TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee

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)

May 16, 2023 – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Antioch City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room 200 H St, Antioch, CA 94509

Virtual meeting call-in/log-in information:

<u>https://cccounty-</u> <u>us.zoom.us/j/89532226017?pwd=dGNkK2ZBZWZuUDFRbElxUXhsbVFmdz09</u> Meeting ID: 895 3222 6017 Passcode: 211480

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AGENDA

NOTE: The Technical Advisory Committee ("TAC") agenda/packet is only distributed digitally; <u>*no paper copies will be sent.*</u> 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: APPOINT TRANSPLAN TAC member to the Contra Costa Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) Task Force. The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is re-convening the CTP Task Force at the agency staff level to help guide the development of a new CTP and is looking for a TRANSPLAN TAC member to represent the local agencies. CCTA staff expects the CTP effort to commence in June 2023, with completion in early 2025.

Item 3: APPOINT TRANSPLAN representatives to the CCTA Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC). TRANSPLAN TAC is being asked to review and consider the candidate for the Citizen Representative position, nominate a TAC Alternate Representative position, and forward the CBPAC nominations to the TRANSPLAN Committee for approval. \diamond Page 3

Item 4: RECEIVE information on 511 Contra Costa upcoming summer programs. 511 Contra Costa will be holding the Summer Bike Challenge and a Summer Youth Pass program during the summer. **♦ Page 8**

Item 5: REVIEW and APPROVE the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 TRANSPLAN Budget and Work Program. TRANSPLAN TAC is being asked to review the Fiscal Year 2023/24 TRANSPLAN Budget and Work Program and approve forwarding it to the TRANSPLAN Committee for adoption. (*Staff report, budget, and work program will be provided prior to the meeting.*)

Item 6: Adjourn to Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 1:30PM, or other date/time as deemed appropriate by the Committee.

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 Robert Sarmiento, TRANSPLAN staff person, at least 48 hours prior to the starting time of the meeting.

ITEM 3

APPOINT TRANSPLAN REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CCTA COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CBPAC).

To Whom It May Concern:

I am interested in continuing to serve as the TRANSPLAN appointee to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. In no particular order, here are some of the projects I'm working on:

Along with other bicycle activists and BikeConcord, we are urging staff and elected officials in Concord to provide a safe way for a bicyclist to get between the current terminus of the Delta de Anza Regional Trail (Willow Pass Road interchange of Highway 4) and downtown Concord. Currently we have two unacceptable routes. One involves going over the World-War-Two-era bridge on Willow Pass Road, which those of us not in automobiles call the suicide bridge. The other route involves riding on the shoulder of eight-lane Highway 4 between the Port Chicago Highway and the Willow Pass Road interchanges. By allowing bicyclists on the shoulder of their freeway, even Caltrans agrees that the suicide bridge is, in fact, a death trap for anyone not in an automobile. Concord will remove the suicide bridge and widen Willow Pass Road as part of its development of the inland portion of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station. Additionally, as part of the development of the former Naval Weapons Station, Evora Road will be extended on the north side of the freeway to connect with Arnold Industrial Way. Unfortunately, the construction of these two roads is many years in the future. Concord just let go of the second primary developer and began searching for the third primary developer for this property. They can't be too careful, this project will cost about six billion dollars by the time it is done. In the mean time, bicyclists are out in the cold.

In a larger sense, we need to consider the way that bicyclists can travel safely between East County and Central County. There are only four routes. Currently, each has a substantial problem that presents a safety issue for a bicyclist who wants to ride his or her bicycle between these two portions of our County.

- Marsh Creek Road. Narrow and filled with high speed traffic, this route from Brentwood to Clayton is currently a death trap for bicyclists. The County is considering building a path between Round Valley Regional Preserve (the planned terminous of the Marsh Creek Regional Trail) and the town of Clayton, however, this path is not yet funded, they plan not to use eminent domain to obtain land for the route, and land owners along the way have united to voice strong opposition. Even if the path were currently built, using it would require SIGNIFICANT out-of-direction travel for someone living in Bay Point or Pittsburg who wanted to bicycle to Concord.
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- **Kirker Pass Road.** This route between East County and Central County includes the highest hill between these two portions of our County. The northbound side has a marked shoulder from the northernmost entrance to the Concord Pavillion almost to Buchanan Road, but the southbound side of the road lacks sufficient shoulder for about two-thirds the distance. Additionally, once the bicyclist arrives at the foot of the hill, there is a significant gap in facilities of any type for the bicyclist leading toward Concord or Clayton. I don't consider it a death trap for the bicyclist, but anyone riding a bicycle along this route is in the top five percent of brave when it comes to operating in traffic.
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- **Bailey Road.** This route between Bay Point and Concord is narrow with short sight-distance curves and rises. As constituted, it is a death trap for the bicyclist. Pittsburg just approved another 1,500 houses in the hills just to the west of this road, but there are no plans to widen the road and bring it into the 21st Century. Bailey Road is a death trap for the bicyclist.
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- Willow Pass (the hill). This route includes a segment of the EBRPD's Delta de Anza Regional Trail along the north side of the freeway. Note: The Delta de Anza Regional Trail currently extends to the east to Oakley and is planned to connect to the

