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MEMORANDUM

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From: *MB for:*
Randell H. Iwasaki, Executive Director

Date: November 15, 2012

Re: Items approved by the Authority on November 14, 2012, for circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest

At its November 14, 2012 meeting, the Authority discussed the following items, which may be of interest to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees:

1. **Update on the OneBayArea Grant Program.** Since the Authority's last discussion of the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) program, MTC has made several significant changes to it. First, it both increased the total amount of funding available for projects in Contra Costa and changed the amounts coming from the three federal funding sources. This change could allow the Authority to put more funding into the Local Streets and Roads Preservation program. Second, MTC agreed to direct another \$20 million to the CMAs for a new Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning and Implementation Program. Contra Costa could get between \$2 million and \$2.8 million through this program. This change may allow the Authority to reduce the amount of OBAG funds set aside for CMA planning. *The Authority approved staff's overall approach to the allocation of additional funds, and approved the composition of the PDA/OBAG Working Group. The Working Group will be comprised of: two (2) representatives of housing or commercial developers with experience in infill development in PDAs or low-income housing; five (5) representatives of advocacy groups; six (6) local staff, one from each RTPC including Lamorinda and the San Ramon Valley, as well as the Chair of the Planning Directors'*

group, with a mix of transportation and planning staff; and two (2) transit agency staff, one designated by the Bus Transit Coordinating Committee (BTCC) and one by BART.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
November 14, 2012

Express Lane Meeting: October 9, 2012

Art Dao, Daryl Halls, and I met with Steve Heminger and Andy Fremier to discuss Express Lane governance issues prior to adoption by MTC. We reviewed the oversight committee structure, the three tiers for project delivery and the arrangements for various phases of work.

SHRP 2 Capacity Meeting: October 15-16, 2012

I attended the SHRP 2 Capacity Technical Coordinating Committee meeting in Washington DC. We reviewed the progress of the various research projects. CCTA/Parsons is still in the running for grant money to fund the use of various environmental databases to determine if this will help streamline the environmental process.

Intermodal Security Training and Exercise Program (I-STEP): October 17, 2012

I participated in a teleconference to review and critique the I-STEP meeting held the week of August 20, 2012. We are developing the final action plan resulting from the input of attendees from various states and local agencies.

Contra Costa Council Lunch Speech: October 17, 2012

I was asked by the Contra Costa Council Transportation subcommittee co-chairs Roger Hughes and Kris Johnson to give a speech on Intelligent Transportation Systems. The topic was Connected Vehicle and Mobile Applications. The lunch was well attended. The members of the audience had some thoughtful questions about the future of transportation.

Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) Meeting: October 18, 2012

Peter Engel and I met with Executive Director Nina Rannells and members of her staff to gain insight into the issue regarding the proposed Antioch Ferry stop (Antioch) and the WETA short term planning document that will be adopted soon. Although Antioch is mentioned in the document, there isn't any funding identified for the project. Because there isn't any funding identified in the plan, representatives from Antioch are concerned WETA doesn't consider their project as viable. Antioch is identified in the Vision document developed through the RTP process.

I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) Project Groundbreaking: October 19, 2012

Vice Chair Janet Abelson was one of the speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony for the I-80 ICM project in Emeryville. ACTC Executive Director Art Dao and I emceed the program. The ground breaking ceremony was well attended by the media.

ITS World Congress: October 22 – 26, 2012

I arrived in the afternoon on Monday for the ITS World Congress in Vienna. I attended the Plenary Session 2 – Converging Technologies – Converging Mobility. The discussion centered on the number of opportunities using mobile and internet technologies. I participated on a panel that focused on Future Trends in City Mobility. I provided an update from the U.S./Contra Costa perspective. I was asked to contact the moderator of the European Union to provide more detail regarding the innovations that we are working on here at the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. The sessions I attended focused on the benefits of deploying technologies ranging from safety to reduction of greenhouse gases. I also attended a session on ITS and the Economy. There is a benefit for efficient, reliable transportation. This is the message I tried to leave at the EC2 speech. We are investing over \$1 billion in infrastructure improvements to help entice job creation in East Contra Costa. There were many vendors exhibiting their technologies in the Convention Center. My last meeting was the ITS World Congress Board meeting on Friday evening. The Europeans said that they had approximately 10,000 registrations.

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting: October 24, 2012

Ross Chittenden represented the Authority at the CTC meeting in Sacramento.

San Joaquin Regional Rail Working Group: October 26, 2012

Ross Chittenden represented the Authority at the working group meeting. The working group approved language for the proposed Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA). Staff will request the Authority to consider approval of the JEPA and nomination of a Board member and alternate for the new agency that will manage the San Joaquin intercity rail line between Oakland and Bakersfield.

Rating Agency Presentations: October 31, 2012

Chair Don Tatzin, Randy Carlton, Ross Chittenden and I made presentations to two rating agencies, Fitch and Standard & Poor's. We are getting prepared for our 2012 Bond Sale. We made our "pitch" for a great rating. In the group were representatives from our bankers, Citi, and our financial advisor, PFM. Martin Engelmann and Erick Cheung attended the meeting too. Since the meetings were held in our office, I thought it would be a good training exercise and they are integral parts of our management team.

We treated the rating agency staff to separate tours of the Caldecott Tunnel to reinforce the value of an investment in transportation and especially in the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

eBART Project Check-in: November 2, 2012

Ross Chittenden and I met with Grace Crunican, Ric Rattray (BART), Steve Heminger, and Alix Bockelman (MTC) to review the financial plan for the eBART project. A major milestone is the bids for the vehicle purchases. This will help determine if we need to move resources from the contingency balance. We also are reviewing the ridership projections if the Pittsburg train stop is built. We are still working on a funding plan for the intermediate stop between Pittsburg/Bay Point and the new Antioch station.

