

TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee

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TRANSPLAN • State Route 4 Bypass Authority • East Contra Costa Regional Fee & Financing Authority (ECCRFFA)

September 21, 2021 – 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting call-in/log-in information:

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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: Public Comment: The public will have an opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda.

Item 2: REVIEW and COMMENT on the Draft 2021 Congestion Management Program.

Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) staff will provide an informational update on the Draft 2021 Congestion Management Program (CMP) (<https://ccta.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Attachment-B-Draft-2021-CMP.pdf>). Comments on the Draft 2021 CMP will be accepted by CCTA until October 1, 2021. ♦

Item 3: Other Business

Item 4: Adjourn to Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

The TAC will meet on the third Tuesday of each month, 1:30 p.m. Meetings are currently held via video conference in response to Contra Costa County Health Services Health Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/health-orders>. Otherwise, the TAC meets at the 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 John Cunningham, TRANSPLAN staff person, at least 48 hours prior to the starting time of the meeting.



MEMORANDUM

To: Contra Costa RTPCs; Interested Transportation Partners and Agencies

From: Matt Kelly, Senior Transportation Planner

Date: August 13, 2021

Re: **Release of the Draft 2021 Congestion Management Program**

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (the Authority) has released the public review draft of its 2015 Congestion Management Program (CMP). The draft document may be downloaded from the Authority's website: <https://ccta.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Attachment-B-Draft-2021-CMP.pdf>. The Authority will use your comments on the public review draft to prepare the 2021 CMP, which is scheduled for adoption and submittal to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in December 2021.

As the designated CMA for Contra Costa County, the Authority is required to prepare a CMP and update it every other year. The Authority prepared its first CMP in 1991; the 2021 CMP comprises the fifteenth update.

As with previous CMPs, the 2021 CMP focuses on updating the projects in the required seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), demonstrating consistency with the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and responding to legislative and other policy changes that have occurred over the preceding two years. Many requirements of the 2021 CMP are unchanged since 2019 and do not require updating.

A major California legislation affecting CMP requirements, Senate Bill 743 (SB743), was passed in September 2013, which removed Level-of-Service (LOS) as a standard of significance under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA). The legislation called for the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to revise the CEQA Guidelines and provide an alternative measure for determining the impact of new development and transportation improvements. The rationale for changes to the traffic impact analysis, under CEQA, is that at in-fill locations, LOS standards primarily impact the "last in", or the latest development in a particular location, due to cumulative impacts, while earlier developments do not exceed the LOS standard. The updated draft CEQA guidelines were issued in January 2016, where OPR recommended the use of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the new measure that would serve

as the replacement for LOS. The guidelines that were adopted by the Department of Natural Resources in December 2018 became required statewide on July 1, 2020. At this time, it is unknown how changes to the transportation metric in the CEQA guidelines will affect the requirement for using LOS in analyzing the CMP network. The State has yet to indicate how they will align these varying requirements.

The key changes staff anticipates being addressed in the 2021 CMP are primarily limited to technical updates and amendments related to Authority policies and practices that have changed since the 2019 CMP, which include:

- Introduction of the concept of the Authority “opting out” of the CMP process. Authority staff is working with other CMAs and MTC to assess the viability of opting out of the legislation, and what that would mean to the agencies. Based on the outcomes from these discussions, staff will provide a recommendation as part of the Final CMP adoption in December (Chapter 1).
- Discussion of the changes to the Growth Management Program (GMP) due to the statewide implementation of SB743 (Chapter 2).
- Bringing the CMP-CIP project information up-to-date (Chapter 5).
- Documentation of the Authority’s travel demand forecasting model – The Countywide Model, including the Decennial Model Update effort with Alameda County Transportation Commission (Chapter 7).

Please submit comments on 2021 CMP to Matt Kelly (mkelly@ccta.net), Senior Transportation Planner, by **October 1, 2021**. If you have questions, please contact Matt Kelly by phone (925-256-4730) or email.