Iron Horse Regional Trail in the west. Alas, the trail currently ends at the Willow Pass Road interchange with Highway 4. See the second paragraph of this missive for a description of the problems with getting from the current terminous of this path into Central County.

Our probable best option for a safe route between East County and Central County lies with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. Their research indicates that widening the eastbound side Highway 4 between Highway 242 and the truck-climbing lane on Willow Pass (the hill) will significantly decrease motor vehicle congestion during the afternoon commute. Caltrans has said in no uncertain terms that bicyclists must be removed from Highway 4 before any construction can begin. CCTA hired a consultant to figure out how to get bicyclists off the freeway, and they determined that building a segment of the Delta de Anza Regional Trail between the Willow Pass Road interchange and the North Concord BART station would be their least expensive option. East Bay Regional Park District's policy is to "allow" other entities to build segments of their trails whenever possible.

I am current working to obtain bicycle-safe infrastructure in the northwest corner of Brentwood along the Antioch/Oakley border. I was instrumental in obtaining the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Highway 4 that is currently under construction there. A "crossing" for this regional bicycle path was an Environmental Impact Report requirement for the construction of the freeway, but they ALMOST got away with ignoring it. Currently, Costco wants to put in a 150,000 square-foot warehouse superstore with a 32-pump gas station at the western terminous just to the north of our bridge. AND, 260 acres is slated for development on both sides of the freeway on the south sides of our new bike/ped bridge. PLUS, TRANSPLAN is planning the next expansion station of eBART in the median of the freeway accessible from both sides of the freeway via our new bridge. I am working with Brentwood Staff to request that an EIR be required for the Costco project because the administrative law judge will require a LOT more mitigations than will the City of Brentwood if left to its own devices. The City of Brentwood WANTS this development and will require next to nothing in the way of mitigations.

Additionally, I am working with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to add a bicycle path between the Iron Horse Regional Trail and the Contra Costa Canal Regional Trail through the interchange of Interstate 680 and Highway 4 with a stop-off at the Pacheco Transit Center. They are spending close to a half-billion dollars on reconstructing this interchange, which was designed back in the 1950s when drivers cooperated with one another and drove a bit slower to boot. There is space under each freeway bridge, so constructing the path will cost the equivalent of a rounding error in terms of the overall project. The Executive Director of the CCTA commutes to work by bicycle each day and has promised that a trail will be built. We just have to determine when. From the perspective of the bicyclist, sooner is MUCH better than later. The State Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal of the law suit in January, so Regional Measure Three funds became available. \$210 million is being applied to this project. I have my fingers crossed.

Thank you for considering my interest in this position.

All best wishes,

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Bruce "Ole" Ohlson Bike East Bay Delta Pedalers Bicycle Club Contra Costa Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee CCTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee TRANSPLAN appointee to Highway 4 Integrated Corridor Management Study Healthy and Livable Pittsburg Collaborative

ITEM 4

RECEIVE INFORMATION ON 511 CONTRA COSTA UPCOMING SUMMER PROGRAMS.

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June 13	9-11am	Gentrytown Park	Starbucks card
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July 13	Noon-2pm	Library (W. 18 th Branch)	Jamba Juice card

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June 10	8am-Noon	Farmers' Market	Baskin Robbins & Free Valet Bike Parking
June 27	10am-Noon	Community Center @ City Park	Jamba Juice card
July 13	9-11 am	Kestrel Park	Starbucks card

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June 16	9-11am	City Hall	Starbucks card
June 28	12-2 pm	Library	Baskin Robbins card
July 18	9-11 am	Holly Creek Park	Jamba Juice card

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June 23	9-11am	John Henry Johnson Park	Jamba Juice card
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