

TRANSPAC Meeting Summary Minutes

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2010

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Cindy Silva, Walnut Creek (Chair); Mark Ross, Martinez; David Durant, Pleasant Hill, CCTA Representative.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bob Armstrong, Clayton; Diana Vavrek, Pleasant Hill; John Mercurio, Concord; Richard Clark, Contra Costa County.

STAFF PRESENT: Ray Kuzbari, Concord; Jack Hall, CCTA; Jeremy Lochirco, Walnut Creek; Corinne Dutra-Roberts, 511 Contra Costa; Barbara Neustadter, Connie Peterson, TRANSPAC staff.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: C. L. Peterson

Chair Silva convened without a quorum at 9:01 a.m.

- 1. Convene meeting: Pledge of Allegiance/Self-Introductions - Completed**
- 2. Public Comment** – New Planning Commissioner representatives Richard Clark (Contra Costa County) and John Mercurio (City of Concord) were welcomed to TRANSPAC.
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA:** Approval of the March 11, 2010 minutes will be forwarded to the May 13 meeting.
END CONSENT AGENDA
- 4. Presentation on the Use of Recycled Water in Transportation Projects by Michael McGill, P.E., President and Principal in Charge, MMS Design Associates and President of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) Board of Directors**

Mr. McGill gave a presentation on the production and quality of recycled water and its use in transportation projects, both for irrigation and construction. A handout was distributed which outlined CCCSD's recycled water program and explained the advantages of recycling water, including helping to meet the needs of a growing population by conserving drinking water supplies and diverting less water from the Delta. As a local water supply, recycled water is under local control and is not subject to rationing during droughts. A number of barriers exist that inhibit expanding the use of recycled water, such as high capital costs for treatment facilities and pipeline systems, lack of tax incentives for businesses, and little state or federal assistance. In addition, until the recent drought situation, Northern California has had sufficient water available at low cost.

Bob Armstrong asked how Northern California's water recycling compared with that of Southern California. Mr. McGill answer that it is minimal in comparison because Southern California must recycle more aggressively due to the lack of other water sources. In addition, more financial incentives and subsidies are available in Southern California. Diana Vavrek asked if they had more industrial users that use recycled water, and Mr. McGill replied that it does, but it also has a much higher population in general. Barbara Neustadter asked if state and federal water policy involvement was helping in any way. Mr. McGill believed that until lately, it wasn't promoted in Northern

California as the demand did not exist. It appears that with last year's water legislation, mandating use of recycled water is expected. Mark Ross mentioned one of the slides that talked about how using recycled water helps reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by not pumping water from out of the area. He said that in California, the greatest use of electricity for is pumping water. Member Ross asked if there had been any discussions about offering credits to sell. Mr. McGill said that there has been no talk about selling credits at this time, however, CCCSD always considers issues concerning GHG emissions and the environment in its operations.

Bob Armstrong asked if the recycled water produced here was close to being potable. Mr. McGill answered that it was getting close. Don Berger of CCCSD added that Southern California does have a process for treating recycled water to be used for drinking water.

Barbara Neustadter asked about the public response to the pharmaceutical recycling program. Mr. McGill said the turn-in rate was very high. Chair Silva suggested that it might be beneficial to have more education at the prescription's point of sale to inform the public about the recycling program.

ACTION: With thanks to Mr. McGill, received presentation

5. **TRANSPAC and CCTA Representatives are requested to report on the most recent CCTA Administration and Projects Committee (Neustadter reported for Member Pierce), Planning Committee (Chair Silva reported for Member Durant), and CCTA meetings (Members Pierce and Durant)** "Items approved by the Authority on March 17, 2010 for Circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest", the March 17, 2010 Executive Director's Report and the February 17, 2010 CCTA meeting minutes were included in the packet.

a. Administration and Projects Committee (APC) meeting

In the absence of Member Pierce, Barbara Neustadter reported that the Administration and Projects Committee approved a number of actions to funding resolutions. The APC discussed legislation and adopted a resolution for salaries and benefits for the upcoming fiscal year. An update was given on the office relocation scheduled for July 23, and APC approved installation of interior automatic doors in the new offices. The APC approved an amendment to Nolte's contract for work on the SB 83 vehicle registration fee nexus study, expenditure plan, and ballot measure language.

