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## MEMORANDUM

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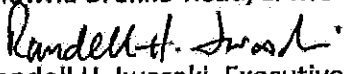
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From:   
 Randell H. Iwasaki, Executive Director

Date: February 25, 2013

Re: Items approved by the Authority on February 20, 2013, for circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and related items of interest

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At its February 20, 2013 meeting, the Authority discussed the following items, which may be of interest to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees:

Randell H. Iwasaki,  
 Executive Director

1. **CTPL Call for Projects.** The Authority's Comprehensive Transportation Project List (CTPL) is Contra Costa's financially-unconstrained, universal list of projects that is used to identify and track all types of projects to support a variety of key functions. At present, staff wishes to update the CTPL. The most immediate purposes for the update are to formulate the seven-year Capital Improvement Program for the upcoming 2013 Congestion Management Program (CMP) Update, to jump-start the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program "call for projects" scheduled for this March, and to update the CTPL itself for inclusion in the 2014 Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) Update. *To initiate the process, Authority staff was authorized to release the CTPL Call for Projects, and contact all project lead agencies – local jurisdictions, transit agencies, RTPCs and other potential sponsors – announcing the Authority's intent to update the CTPL, and provide instructions on how to access the Authority's web-based CTPL portal.*

2. **SB 375/SCS Implementation Update.** *Authority staff provided an update on the schedule for the draft 2013 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The most*

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*recent information is that MTC will release its Draft RTP on March 22, 2013. MTC staff will present the plan at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Authority meeting. Regarding the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) program, Authority staff reported that a unified "Call for Projects" for Cycle 2 Federal funding would be brought to the Planning Committee on March 6<sup>th</sup>, for release on March 8<sup>th</sup>.*



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**February 20, 2013**

**Senator DeSaulnier: January 11, 2013**

Chair Don Tatzin, Commissioner Amy Worth asked Ross Chittenden, Ivan Ramirez and me to attend a meeting with the Senator to provide an update on the progress of the Caldecott Tunnel construction project and review outstanding issues.

**Caldecott Executive Steering Committee: January 11, 2013**

Ross Chittenden, Ivan Ramirez and I met with ACTC and Caltrans staff to review the various budget assumptions and risk register, review and approve contract change orders and discussion of various issues with external agencies. We are getting closer to the opening date, but need to resolve the final funding issues.

**Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting: January 13 - 17, 2013**

Ross Chittenden and I attended the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual Transportation Research Board (TRB) meeting. The meeting offers an unparalleled opportunity to share our knowledge and perspectives with others and to learn about the latest developments in transportation research, policy and practice. The meeting, normally held on the fourth week of January, was moved to the third week due to the President's inauguration. I was supposed to participate on the "Imagining a New Future for Information Management" panel, but had to return for the Authority meeting. Ross Chittenden has joined the Managed Lanes Subcommittee. Tri Delta General Manager Jeanne Krieg and I met with representatives from PATH (Partners for Advanced Transit and Highway) based at UC Berkeley. PATH partnered with Cambridge Systematics to respond to an exciting RFP published by the US DOT to develop a prototype and perform a demonstration for Integrated Transit Operations. It includes three applications: Dynamic Dispatch, Connection Protection, and Dynamic Ridesharing. They were looking for a transit agency to include in the proposal. I thought Tri Delta Transit would be a good match so we met with the partners. If PATH's proposal is successful, the demonstration program will allow us to take full advantage of the electronic advances we have been installing on our system while providing a higher level of customer service to our passengers.

**California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Meeting: January 17, 2013**

Paul Steinberg of Avego, Martin Engelmann, Peter Engel and I met with investigators from the CPUC to provide an overview of our real time ridesharing project. We discussed the vision, funding sources, software selection, and anticipated outcomes for the innovative project. We promised to provide them with a copy and description of our real time ridesharing project application, our response to their request for rule making, how the trip is paid for, and how Avego fits into the project. Their concern is that we are may be creating a commercial ridesharing service.

