary. In the TRANSPLAN region, it could be an individual from a locally run senior shuttle service or a senior center with a transportation service. Regardless, they will be representing the entire TRANSPLAN subregion. This effort is meant to be inclusive of all operators, non-profit and public transit. However, this particular oversight seat is for one of the non-public transit service providers. The transit operators already have their own specific seat on the Committee and therefore do not need to be considered for this appointment.

TRANSPLAN staff recommends the TAC discuss and nominate an appointment to the Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan Technical Advisory Committee for consideration by the TRANSPLAN Committee at their November 14, 2019 meeting.

For a more detailed understand of the ATS Plan scope of work, the Request for Proposals can be accessed here: <https://cocodcd.egnyte.com/dl/hluMKh9LIp>.

ITEM 4
CCTA VISION ZERO WORKING GROUP

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TO: TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”)

FROM: Jamar Stamps, TRANSPLAN staff

DATE: October 15, 2019

SUBJECT: CCTA Vision Zero Working Group

Background

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (“CCTA”) has requested the TRANSPLAN TAC discuss and nominate a volunteer to serve on the CCTA Vision Zero Working Group (“Working Group”). Vision Zero is a multi-national road traffic safety project that aims to achieve a transportation system with no fatalities or serious injuries involving road traffic. This group will support development of Vision Zero-related technical procedures for countywide application.

September 19, 2019, during the CCTA Technical Coordinating Committee (“TCC”) meeting Authority staff requested one TCC member from each subregional transportation planning committee (“RTPC”) serve on the Working Group. However, the TCC declined to nominate its own members and instead reached consensus to request each RTPC TAC nominate a transportation/mobility planner or engineer to serve on the Working Group in order to incorporate more local jurisdiction staff. That said, the nominee need not be a member of the TRANSPLAN TAC.

TRANSPLAN staff recommends the TAC discuss and nominate an appointment to the CCTA Vision Zero Working group for consideration by the TRANSPLAN Committee at their November 14, 2019 meeting.

ITEM 5
NORTHERN WATERFRONT SHORT-LINE RAILROAD FEASIBILITY
STUDY UPDATE

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October 15, 2019

Jamar Stamps, Staff
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30 Muir Road
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Re: Northern Waterfront Short-Line Railroad Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Stamps:

This letter provides background information, a status update, and next steps on Contra Costa County's *Northern Waterfront Short-Line Railroad Feasibility Study* ("Study").

Background

The Study will analyze existing conditions in the Wilbur Avenue Corridor ("Study Area") to determine if implementation of a short-line railroad is feasible. If found to be feasible, the study will identify additional studies, potential funding sources, and other next steps required for further project development.

The Study Area encompasses an area along Wilbur Avenue from the Fulton Shipyard in Antioch to the west to the North Point (formerly Dupont) site in Oakley to the east (Attachment A). A Class I Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad line runs the entire length of the Study Area. The Study Area includes a number of sites with existing industrial uses or the potential for industrial development or reuse. Some of these sites already have existing rail connections, both active and inactive, to the BNSF railroad line.

The short-line railroad would be a component of the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative, a Contra Costa County-led effort to create jobs in the Northern Waterfront area. The conduct of the Study was one of the actions recommended in the County's 2019 *Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative Strategic Action Plan* to improve goods movement and enhance regional economic competitiveness.¹ The Study is funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the County's General Fund.

The Study commenced in July 2019. County staff has been collaborating with Antioch and Oakley staff throughout development of the Study, since the Study Area includes portions of those two cities.

¹ <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/56680/Northern-Waterfront-Initiative-Strategic-Action-Plan-PDF?bid=1>, p. 11.

Current Status

The consultant for the Study is currently developing an Existing Conditions Report. The report will include an:

1. analysis of existing engineering conditions and constraints,
2. environmental assessment,
3. analysis of commercial and economic opportunities, and
4. existing goods movement analysis.

The consultant is also developing a Market Analysis Report that will determine the feasibility of short-line railroad service in the Study Area. Specifically, the report will identify:

1. potential land development opportunities within the Study Area,
2. potential customers that would benefit from short-line rail service,
3. potential short-line operators, and
4. BNSF's interest in establishing a connection between its railroad line and the proposed short-line railroad line.

Both the Existing Conditions Report and Market Analysis Report are expected to be completed in October 2019.

Next Steps

County staff plans to provide a similar Study update to the TRANSPLAN Committee at its November meeting.

The consultant will develop a Draft Short-Line Railroad Feasibility Study ("Draft Study"). County staff will circulate the Draft Study to the appropriate parties for review and comment. Ultimately, the final Draft Study will be brought before the County Board of Supervisors for consideration for adoption. The tentative timeline for the release of the Draft Study and adoption of the final Draft Study by the Board of Supervisors is late 2019 and early 2020, respectively.

Benefits

In addition to creating jobs in the Northern Waterfront area by attracting businesses, the proposed short-line railroad will reduce the number of truck trips in East Contra Costa County, since more goods would be shipped by rail. This would in turn reduce:

1. congestion on SR-4 and local roads,
2. vehicle miles traveled, and
3. greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition, the reduction in truck trips would improve:

1. neighborhood quality of life,
2. bicycle and pedestrian safety, and
3. road pavement life.

Sincerely,



Robert Sarmiento

Attachment A – Study Area Map

ATTACHMENT A

