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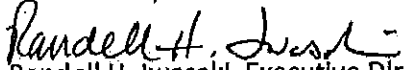
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From: 
 Randell H. Iwasaki, Executive Director

Date: May 17, 2012

Re: Items approved by the Authority on May 16, 2012, for circulation to the
 Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest

At its May 16, 2012 meeting, the Authority discussed the following items, which may be of interest to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees:

- 1. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement 18.CO.01 between Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA), CCTA, and the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) to Conduct a Real-Time Ridesharing (RTR) Pilot Program.** This amendment reduces the local matching requirement for federal funds applied to this project. Initially, the local match was set at 11.47 percent for the preliminary engineering portion of the work. As the project transitions to deployment, the local match requirement is reduced to zero-percent. The proposed amendment reflects the elimination of a local matching requirement along with other minor "clean up" modifications to align the scope of work with the deployment phase. *The Authority approved Amendment 1 to Cooperative Agreement 18.CO.01 and authorized staff to make non-substantive changes based upon further review by legal counsel.*
- 2. Approval of Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP) Cycle 3 Draft Program of Projects.** On January 19, 2012 the Authority authorized the release of the LTP Cycle 3 Call for projects. Ten applications were received requesting \$8.3 million; \$2.8 million more than is available for the program. The LTP Application Review Committee reviewed and scored the applications then met

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on March 20, 2012 to discuss the applications and recommend a draft program of projects (POP). The draft POP was presented to the Planning Committee and Authority in April for preliminary review. No issues were raised at that time from any of the project sponsors. *The Authority approved Resolution 12-20-G establishing the FY 2010-11 to FY 2012-13 LTP Program of Projects for Contra Costa County, and authorized transmittal of the program of projects to MTC.*

- 3. Discussion of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Proposed One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program.** The Joint MTC Planning/ABAG Administrative Committee is scheduled to review policies and procedures for the OBAG funding program on May 11, 2012 and MTC is scheduled to adopt it on May 17, 2012. Authority staff has reviewed the draft proposal and identified a number of issues. Staff suggests entering into a dialogue with our MTC representatives to discuss alternative strategies. *Staff reported that on May 4th staff met with MTC Commissioner Worth and key MTC staff to discuss the proposed OBAG program, including concerns with the proposed PDA Investment and Growth Strategy.*
- 4. Policy on Use of Competitive and Discretionary Funds to Replace Programmed Measure C or Measure J Funds.** Funding entities are increasing the use of competitive and/or discretionary grants to fund transportation capital projects. In some cases, it is possible to secure competitive and or discretionary grants for projects already programmed using Measure C or Measure J funds. Staff recommends adopting interim policy objectives for competitive and discretionary grants. The goal of the policy objectives is to provide flexibility to invest available funds for the most ready-to-go projects, maximize benefit for the entire portfolio of Measure C and Measure J projects, and maintain relative equity for all Regional Transportation Planning Committees. *The Authority adopted Interim policy objectives for competitive and discretionary grants for use in current discussions with the CTC regarding Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) savings, and authorized continuing discussions to develop a longer-term policy for "excess" Measure J savings or revenues that exceed original projections.*
- 5. Approval of Draft Programming Plan for Measure J Program 12, Transportation for Livable Communities, and Program 13, Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities, for Fiscal Years 2010-11 through 2014-15.** Measure J established four "countywide capital and maintenance programs", two of which are Program 12, Transportation for Livable Communities (CC-TLC), and Program 13, Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities (PBTF). Authority staff has developed a draft programming plan for allocating funding through the two

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programs through FY 2015. The draft programming plan builds on and incorporates the recommendations of the RTPCs (for the CC-TLC program) and the CBPAC (for the PBTf program). *The Authority approved the draft CC-TLC and PBTf Programming Plan and directed staff to proceed with the preparation of necessary cooperative agreements and funding resolutions.*



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 16, 2012

Cold Foam Recycling Presentation: April 6, 2012

We have decided to put together a technical series of industry speakers. We will invite the City and County engineers to our office when we schedule industry speakers for tech transfer. The first presentation was made by Project Manager Jack Wu. He represents Fonseca McElroy Grinding Co., Inc. (FMG). Jack called and asked if he could make a presentation about their cold foam asphalt concrete recycling process. They are based out of San Jose. In addition to CCTA staff, representatives from Harris and Associates and the East Bay Regional Park District attended the presentation.

Meeting with Brentwood Mayor and City Manager: April 10, 2012

I met with Brentwood Mayor Bob Taylor and City Manager Paul Eldridge to review the CMIA request and how it would impact projects in the East County area. After the meeting, I was treated to a tour of the new Brentwood City Hall.

Associated General Contractors (AGC) of California Constructor Awards Banquet: April 14, 2012

I attended the AGC annual awards banquet in San Francisco. I was part of a panel of judges that selected the various project winners. The seven categories that I judged were: Contribution to the Community, Innovation in Construction Techniques or Materials, Excellence in Project Management for Projects under \$10 million, Excellence in Project Management for Projects over \$10 million, Meeting the Challenge of the Difficult Job – Builder, and Meeting the Challenge of the Difficult Job – Heavy Engineering. In addition to helping judge the projects, I was the recipient of this year's S.I.R. (Skill, Integrity, and Responsibility) Award.

Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) Capacity Meeting: April 16 – 17, 2012

I attended the SHRP 2 panel meeting in Washington, DC. We are working on setting priorities for limited funding for implementation. SR 239 is one of the projects under consideration for SHRP implementation funding to use a number of environmental databases to help streamline the environmental approval process.

GAO ITS Implementation Report: April 18, 2012

The GAO report titled "Intelligent Transportation Systems: Improved DOT Collaboration and Communication Could Enhance the Use of Technology to Manage Congestion", GAO-12-308 report was released on April 18, 2012. I was one of the interviewees. The link to the report is <http://www.gao.gov/assets/590/589430.pdf>

Interview with Design Media, Inc.: April 18, 2012

I was interviewed by Design Media, Inc. They are the consultants developing the Caldecott Tunnel documentary.

Brentwood Rotary Club Speech: April 23, 2012

I gave the Brentwood Rotary Club attendees an update of the Measure J projects in Contra Costa. I specifically reviewed SR 4, SR 4 Bypass, and the CMIA request. They were excited to see so much progress on SR 4.

Federal Grants Workshop: April 25, 2012

Peter Engel and Jack Hall attended a Federal Grants Workshop hosted by Senator Barbara Boxer in Richmond. The workshop provided an opportunity to hear from ten individual federal agencies and meet with staff regarding grant opportunities provided by the agencies. Staff members from the Senator's Fresno, Sacramento and Oakland offices were also on hand. The event was hosted by the Senator's Contra Costa Field Representative, Joshua Quigley.

Administrative Assistants Recognition Day: April 25, 2012

We took a few minutes to acknowledge the administrative assistants for their hard work and dedication to the Authority. We gathered for cake and took a few minutes to celebrate and acknowledge the important efforts of the administrative staff in helping us accomplish our many achievements. On the Friday of that week we also visited a local establishment for pool, shuffleboard and fun cheer.

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting: April 25 - 26, 2012

Ross Chittenden attended the April CTC meeting in Irvine. The highlight of the meeting for Contra Costa was the \$11.043 million allocation of Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds to replenish the construction contingency on the Caldecott Fourth Bore project. This is the only project in the entire CMIA program where the CTC allocated funds due to increases in construction costs. The CTC adopted an updated policy on reprogramming CMIA savings. The Authority should be able to compete well under this updated policy. The CTC also approved an allocation of \$977,000 in STIP-TE funds to the City of El Cerrito for pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Moeser Lane and Ashbury Avenue.

Design Build Institute of America (DBIA) Conference: April 25 - 27, 2012

I was granted a scholarship to attend the DBIA conference in Phoenix. I attended sessions such as Design-Build for Transportation Owners Training to DBIA Best Practices. I also listened to former Colorado Governor Bill Owens speak about the \$1.6 billion major reconstruction of the intersection of I-25 and I-225. The project also added 19 miles of double track light rail lines. The project finished 22 months ahead of schedule and under budget. Bob Poole of the Reason Foundation gave the attendees his thoughts on transportation. The major points were: Diminished Federal role, Funding versus Financing, Fuel Taxes versus User Fee, Expanded role for P3, and Expanded role for Design Build.

Citigroup Global Markets: May 1, 2012

Randy Carlton and I attended a meeting with Citigroup officials. Citigroup, a member of the Authority's investment banking pool, provided us with an update on the market and transportation financing. Ron Marino of the firm shared his experience assisting other transportation entities throughout the country on financing large projects using Federal loan sources, toll revenues and other revenue based programs.

HP "Are You Ready for the Cloud": May 2, 2012

Randy Carlton attended an event hosted by HP on cloud computing. Storing data "in the cloud" is becoming more of a standard and safe method for storing data. The Authority's recent server upgrade project has been completed which provides us with the onsite IT infrastructure to move into this direction going forward.

One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program Meeting: May 4, 2012

Martin Engelmann, Amy Worth, Julie Pierce, Don Tatzin, Steve Heminger and I met to discuss the OBAG Program. We shared with MTC staff several policy-level concerns regarding the OBAG grant requirements. We expressed our concern that some of the policy elements of the proposed program seemed either ineffective, or overly prescriptive. In response, MTC released a revised set of OBAG policy guidelines on May 7.

Via Verdi Ground Filling Ceremony Celebration: May 4, 2012

The City of Richmond invited Ex-Director Tom Maruyama of Field Operations for CALEMA and me to participate in the celebration of the reconstruction of Via Verdi. CCTA was instrumental in working with CALEMA to get State Emergency Relief dollars to pay for the reconstruction. Without help, Richmond would have had to pay for the \$1.2 million project out of its own funds.

ITS World Congress Board Meeting: May 8 -10, 2012

I attend the ITS World Congress Board Meeting in Tokyo, Japan. The board is given the final numbers for attendance, financials, media, etc., for the previous ITS World Congress held in Orlando Florida. The board is given a status of the 2012 ITS World Congress in Vienna and starts to review the venue, agenda, speakers, etc. for the upcoming World Congress in Tokyo, Japan. On Tuesday I was asked to give a selected group of University of Tokyo Professors a speech about transportation in Contra Costa and the US.