

SUMMARY MINUTES
TRANSPAC Meeting – February 11, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Elected Officials: Mark Ross, Martinez, TRANSPAC Chair; Cindy Silva, Walnut Creek, TRANSPAC Vice Chair; Julie Pierce, Clayton, CCTA Representative; David Durant, Pleasant Hill, CCTA Representative; Bill Shinn for Guy Bjerke, Concord. Absent: Susan Bonilla, Contra Costa County.

Planning Commissioners: Bob Armstrong, Clayton; Diana Vavrek, Pleasant Hill; Jon Malkovich, Walnut Creek. Absent: (excused) Bob Hoag, Concord. Vacant Seat: Martinez

Staff: Ray Kuzbari, Concord; John Greitzer, Contra Costa County; Tim Tucker, Martinez; Martin Engelmann, CCTA; Eric Hu, Pleasant Hill; Jeremy Lochirco, Walnut Creek; Lynn Overcashier, Corinne Dutra-Roberts, 511 Contra Costa; Barbara Neustadter, Connie Peterson, TRANSPAC staff.

Others present: Tom Biggs, PBS&J; Albert Yee, MTC; Danielle Stanislaus, MTC; Cesar Pujol, Caltrans; Katie Benouar, Caltrans.

Meeting convened with a quorum by Chair Ross at 9:06 a.m.

1. **Convene meeting: Pledge of Allegiance/Self-Introductions - completed**
2. **Public Comment** – Bob Armstrong expressed his concern about the performance thus far of the High Speed Rail Commission in terms of its auditing and accountability. He requested that TRANSPAC ask this Commission for a better accounting for what it is doing.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA: Pierce/Silva/unanimous**
Approved the December 10, 2009 minutes
END CONSENT AGENDA
4. **Presentation on SR 4 and SR 24 Corridor System Management Plans (CSMP)**

Tom Biggs, PBS&J, consultant to MTC and Caltrans, presented an overview of the State Route 4 and State Route 24 Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI) and Corridor System Management Plans (CSMP). Although the FPI is finished, any input provided by TRANSPAC will be incorporated into the CSMP. When local stakeholder comments on the proposed congestion mitigation strategies have been incorporated, Caltrans will submit the CSMP to the CTC.

Following the presentation on SR4, questions were posed. Bob Armstrong asked about an example of the “outside the box” thinking in these studies that was mentioned. Mr. Biggs answered that the SR4 strategies included HOT lanes and ramp metering that were not new concepts, the SR24 studies considered strategies such as shoulder running. Mr. Armstrong asked if there had been a solution to drainage issues on SR4. Mr. Biggs answered that the entire length of the corridor was looked at and there were no specific recommendations, however, any particular drainage or safety issues should be identified now. It was pointed out that the pumps installed at “Lake Loveridge” have alleviated the drainage issue.

Following the discussion of SR24 recommendations, Barbara Neustadter asked about bus transit considerations, noting that Public Utilities Commission issues would need to be addressed. Ms. Neustadter added, for the record, that TRANSPAC did not support or establish gateway constraints in Central County during the Action Plan process. She asked whether “upstream BART parking” meant

Central County, and Mr. Biggs said that it did, and as BART is currently dealing with revenue issues, it is not willing to commit to new expenses for parking. Member Silva said that BART made it clear it did not intend to build more parking in the Walnut Creek Transit Village. Member Durant added that there would be no more building of parking to west of Central County and all parking will flow east.

Mr. Biggs said that an unresolved issue is making BART parking work for the Lamorinda communities. Member Pierce said now that Orinda expanded its height limit to five stories, perhaps there would be potential for a public-private partnership to expand parking. She asked if in BART's stated 10-20% in potential capacity, did it take into account East County ridership, given that most capacity will be taken by the East County expansion. Lynn Overcashier said that if BART has the capacity, a recommendation might be to increase the number of carpool spaces at the Orinda BART as well as add carpool signage. Member Durant wanted to know if the ramp metering discussion also took into consideration the off-freeway component.

Martin Engelmann said that written comments on the technical documents are due to CCTA next week. All RTPC comments will be included in the draft. Mr. Engelmann thanked Mr. Biggs for his participation.

ACTION: With thanks to CALTRANS, MTC, CCTA staff, and Tom Biggs, PBS&J consultants, approved comments on the CSMP reports for transmittal to CCTA. Pierce/Durant/Unanimous

5. Review of the Proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA) Review Process

Martin Engelmann, CCTA Deputy Executive Director, Planning, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the GPA review process. Member Silva requested clarification in cases of inconsistent thresholds among RTPCs and when it triggers the process. Mr. Engelmann said that the trip generation ceiling level applies to the jurisdiction in which the General Plan Amendment is initiated and that is the threshold that is applied.

