

TRANSPAC
Transportation Partnership and Cooperation

Meeting Notice and Agenda

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Pleasant Hill City Hall – Community Room

100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

TRANSPAC reserves the right to take formal action on any item included on this agenda, whether or not a form of resolution, motion or other indication that action will be taken is included on the agenda or attachments thereto.

- 1. Meeting Opening:** Pledge of Allegiance/Self-Introductions
- 2. Public Comment:** At this time, the public is welcome to address TRANSPAC on any item not on this agenda. Please complete a speaker card and hand it to a member of the staff. Please begin by stating your name and address and indicate whether you are speaking for yourself or an organization. Please keep your comments brief. In fairness to others, please avoid repeating comments.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of September 8, 2011 Minutes (attached)

B. Approval of Revised and Restated Administrative Services Agreement between Pleasant Hill and TRANSPAC on behalf of TRANSPAC/TRANSPLAN TDM Program, doing business as 511 Contra Costa (attached)

END CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. SR 242 Corridor Management Plan Review presented by Lee Taubeneck, Deputy District Director for Transportation Planning and Local Assistance, and Erik Alm, District Branch Chief, Office of System Planning, System Planning East, Caltrans District 4**

Presentation/discussion/review with Caltrans staff on the most recent SR 242 Corridor Plan. The TAC reviewed the Corridor Plan at its October 27, 2011 meeting.

Attachment: TCC 10/20/11 CTA staff report; September 26, 2011 State Route 242 Corridor Plan

ACTION: Receive report with thanks to Lee Taubeneck, Deputy District Director for Transportation Planning and Local Assistance, and Erik Alm, AICP, District Branch Chief, System Planning East Office of System Planning, Caltrans District 4

5. Review/Discussion of the SR-4 Integrated Corridor Analysis (ICA) with Tom Biggs, Atkins, North America, Inc. and TRANSPAC TAC members

Over the years, TRANSPAC has spent a considerable amount of time assessing the best approach to move forward on the SR 4 Corridor including the I-680/SR-4 Interchange sooner rather than later within the resources available. TRANSPAC has been ably assisted by CCTA staff and over the years, the agency has made financial and consultant resources available to support this effort.

The most recent analysis effort began as part of the Integrated Corridor Analysis (ICA) as an idea to consider re-phasing of Phase 3 of the Interchange, commonly referred to as the "missing third lane" which derived its name from its placement in the originally adopted phasing for the reconstruction of the Interchange. Please see the attached Project Fact sheet from the July 2011 Measure J Strategic Plan which describes the project's phasing. Please note that costs do not include Freeway Performance Initiative projects.

The Interstate 680/State Route 4 Interchange Improvement Project, Initial Study Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact was signed in November 2008. Changes to this document could be required if changes are made to the current project.

Note: Please recall that on April 1 2011, The PBSJ Corporation and its PBS&J subsidiary company were renamed and now operates as Atkins North America, Inc, commonly referred to as Atkins. The firm provides infrastructure planning, engineering, construction management, environmental consulting, urban planning, architecture and program management services.

ACTION: Accept the TAC recommendation to not re-phase the I-680/SR 4 project and to accept Scenario 5 for corridor project planning studies including the City of Pittsburg and neighbors to the east through its inclusion in the Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan and/or as determined. Thanks to Martin Engelmann and CCTA for the funding, technical support and consultant services used for this analysis.

Attachments: November 2011 SR-4 Integrated Corridor Analysis (ICA) (I-680 Interchange Evaluation Study Highlights) performed by Atkins North America; excerpt from the July 2011 Measure J Strategic Plan Project I-680/State Route 4 Interchange Improvements project description which while focused on Phase I, also lists the balance of the additional Phases.

6. Review of the Draft 2011 Congestion Management Plan (CMP) Update Presented by Matt Kelly, CCTA Planning staff

As the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Contra Costa, CCTA must prepare a Congestion Management Program (CMP) and update it every other year. Under MTC's proposed schedule, a draft CMP must be submitted to the Regional Agency by October 14, 2011. The 2011 CMP Update is focused on the seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and consistency of the Authority's updated travel demand forecasting model with

MTC's model, while making technical updates to various chapters and appendices in order to reflect the current status of related activities.