**Denis Cuff Tunnel Tour and Interview: January 18, 2013**

Don Tatzin, Ivan Ramirez, Ivy Morrison, and I toured the Caldecott Tunnel project with Denis Cuff and Photographer Karl Mondon. We provided both Denis and Karl with a bounty of information and photo opportunities. The goal was to write an article regarding the tremendous progress on the project and print the story on the third anniversary of the ground breaking ceremony that occurred on January 22, 2010. The article was printed and they did a great job of depicting the progress of the project.

**KCBS Radio Interview with Michael Bower: January 22, 2013**

I gave KCBS an interview regarding the progress on construction of the Caldecott Fourth Bore project and also the benefits upon the project's completion. This day is the third anniversary of the groundbreaking ceremony for the project.

**Express Lanes Executive Steering Committee: January 22, 2013**

Caltrans, Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, and Solano CMA Executive Directors and Deputy Executive Directors attended the monthly MTC Express Lanes Steering Committee meeting to discuss updates on current express lanes performance, governance issues, and plans to move the development and implementation of the approved 290 mile express lane Bay Area system forward. CCTA staff and Amy Worth will provide an update at the March Authority meeting.

**KRON 4 TV interview with Scott Rates: January 22, 2013**

We did a taped television interview in the lobby of our offices regarding the progress of the Caldecott Fourth Bore construction project. We also discussed the benefits of the project once it is completed. The interview aired at 8 pm.

**Branding and Website Meeting: January 23, 2013**

Representatives from lowercase productions, Circlepoint, and Barbary Coast provided us with an update on their progress to update CCTA's website and ensure we have a consistent brand. The updated website will provide better opportunities for the public to access needed information. The branding effort will ensure we use consistent formats such as typeface for our factsheets, colors for our logo, and pictures to illustrate our messages and market our projects and programs.

**State Fire Marshall Meeting: January 24, 2013**

Ross Chittenden, Ivan Ramirez and I met with staff from the State Fire Marshall's (SFM) office to discuss progress on issues associated with the Caldecott Fourth Bore project. We were given a status of plan sheet reviews. They said that all plans have been returned with comments to the field. We also received the telephone numbers of their executive team and the escalation path to help resolve any disputes that may arise. We also heard numerous times that the SFM team has a commitment to process information very quickly with projects in construction taking priority. We agreed to give SFM staff a heads up if there are plans that need review or issues that need to be dealt with quickly.

**Caltrans Headquarters Meeting: January 24, 2013**

Ross Chittenden, Ivan Ramirez and I met with Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, CFO Norma Ortega, and District 4 District Director Bijan Sartipi to discuss state funds to complete the Caldecott Fourth Bore project. The remaining funds in the program contingency are Measure J. A recent risk register update indicated that the high range of risk could deplete the contingency balance. If so, CCTA would be responsible for the final costs even if they are not specifically related to building the 4<sup>th</sup> bore. We reviewed the risk register and started discussion regarding Caltrans' participation in providing additional funds.

**CMA Directors' Meeting: January 25, 2013**

Arielle Bourgart and I attended the monthly CMA Directors' meeting. Staff from BAAQMD presented their proposal for implementing SB 1339. I volunteered Peter Engel to work with BAAQMD on the workplan. SB 1339 is the Employer Rideshare Requirement. We provided an update on the progress of OBAG implementation. We were hosting a PDA strategy development meeting the same day as the CMA meeting so that was a recent update. We also approved the CMA legislative platform that Arielle play a strategic role in developing. It practically mirrors our proposal so adoption was easy.

**Mark Jones Interview: January 26, 2013**

Mark Jones interviewed me regarding the various projects on SR 4 including the Sand Creek project. After the interview, we drove the job with a camera on the dash and on the front bumper of his car. He asked more questions about the various projects along SR 4.