The steps in the review process were outlined. Member Durant noted that the language in Step 12 does not make it clear that the RTPCs are to be included in the cooperative resolution process. Ms. Neustadter suggested a change in the language in Step 11 (to address the Step 12 issue) that clarifies when Cooperative Resolutions are initiated, the jurisdiction informs its RTPC in case an Action Plan amendment is necessary.

Member Durant suggested that #14 be revised further to say: "As part of the evaluation of the GMP Biennial Compliance Checklist review, the Authority will determine good faith participation in the GPA review process as described in Exhibit 1..."

Mr. Engelmann added that comments are due to CCTA by February 12, 2010. RTPC comments will be sent to the General Plan Amendment Task Force for review and possible proposed revisions to the GPA language for consideration.

ACTION: With thanks to Mr. Engelmann, approved, with additional modification, the TAC recommendations on language revisions to the GPA review process. Durant/Pierce/unanimous

Note: Order of the Agenda was changed, skipping to Item 10, TRANSPAC elections

6. **TRANSPAC and CCTA Representatives' Reports.** Items approved by the Authority on December 16, 2009 and January 20, 2010 for Circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest, the December 16, 2009 CCTA meeting minutes and the January 20, 2010 Executive Director's Report were included in the packet.

a. Administration and Projects Committee (APC) meeting

Member Pierce reported that at the APC, the legislative update described the status of AB 744 (HOT Lanes network) as being in an indeterminate state with some revisions likely. In the Projects report, it was indicated that the SR 4 widening project was going well. MTC has asked the Authority to submit a proposed list of projects for the Jobs for Main Street Act. In administrative issues, the APC recommended extending Nolte's program and project management services for another two years. Staff has requested authorization to enter into a lease agreement for new facilities in the Vodaphone building across from the Pleasant Hill BART.

b. Planning Committee (PC) meeting

Member Durant reported that the PC recommended, and the Authority agreed, that it was premature to respond to the questions raised by Save Mt. Diablo concerning local jurisdiction compliance with the Measure J Urban Limit Line (ULL) requirement. The Authority may need to incorporate language that will help address the ULL assessment process and criteria.

ACTION: Reports received

7. **Reports from Staff and Committees**

a. Corinne Dutra-Roberts, Senior Transportation Analyst, presented the 511 Contra Costa report. She noted that this was the one-year anniversary of the website's redesign, and she thanked partner jurisdictions agencies for putting links to 511 Contra Costa on their websites.

b. With \$5,000 of the Pacheco Transit Hub maintenance remaining unfunded, authority has been sought and received from Caltrans to charge for parking. Review of potential mechanisms for charging for parking fees will begin soon. The County also wants to discuss with the County Connection how Transit Hub parking fees might impact parking on Blum Road.

ACTION: Reports accepted

8. **TAC Staff Reports:**

Concord – Ray Kuzbari reported that the permanent restoration of the slide area on Ygnacio Valley Boulevard has been completed.

Walnut Creek – Jeremy Lochirco reported that in March, John Muir Hospital will begin construction mitigation improvements at Ygnacio Valley Road and La Casa Via. These improvements will include second lanes for southbound and northbound turns. The Ygnacio Valley Road Adaptive signal controller project is nearly complete, with controllers and/or cameras having been installed at 12 of the 13 signals. The last will be installed as weather permits.

ACTION: Reports accepted

9. Correspondence/Copies/Newsclips/Information

ACTION: Information accepted

10. Election of TRANSPAC Chair and Vice Chair for the 2010 term

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ACTION: Elected Mayor Pro Tem Silva to be TRANSPAC Chair for the 2010 term.

10. B. Election of TRANSPAC Vice Chair for the 2010 term

ACTION: Elected Mayor Guy Bjerke to be TRANSPAC Vice Chair for the 2010 term.

10. C. Acknowledgment of Chair Ross' year of service as 2009 Chair

Newly-elected Chair Silva thanked Mark Ross for his past year of service as TRANSPAC Chair, and presented him with a commemorative gavel plaque, noting that this had been his third term as Chair. Barbara Neustadter presented outgoing Chair Ross with a replica road sign that said "Casual Carpooling Here".

11. TRANSPAC Appointment to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority for the 2010-12 term.

ACTION: Reappointed Julie Pierce as TRANSPAC Representative to CCTA for the 2010-12 term commencing February 1, 2010. Durant/Silva/Unanimous

12. Appointment of TRANSPAC CCTA alternate(s) for the CCTA representative appointed to the 2010-12 term.

ACTION: Reappointed current second and third alternates (Cindy Silva and Guy Bjerke) for the CCTA Representative for the 2010-12 term. Durant/Silva/Unanimous

13. For the Good of the Order – Contra Costa County will appoint a new Planning Commission representative to TRANSPAC as Michael Murray's term has expired.

14. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next TRANSPAC meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2010 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room, City Hall, City of Pleasant Hill, unless otherwise determined.