The TCC reviewed the Draft CMP at its June 16, 2011 meeting and the TAC reviewed it at its July 28, 2011 meeting. TRANSPAC representatives are requested to bring comments and/or issues to this meeting for discussion and action as determined.

Attachments: CCTA 7/6/11 Planning Committee Staff Report on the "Release of the Draft Congestion Management Plan (CMP); CCTA 10/20/11 Technical Coordinating Committee Staff report on the Adoption of the Proposed Congestion Management Plan (CMP)

To review the full CMP report, please go to www.ccta.net, click on the "Meetings and Agendas" column, scroll down to "Planning Committee", click on the July 6, 2011 line, go to Item 12 and click on ([Draft 2011 CMP Updated Chapters & CIP Project List \[PDF-28 KB\]](#))-CMA Function.

ACTION: Submit any comments to CCTA for inclusion in Final 2011 CMP submittal to MTC and/or as determined

7. CCTA Call for projects for the Measure J Contra Costa-Transportation for Livable Communities (CC-TLC) and Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities (PBTF) programs

The Authority has announced the call for projects for the Measure J Transportation for Livable Communities (CC-TLC) and Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities (PBTF) programs.

The CC-TLC programs will fund plans and projects that support transit-oriented or mixed-use development and affordable housing or that encourage walking, bicycling or transit use. The PBTF funds covered in this call for projects must be used to complete projects in the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Applications for CC-TLC funding will be reviewed by the Regional Transportation Planning Committee(s) in which the project is located. Each RTPC will recommend which of those projects should be funded consistent with the adopted CC-TLC guidelines. Applications for PBTF funding, which is a countywide program, will be reviewed by the Authority's Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

The CCTA Planning Committee Staff report is attached and outlines key information regarding these programs including funds available to each RTPC area, the November 14, 2011 application submission deadline, the schedule for review and project selection for funding. The selection process will extend into 2012 and allocation actions are expected to be completed in April 2012.

Attachment: September 7, 2011 CCTA Planning Committee Staff report on the Release of the CC-TLC and PBTF Call for Projects. The full call for projects for both programs is on the Authority's website at this address: <http://ccta.net/EN/footer/fundingopportunities.html>

7 A. Presentation by John Cunningham, Senior Transportation Planner, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development on two planning proposals located in both the SWAT (Lamorinda) and TRANSPAC areas. These proposals are in the application development process for CC-TLC funding.

Given the shared project geographic areas for these two projects, this is an early review in advance of the review process for project selection which is scheduled for next year. It is expected that the project sponsor will request CC-TLC funding from TRANSPAC funds for a geographic share of the costs when complete cost estimates have been developed.

The Olympic Corridor Trail Connector Study

The Olympic Corridor Trail Connector Study is a planning effort that will identify feasible alignments and the preferred alternative for a pedestrian/bicycle facility connecting two well-used, paved, multi-use regional trails in Contra Costa County, the Lafayette-Moraga Trail (LMT) and the Iron Horse Trail (IHT). If connected, these facilities (in addition to the Contra Costa Canal Trail two miles to the north of downtown Walnut Creek) would complete a trail network that joins most of Lamorinda, San Ramon Valley, and Central Contra Costa. The ultimate goal of the proposal is to provide a superior connection for bicyclists and pedestrians between the LMT to the IHT offering the highest level of safety and convenience.

The study spans three jurisdictions (Lafayette, Unincorporated Contra Costa County, and City of Walnut Creek) generally along the Olympic Boulevard corridor. The western project limit is in the City of Lafayette at the intersection of the LMT, Olympic Boulevard, and Reliez Station Road. The eastern project limit is in the City of Walnut Creek along the IHT corridor. (See map in Attachment) For the purposes of this study, the Olympic Boulevard corridor includes Boulevard Way, Newell Avenue, and Olympic Boulevard.

