

TRANSPAC Meeting Summary Minutes

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2010

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Cindy Silva, Walnut Creek (Chair); Guy Bjerke, Concord (Vice Chair); Julie Pierce, Clayton

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bob Armstrong, Clayton; Diana Vavrek, Pleasant Hill; John Mercurio, Concord, Ron Leone (Concord Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Ray Kuzbari, Concord; Eric Hu, Pleasant Hill; Martin Engelmann, CCTA; Ross Chittenden, CCTA; Tim Tucker, City of Martinez; Corinne Dutra-Roberts, 511 Contra Costa; Barbara Neustadter, TRANSPAC.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: C. L. Peterson, TRANSPAC Staff

Chair Silva convened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. without a quorum. Member Bjerke arrived at 9:10 a.m. however, a quorum was not met.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Self introductions** - Completed
- 2. Public Comment** – Bob Armstrong commented on his observations of numerous HOV lane violations on a recent southbound trip on I-680 during the morning rush hour. He counted the number of violators in the HOV lanes and determined that there was a ratio of 12:1 of violators versus legal HOV users on the stretch of freeway from Walnut Creek to Dublin. Mr. Armstrong believes that either the laws should be enforced or the lane should be opened up for anyone to use. He urged TRANSPAC to write a letter to the appropriate authority to communicate this issue, and suggested that one way to begin is to conduct a photographic survey and a count of legitimate HOV usage. Member Pierce suggested that the letter could be written by CCTA to the California Highway Patrol to request more enforcement.

Consent Items

- 3. Approval of the July 8, 2010 minutes to be carried over to the next meeting.**

Action Items

- 4. Reports on CCTA activities. TRANSPAC and CCTA Representatives are requested to report on the most recent CCTA Administration and Projects Committee (Member Pierce), Planning Committee (Member Durant), and CCTA meetings (Members Pierce and Durant)** Items approved by the Authority on July 21, 2010, for circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest; July 21, 2010 CCTA Executive Director's Report; November 2010 Ballot Measure in Contra Costa: Vehicle Registration Fee to Fund Transportation Programs and Projects; and the June 16, 2010 Board meeting minutes were circulated with the packet.

a. Administration and Projects Committee (APC) meeting

Member Pierce was not able to attend the APC meeting but reported that in addition to handling routine approvals, the APC discussed a proposed parking policy for the parking structure at the Authority's new offices. Approval was given to issue reimbursements for parking expenses for commissioners who attend daytime meetings. Parking validations will be considered for other visitors as needed. Parking after 5 p.m. is free. Parking for staff is free for the first three years of the lease, however, a policy will need to be established to address employee parking after that period.

b. Planning Committee (PC) meeting

Member Pierce reported that the PC also dealt with routine items, with the exception of the City of Pittsburg's Compliance Checklist. The City intends to withdraw from ECCRFFA because it believes that it has not been given its fair share of money for Pittsburg projects, most notably the James Donlon Bypass project. Pittsburg is now current in its payments and interest due to ECCRFFA and plans to adopt its own regional project plan to substitute for ECCRFFA. The PC approved Pittsburg's FY08-09 Compliance Checklist because it was in compliance for that period, but deferred approval of the FY09-10 Checklist until next year. It was noted that Paul Reinders from Pittsburg will be present at the November TRANSPAC meeting to discuss the James Donlon project.

ACTION: Information accepted

8. Reports from 511 Contra Costa and TRANSPAC Staff

a) 511 Contra Costa Report

Corinne Dutra-Roberts reported that following MTC's request to 511 Contra Costa that it phase out its green logo, 511 Contra Costa has created a new logo at minimal expense. This logo is similar to the blue national logo, and 511 CC has received permission for its use from the American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials. Materials with the green logo are being phased out and new stationery and other materials will be printed as needed. Another project that 511 Contra Costa is working on involves a survey of Shadelands employees. The survey includes some hypothetical questions that may help determine if there is a need for a local shuttle service.

b) TRANSPAC Report

Barbara Neustadter reported that consultant interviews for the Highway 4 Corridor Management Plan have been completed, and PBS&J was the chosen consultant firm. Martin Engelmann will be sending out the Notice to Proceed this week or next.

ACTION: Information received

9. TAC Reports by Jurisdiction

City of Concord – Ray Kuzbari provided updates on Measure J projects including: 1) intersection capacity improvements at Clayton and Treat. The traffic study, which is nearly complete, looked at improving conditions at the intersection as well as establishing a nexus for acquiring additional right of way to widen the intersection; and 2) the SR242/ Clayton Road interchange project, which the City is working closely with CCTA. The Project Study Report (PSR) should be completed in 2011.

City of Martinez – Tim Tucker reported on progress of the Marina Vista TLC project. This project includes bulb outs, paver sidewalks, decorative street lights, and underground utilities, and is expected to be completed in November. The Intermodal Phase 3 parking project has some options that will be presented to the Council or Subcommittee next month.

Pleasant Hill – Eric Hu reported that at the August 30th Council meeting, the City Council chose the “S Curve” roadway alignment for the Buskirk project. This option also preserves the mature trees on Hookston for which community members expressed concern. Design will be completed by the end of this year.

Clayton – Member Pierce reported that the City approved the contract to get the Old Marsh Creek Road project underway which will begin soon. Money for this project was transferred from Pine Hollow and other projects.

Walnut Creek & Contra Costa County – no reports

ACTION: Information received

10. Correspondence/Copies/Newsclips/Information

ACTION: Information received

11. For the Good of the Order

A short tour of the new Caldecott Tunnel is being scheduled for October 14. The location for this meeting will be determined.

ACTION: None required

12. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m. to the Central County Projects tour.

Central County Project Tour, Bus and driver courtesy of County Connection

City of Martinez: Marina Vista streetscape project, Martinez Intermodal Station

County Connection: Pacheco Boulevard Transit Hub, the DVC Transit Center;

City of Pleasant Hill: Contra Costa Boulevard signal timing project; Buskirk Avenue Project

Contra Costa County: Treat Overcrossing Project

Walnut Creek: Ygnacio Valley Road Overcrossing Project - return to Pleasant Hill City Hall

BART: BART Central County Crossover Project

