

AGENDA ITEM 8

511 Contra Costa Staff Report to TRANSPAC for December 2009

Emergency Preparedness BART/MTC: MTC has requested that cities identify a staff person to develop and obtain approval for an emergency parking plan for each city (counties are not mentioned) with a BART/Caltrain station or other transportation center. 511 Contra Costa has offered to assist jurisdictions with this request.

The emergency plan was discussed briefly at the 11/19/09 TAC meeting. There was general concurrence that the establishment of local authority to bag meters, lift parking restrictions, etc. would be helpful to have in Municipal codes. This authority would allow cities to respond as needed and not require the development and maintenance of a specific emergency parking plan. More discussion on this issue is expected as MTC moves forward on its proposal.

Under the direction of MTC, 511-Rideshare staff will be coordinating with 511 Contra Costa to be the Contra Costa point of contact in response to a transportation emergency of regional impact.

Safe Routes to School Grant: 511 Contra Costa recently was awarded a \$1,000 Safe Routes to School Mini Grant to expand the Walk and Roll Program at Dallas Ranch Middle School in Antioch. The funds will be used by Dallas Ranch Middle School for outreach materials which will be designed and implemented by the school's student leadership group. 511 Contra Costa's application was one of 275 applications submitted nation-wide and was one of 20 awarded in the nation. 511 Contra Costa is repackaging its school services into a Safe Routes to School format so that public schools and officials will better understand the breadth of the services provided by 511 Contra Costa.

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Dear Ms. Nelson:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is working with transit agencies and County Congestion Management Agencies to coordinate contingency transportation strategies that could be implemented when major roadways and/or bridges are out of service or severely impacted (e.g., 2007 MacArthur Maze collapse) or in the event of a transit work stoppage. Our goal is to have a pre-approved response available to implement as soon as possible, following an emergency. Accordingly, we are reaching out to cities throughout the Bay Area to work with us to develop contingency plans and procedures that can be implemented within a day or two following a major disruption to the transportation network.

In situations where roadways and/or bridges are out of service, we want to be in the best position to help motorists who normally use these routes to shift to public transit or carpooling. Because parking is already limited at many transportation hubs, we are asking cities with BART or Caltrain stations, or other transportation centers to consider suspending or relaxing parking regulations around the stations or hubs during the emergency period. This could include suspension of time limits and residential permit requirements, as well as use of street curb space in which parking is not normally allowed. Similar contingency plans would also be desirable in the event of a work stoppage at a major transit operator, (e.g., bus loading/unloading locations might be moved to adjacent city streets, station parking lots might be used as carpool park-and-ride locations). We recognize you may have concerns about potential parking abuses and potential strain on parking for businesses and residents. This is why we want to work with you in advance to develop the best possible plan, now, in advance of the emergency.

We request that you identify a staff person who will work with MTC to develop and obtain approval for an emergency parking plan for your city. Daniel Robins, with the 511 Rideshare Program, under contract to MTC, is coordinating this effort.

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Please provide the name of your city staff representative who would be most appropriate to work with on this effort to Daniel by November 23, 2009. He can be reached at 510.273.3640 or EmergencyPrep@rideshare.511.org.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Steve Heminger
Executive Director

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TRANSPAC Transportation Partnership and Cooperation

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise notified, all meetings are held at 9 a.m. at Pleasant Hill City Hall, Community Room, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill.

TRANSPAC Meetings

Second Thursday of every month or as notified. Other meetings as scheduled.

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| January 14 (proposed vacation) | July 8 |
| February 11 | August 12 (proposed vacation) |
| March 11 | September 9 |
| April 8 | October 14 |
| May 13 | November 11 (holiday - may be rescheduled) |
| June 10 | December 9 |

TAC Meetings

Fourth Thursday of every month or as notified. NOTE: The November and December TAC meetings are scheduled for alternate dates in a location to be determined.

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| January 28 | July 22 |
| February 25 | August 26 (proposed vacation) |
| March 25 | September 23 |
| April 22 | October 28 |
| May 27 | November 18 (alternate date – location TBD) |
| June 24 | December 16 (alternate date – location TBD) |

TRANSPAC Backup Meetings

Held only as needed on the third Thursday of the month.

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| January 21 | July 15 |
| February 18 | August 19 (proposed vacation) |
| March 18 | September 16 |
| April 14 | October 21 |
| May 20 | November 18 |
| June 17 | December 16 |

TAC Backup Meetings

Held only as needed on the first Thursday of the month.

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| January 7 | July 1 |
| February 4 | August 5 (proposed vacation) |
| March 4 | September 2 |
| April 1 | October 7 |
| May 6 | November 4 |
| June 3 | December 2 |

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