

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
TRANSPAC  
September 13, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Elected Officials:** Julie Pierce, Clayton, TRANSPAC Chair, CCTA Representative; Bill Shinn, Concord; Susan Bonilla, Contra Costa County; Charlie Abrams, Walnut Creek, CCTA Representative. Absent: Mark Ross, Martinez (excused); David Durant, TRANSPAC Vice-Chair, Pleasant Hill (excused)

**Planning Commissioners:** Bob Armstrong, Clayton; Bill Brumley, Concord; Donnie Snyder, Contra Costa County; David Mascaro, Pleasant Hill; Jon Malkovich, Walnut Creek; Vacant Seat: Martinez.

**Staff:** Ray Kuzbari, Concord; Steve Goetz, Contra Costa County, Martin Engelmann, CCTA; Richard Pearson, Martinez; Eric Hu, Pleasant Hill; John Hall, Walnut Creek; Deidre Hartman, BART; Monica Pacheco, City of Orinda; Joe Story, DKS Associates; Lynn Osborn, 511 Contra Costa Program Manager; Barbara Neustadter, Connie Peterson, TRANSPAC staff.

**Public: None**

**1. Convene meeting: Pledge of Allegiance/ Self-Introductions - Completed**

Chair Pierce convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. without a quorum and moved the agenda ahead to Item #4, Reports from CCTA Representatives. Member Bonilla arrived at approximately 9:09 a.m.

**2. Public Comment - None**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**3. Approval of the July 12, 2007 minutes**

**END CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Consent Agenda approved. Abrams/Shinn/Unanimous (Member Bonilla abstained).

**4. TRANSPAC and CCTA Representatives' Reports. The minutes of the June 20, 2007 joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the Transportation Authority Board with Carl Guardino, newly appointed member of the California Transportation Commission, as well as the June 20, 2007 full CCTA Board meeting are attached for information.**

a. Planning Committee meeting

Member Abrams reported on the approval of a contract with CH2MHill to conduct the I-680 HOV Express Bus Study. The Planning Committee reviewed the mission and goals for the Draft 2008 Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update. Also on the agenda was an update on the Regional Rail Plan and the written responses to MTC, and discussion of issues relating to the ULL as it relates to questions being asked by the County that have arisen because of recent applications in the San Ramon Valley. Neustadter added that the issues and options were under consideration for allocation of the second cycle of T-PLUS funds (\$450,000) which will be addressed by the TAC in September.

b. Administration and Projects Committee meeting

Chair Pierce reported that legislative items were of major concern on this agenda. One of these items involved revisions to the eminent domain bill SB1210, which are not going as well as anticipated. The proposed corrective legislation does not improve it. SB1210 was signed into law last year, and the result is project delays due to the many processes involved before taking possession of property. Highway 4 or similar projects could be stalled or have an effect on their eligibility for State bond funds.

Pierce also reported discussions about SB375 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction bill and AB15 Vasco Road safety improvements that are underway. Alameda County's supervisor indicated that the county will not pay for it, leaving MTC and Contra Costa to bear the cost. In other matters, discussions were initiated about prefunding the contribution for post-retirement health benefits with Calpers. The committee also recommended the contract of the I-80 Auxiliary Lanes landscaping project and approved of the 2008 STIP recommendations to the Authority.

**ACTION:** Reports received.

**5. Reports from Staff and Committees – Reports Accepted**

- a) As noticed on the July TRANSPAC agenda and reported by Member Abrams, CCTA at its July meeting, did authorize contract negotiations with the consultant team (CH2MHill/DKS/Wilbur Smith) and the issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Contract approval with the consultant team was noticed on the September 5, 2007 Planning Committee agenda and at the time of TRANSPAC packet production is expected to be approved by the full CCTA Board on September 9, 2007.

Neustadter stated that the Planning Committee approved the contract with consultant team CH2MHill and is going to the Authority Board on September 19 (noting correction of the date in the above item).

- b) TRANSPAC/TRANSPLAN TDM Program move to The Terraces Office Building in Pleasant Hill is now scheduled for September 15.

Neustadter noted that the TDM Program offices will be moving on Saturday, September 15. The phone system is in, but not tested. New phone numbers will be circulated when available.