I-680/Treat Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan

The proposed project would develop a plan that identifies improvements to serve bicyclists and pedestrians using the Treat Boulevard/I-680 Overcrossing near the Contra Costa Centre/Pleasant Hill BART station area. The I-680/Treat Boulevard Overcrossing is one of the main arteries into the Contra Costa Centre/Pleasant Hill BART station area from areas of Walnut Creek west of the freeway. The Contra Costa Centre/Pleasant Hill BART Area Specific Plan identifies a need for a future bicycle and pedestrian circulation route along this segment (See map in the Attachment).

The general study area consists of the segment of Treat Boulevard from the Iron Horse Trail Overcrossing, extending west to North Main Street in the City of Walnut Creek. The Contra Costa Centre/Pleasant Hill BART Specific Plan contains policies and recommendations that encourage improved bicycle and pedestrian circulation access to, through, and from the Specific Plan area. The proposed Plan would support and help implement these policies and recommendations. In addition, the City of Walnut Creek adopted policies in its General Plan 2025 that support this project.

The TRANSPAC TAC reviewed these proposals at its September 22, 2011 meeting and recommended general support for each project.

ACTION: Support the development of these proposals, support a fund allocation based on geographic “share” between SWAT and TRANSPAC or some other basis, review the proposals again when the cost estimates are complete, take no action until the CCTA review process is initiated and/or as determined

Attachments: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development: Transportation for Livable Communities Proposals: Olympic Corridor Trail Connector Study short description and initial draft application and the I-680/Treat Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan short description and initial draft application

8. TRANSPAC CCTA Representative Reports: Reports on the most recent CCTA Administration and Projects Committee (Member Pierce), Planning Committee (Member Durant), and CCTA meetings (Members Pierce and Durant)

Attachments: Updated October 5, 2011 Planning Committee report for the October 19 CCTA meeting Approval of the Proposed Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC) (Bylaws comments from the original October 5, 2011 Planning Committee agenda are attached); Items approved by the Authority on September 21, 2011 for Circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest; September 21 CCTA Executive Director’s Report; July 20 CCTA meeting minutes; Items approved by the Authority on October 19, 2011 for Circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest; October 19 CCTA Executive Director’s Report; September 21 CCTA meeting minutes

ACTION: As determined

9. SB 375/SCS Report by Martin Engelmann, CCTA Deputy Executive Director, Planning. This item also includes the CCTA Planning Committee staff report on the “Review and Discussion of Future Planning Activities”

ACTION: As determined

10. 511 Contra Costa and TRANSPAC Staff Reports

a) 511 Contra Costa: Report on Peace on the Streets: Ride On!

Attached is the latest report on this popular program complete with photos of the various capital improvements over the course of this year.

Attachment: Spring 2011 Final Report Highlights

ACTION: Accept Report and/or as determined

b) TRANSPAC Report: Oral report

ACTION: Receive reports and/or as determined

11. TAC Reports by Jurisdiction: Clayton, Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and Contra Costa County

12. Correspondence/Copies/Newsclips/Information

Attachments:

- Contra Costa Times Readers' Forum, September 16, 2011, Gerald Cauthen, PE; see list of transportation experience at the end of the column "Rebalancing Bay Area Transportation"
- Contra Costa Times, Your Turn column, September 23, 2011 in response to Mr. Cauthen, "Politics at the heart of matter" by Bob Armstrong, Planning Commissioner and TRANSPAC Representative from Clayton
- Contra Costa Times Your Turn column, October 1, 2011, "MTC is moving, deal with it" by Adrienne J. Tissier, MTC Chair, Vice President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- CCTA Chair Durant comment letter to MTC Executive Director Steve Hemminger on the July 8, 2011 Proposal for the OneBayArea Grant Program
- San Francisco Chronicle, September 16, 2011 "Caldecott Tunnel workers dig toward tomorrow"
- San Francisco Chronicle, October 1, 2011, Letter re: Bay Bridge carpools
- TRANSPLAN - September 8 meeting status letter
- WCCTAC - no September meeting
- SWAT no September, October meeting
- TRANSPAC September 8, 2011 meeting status letter; no October meeting
- County Connection: Fixed Route Operating Reports - August, September 2011; LINK Monthly Operating Reports – August, September 2011
- CCTA Project Status report October 6, 2011

ACTION: Accept reports and/or as determined

13. For the Good of the Order

14. Next meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at Pleasant Hill City Hall