Caldecott Executive Steering Committee Meeting: November 2, 2012

Ross Chittenden and I met with ACTC, MTC, and Caltrans staff to review the various budget assumptions and the risk register, review and approve contract change orders and discussion of various issues with external agencies. We also agreed to move forward with a 75 year anniversary celebration for bores 1 and 2.

Dean's Advisory Council: November 5, 2012

I am a member of the Cal Poly School of Engineering's Dean's Advisory Council. There can be up to 60 members. We provide input to Dean Debra Larson. The topics for this meeting were moving the college from quarters to semesters. My subcommittee worked on the philosophy of reducing the curriculum by 6 units because of recent budget reduction. I was asked by Professor Alypios Chatziioanou to step out and talk to the senior graduating class about transportation.

Meeting with California Transportation Commissioner Alvarado: November 7, 2012

Ross Chittenden, Ivan Ramirez, and I met with California Transportation Commission (CTC) Commissioner Bobby Alvarado in Oakland to discuss Caldecott Fourth Bore cost increases.

2012 Design-Build Conference and Expo: November 7-9, 2012

Jack Hall attended the 2012 Design-Build Conference and Expo in New Orleans, Louisiana.

California Transit Association's Annual Fall Meeting: November 7-9, 2012

Peter Engel and I attended the California Transit Association's 47th Annual Fall Meeting in Palm Springs. I moderated a panel on "What You Need to Know to be Part of Successful Transportation Initiatives", and was a speaker at "Succession Planning: How to Implement a Successful Process for Your Upcoming Leaders."

Focus on the Future Conference: November 11-13, 2012

Commissioners Janet Abelson and Julie Pierce, Arielle Bourgart, Ross Chittenden, Martin Engelmann, Hisham Noeimi, and I attended the 23rd Annual Focus on the Future Transportation Conference held in Newport Beach. I moderated a session on "Development in a Post SB 375 World." Ross participated on a panel for "Strengthening the Project Delivery Partnership."

Out of State Travel – Prior Reporting Period**2012 DBIA Conference: August 20-22, 2012**

Amin AbuAmara attended the 2012 Federal Sector Conference: Design-Build a Better Nation DBIA conference in Arlington, Virginia. Amin received a scholarship to attend this conference, minimizing costs to the Authority which totaled \$160.



Fall 2012	Location	Event
Fall 2012	MTC - Oakland	MTC to Release Draft 2013 RTP/EIR
November 7-9	Palm Springs, CA	CTA Annual Fall Meeting
November 11-13, 2012	Newport Beach, CA	2012 Focus on the Future Conference
November 14, 2012	CCTA - Walnut Creek	Authorize Award - SR4 Widening Segment 3B
Late November, 2012	Orinda	75th Birthday of the Caldecott Tunnel, 1st and 2nd Bore
December 2012 (Date TBD)	Richmond	Ribbon Cutting - Richmond Transit Village BART Parking Structure
December 5-6, 2012	Riverside, CA	California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting
December 2012 (Tentative)	CCTA - Walnut Creek	Revenue Bond Sale
Winter 2012 -Spring 2013	Location	Event
February 2013 (Date TBD)	Antioch	Groundbreaking - SR4 Widening Segment 3B (Hillcrest Avenue Interchange)
Date TBD	Danville	Groundbreaking - I-680 Auxiliary Lanes - Sycamore Valley to Crow Canyon
April 24, 2013 (Tentative)	MTC - Oakland	MTC to Adopt the 2013 RTP
Fall 2013	Location	Event
Date TBD	Orinda	Open to Traffic - Caldecott Fourth Bore Project
Winter 2013	Location	Event
Winter 2013 (Hold)	Richmond	Groundbreaking - Officer Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass (CCTA Measure J Project: Marina Bay Parkway Grade Separation)
Spring 2014	Location	Event
Spring 2014 - Date TBD	Brentwood	Ribbon Cutting - SR4 Widening and Sand Creek Interchange
Spring 2014 - Date TBD	Antioch/Oakley	Groundbreaking - SR4/160 Connector Ramps



Contra Costa Transportation Authority **STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: November 14, 2012

SB 375/SCS Implementation Update

MTC Sets to Work on the Draft EIR for Plan Bay Area: Following MTC/ABAG's decision in July to select five alternatives to be evaluated in the Draft EIR, MTC staff has set to work on developing the Draft EIR. The alternatives that will be evaluated are: 1) No Project; 2) Jobs-Housing Connection (the proposed project); 3) Transit Priority Focus; 4) Enhanced Network of Communities; and 5) Environment, Equity, and Jobs Alternative. As of yet, no information is publicly available regarding the results of the analysis.

Regional Advisory Working Group (RAWG): The RAWG meeting for November was cancelled. MTC and ABAG staff have indicated that the RAWG will reconvene as soon as the initial results of the RTP DEIR alternative studies are available for review.

OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program: Authority staff is beginning to develop the SCS (Sustainable Communities Strategy) Investment and Growth Strategy. Authority staff continues to hold discussions with MTC/ABAG staff regarding implementation of this program. Most recently, an additional \$20 million became available to the CMAs for planning and Priority Development Area (PDA) development efforts.

Planning Directors Meetings: The Planning Directors of Contra Costa will meet on December 14 to further discuss the OBAG Investment & Growth Strategy.