The vehicle registration fee generated a number of comments. Chair Silva asked how much money the \$10 fee is expected to generate, to which Ms. Neustadter replied about \$8 million per year. The expenditure plan establishes how the money will be allocated including funds to local jurisdictions. Early polling in other counties indicated that voters feel it is very important for the money to be controlled at the local level and not subject to use by the State. Chair Silva said that the results of the Contra Costa polling will be presented on April 21, and she has asked Ms. Neustadter to request a copy of the survey report. Ms. Neustadter will obtain the written report and is working on getting the audio. John Mercurio mentioned that in this election not only was there the proposed \$10 fee, but also a state park measure that would add another \$18 to the registration fee, which might affect voter's approval.

b. Planning Committee (PC) meeting

Member Silva attended the PC meeting as the alternate for Member Durant. She reported that the PC recommended that the Authority release the RFPs for three project studies, including the

SR-4 Corridor Study (an action in the TRANSPAC the Action Plan), the Safe Routes to School Master Plan, and technical support for development of the Sustainable Communities Strategies. The PC approved the draft budget for Congestion Management Program activities of the Authority for review by the Public Managers' Association before final action in June. The local jurisdictions will be requested to fund \$180,000 although actual billings have always been lower. The PC received a request for comments concerning the New Farm Project in the Tassajara Valley that has been submitted to the County. Richard Clark offered to arrange for a representative of the applicant to come to speak to TRANSPAC. Chair Silva thanked Mr. Clark but declined as it would be discussed at the Authority level and is not in TRANSPAC's jurisdiction.

ACTION: Reports received

6. Reports from Staff and Committees - information

Corinne Dutra-Roberts, Senior Transportation Analyst, reported on 511 Contra Costa activities. She noted that she will attend the workshop on the Draft Clean Air Plan for 2010 in Oakland today. The new Commuter Information Guide has been distributed to meeting attendees. This version of the Information Guide has been pared down to focus on Contra Costa, with references to websites provided for other areas. The Commuter Information Guide also will be distributed to local employers and government agencies. She noted that the date listed for Earth Day in the staff report should have been April 22. Martinez will unveil its electric charging stations on that day as well. Ms. Dutra-Roberts reported on the Climate Action Plan workshop recently held in Antioch, where master's candidates for the Green Business program at Dominican College ran Antioch's outreach program. In the packet is a diagram of the conversation mapping system used to compile comments from this very diverse group of participants. The content of this study will be available on the website. In response to an inquiry, Ms. Dutra-Roberts explained the mapping exercise in more detail.

ACTION: 511 Contra Costa report was accepted

7. TAC Reports: Oral reports on local jurisdiction and agency transportation projects

Concord – Ray Kuzbari reported on two Measure J projects. The SR 242 Ramp project at Clayton Road is partially funded with \$4.6M from Measure J. Transportation Authority staff have agreed to take the lead on the project and Concord staff will provide technical support. The plan is to get the Project Study Report underway this fiscal year. The second project is the Clayton Road and Treat Boulevard improvement project, which is fully funded by Measure J for \$2M. Preliminary engineering is underway and completion is expected by 2015.

Walnut Creek – Jeremy Lochirco reported that the Ygnacio Valley Road adaptive signal project is nearing completion. This week John Muir Hospital will begin construction of improvements at Ygnacio and La Casa Via which will continue through November. The Ygnacio sidewalk project will begin this summer pending ARRA funding approval. Trench work on Ygnacio Valley Road to be done by PG&E will also begin this summer as well as the Treat Boulevard reconstruction from Bancroft east. Phase 3 of the Geary Road Widening project is in the early design stage and is proposed for construction in 2012.

Chair Silva added that the Downtown Parking Task Force in Walnut Creek had come up with a number of recommendations, and requested that Mr. Lochirco report on those recommendations.

He reported on a number of comments about the new token system to pay fees in the City's parking garages, and how there was some confusion by people using it for the first time. Mr. Lochirco said that a video had been produced on how to use the new token system.

ACTION: Reports accepted

8. Correspondence/Copies/Newsclips/Information – information accepted

ACTION: Information accepted

9. for the Good of the Order

- The Committee was reminded that the May 13, 2010 TRANSPAC meeting is also Bike to Work Day. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Walnut Creek City Hall to handle action items, including the FY2010-11 TRANSPAC budget. Following that will be a walkability/mobility audit tour of downtown Walnut Creek conducted by Rafat Raie, City Engineer, City of Walnut Creek staff.
- The date of the June meeting has been changed to June 17. TRANSPAC will meet at the North Concord BART station and will then take a tour of Central County BART stations.
- Randy Iwasaki, the new CCTA Executive Director, has been invited to meet with TRANSPAC at its July 8, 2010 meeting.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next TRANSPAC meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2010 at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Walnut Creek City Hall, 1666 Main Street, Walnut Creek.