- c) 511 Contra Costa Monthly report by Lynn Osborn, 511 Contra Costa Program Manager

Lynn Osborn reported that the TDM program is finalizing projects based on changes in the Air District funding cycle. Reimbursement for the program's FY 07-08 activities will not be available until the signed agreement between the Air District and the Authority although it was approved in July. The Authority has advised of a new insurance requirement that lists the Air District as an insured party, and this has been handled by the Municipal Pooling Authority. The funding agreement will be ready mid-October, making it necessary to use Measure C funds in the meantime.

- d) TCC recommendations on 2008 STIP Candidate Projects will be reviewed at the Cacti's Administration and Projects Committee meeting on September 6. The staff report on this item is in the packet. The City of Pleasant Hill's Contra Costa Boulevard project (\$6.708M) ranked 6<sup>th</sup> on the list. 2008 STIP funding is expected to be in the \$30M to \$50M range.

Neustadter reported on the 2008 STIP project applications, noting that City of Pleasant Hill is on the STIP list. It is hoped at the CCTA receives enough STIP money to get this project funded. CCTA

was advised this week that MTC has initiated a 10-year STIP strategy. Authority staff is compiling a list of projects in generic categories to indicate the need for STIP dollars.

Chair Pierce advised the TRANSPAC committee that she has a meeting scheduled on October 11 in Sacramento with the State Board of Transportation Control Devices concerning speed limits. Staff will try to resolve the meeting date conflict.

## **6. Correspondence/Copies/Newsclips/Information - Accepted**

7/19/07 Items approved by the Authority on July 18, 2007 for Circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs) and items of interest; July 17, 2007 letter from Julie Pierce, TRANSPAC chair to Charlie Abrams on TRANSPAC's support for 2008 STIP applications; 7/16/07 TRANSPAC status letter from TRANSPAC Chair Julie Pierce to CCTA Chair Charlie Abrams; 7/5/07 SWAT status letter from Andy Dillard, SWAT TAC member to Bob McCleary, CCTA Executive Director; 8/14/07 WCCTAC status letters from Chair Sharon Brown to Bob McCleary, CCTA Executive Director; 8/24/07 Letter to Paul Maxwell, CCTA from Bijan Sartipi, District 4 Director, Caltrans re: Concord Ygnacio Valley Road slide repair; County Connection County Connection Fixed Route Operating Statistical report and LINK Operating Report for May 2007; August 31, 2007 CCTA Project Status Report.

**Newsclips: Money Magazine 2007**, #57 of the Top 100 Best Places to Live is our very own City of Clayton. Congratulations!; **Sustainability Concepts, a supplement to Mass Transit Magazine**, "A 10-Part TOD Finance Plan" and "Parking as part of the TOD Solution"; **Los Angeles Times** Editorial, 7/11/07 "Smart Growth? Wise Up": Dan Walters, 9/2/07 column "Can state truly tame its sprawl?"

*Following discussion of staff reports and correspondence items, Chair Pierce returned to the Consent Calendar.*

## **7. For the Good of the Order - None**

- 8. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. to the Action Plan Workshop, in memory of Michael Chavez, Councilmember, City of Concord and TRANSPAC Alternate. The next TRANSPAC meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2007 at 9 a.m.

### **Action Plan Workshop for the Central County Action Plan**

The Action Plan Workshop took place immediately following adjournment of the TRANSPAC meeting. Martin Engelmann of CCTA began with a presentation describing what the Action Plan is, the processes and goals needed to prepare the update, and how the plans will be "knitted" together. The Action Plan will begin in Measure C and transitioned through Measure J. Some of the changes for Measure J include discontinuance of LOS standards for non-regional routes, and replacement of what had been called TSOs for Regional Routes with the term MTSOs.

Joe Story of DKS continued the presentation with additional materials and information on the update, addressing such issues as Action Plan tenets, TSO monitoring, Central County population and job growth, land use, transportation system improvements, and transit ridership.

Clarification was given by Martin Engelmann that the numbers used are not ABAG's *Projections 2005*, but 2006 LUIS, which had been compiled over the past two years and comprised of local jurisdictions' comments and updates. Further discussion of the Action Plan Update involved the relationship and

consistency with General Plans, a request for specific guidance from the Action Plan on TSOs, and a suggestion to revisit development of a telework program.

Materials were distributed and direction was given to the consultant, staff and the TAC members on the continued development of the Action Plan.