**CTF Transportation Forum: January 29, 2013**

Commissioner Janet Abelson, Ross Chittenden, Arielle Bourgart, Martin Engelmann, Randy Carlton and I attended the California Transportation Foundation's Transportation Forum. Senator DeSaulnier and Assembly Member Lowenthal gave the audience their views on the future of transportation in California. The acting Secretary Brian Kelly gave an update on the history of transportation in California and discussed his view of the future. There was a panel regarding finding more funding for transportation with panelists Jim Earp, Senator Perata, and Mark Watts. There was also a panel regarding SANDAG's recent court ruling of why their RTP doesn't meet GHG reduction goals. Gary Gallegos, Steve Heminger and Hasan Ikhata participated on the panel.

**Public Financial Management (PFM): January 30, 2013**

We met with our financial advisor, Peter Shellenberger of PFM to review the final results of the 2012 bonds issued on December 18, 2012. As we've discussed, there were two series of bonds: series A bonds which refinanced \$200 million of our existing debt and series B bonds of \$225 million to generate funding for ongoing and future Measure J projects. The bond sale went very well for CCTA due to many positive factors working together at the right time in the market. A key milestone was reached prior the sale when Authority staff demonstrated its case to have a stronger credit rating. The credit upgrade to AA+, coupled with the investor outreach meetings and presentations, positioned CCTA to sell the bonds at levels comparable to AAA rated bonds. The refinancing also saved CCTA \$2.28 million in interest cost over the next 3 years.

**Chow Time Luncheon: January 31, 2013**

CCTA gathered during the lunch hour for a potluck, which we do periodically to promote teamwork.

**Real Time Rideshare (RTR) Focus Group Kickoff: February 4-8, 2013**

The RTR program kicked off the first week of February with a focus group at Contra Costa Centre testing the Avego software. The focus group is comprised of people who already have a carpool, but are unfamiliar with the software tool. The program allows us to have people use the software in a controlled environment without the anxiety of finding a stranger to ride with. During the first week we had 40 successful rides.

**Sherry McCoy: February 4, 2013**

I met with Hercules City Council Member Sherry McCoy to welcome her to the Authority. She is the Alternate to Commissioners Abelson and Butt. We reviewed the latest strategic plan and the annual report, and I provided an update on CCTA activities.

**Bank of America/Merrill Lynch (BAML): February 4, 2013**

Randy Carlton, Ross Chittenden, and I met with the BAML investment banking team as a follow-up to the closing of the 2012 bond transaction. BAML was a co-manager on 2012 "B" bonds, used to raise \$225 million to finance Measure J projects. We also discussed the status of transportation funding opportunities at the federal and state level.

**Contra Costa Council Transportation Subcommittee: February 5, 2013**

Susan Miller gave the members an update regarding the projects along the I-680 corridor. Ross Chittenden followed up with an express lane update regarding the projects and schedules for implementation.

**BIA Meeting: February 6, 2013**

Vin Rover, Linda Best and Bob Glover met with Chair Don Tatzin, Martin Engelmann and me to discuss OBAG and concerns from local developers.

**Citi Group: February 6, 2013**

I met with the Citi Group investment banking team and CFO Randy Carlton to discuss the final results of the \$225 million 2012 "B" bonds we issued in December. Citi was the senior manager for the transaction. As I've reported previously, the bond sale went extremely well. During the order period we received more than \$1.3 billion of orders, enabling us to renegotiate the rates and reduce our interest costs. The all in rate on the bonds is a fixed rate of 2.07%. The eventual rate will likely be 1.35% if the bonds are called in 7 years. Interest rates at the time CCTA was in the market were at 20+ historical low levels.

**Contra Costa County Mayors Conference: February 7, 2013**

Executive Director Gary Pokorny asked me if we could provide the Mayors with an update on the Caldecott Tunnel and San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge east span replacement project. Ivy Morrison gave the attendees an update on the Caldecott Tunnel project and I provided an update on the replacement of the east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

**Cole Management: February 7, 2013**

We hosted a meeting with Rick Cole of Cole Management and Engineering to discuss and demonstrate an application of using e-tablets for construction inspections. The presentation showed many activities completed by a construction inspector in real time enabling project managers to see what is going on in the field while at the office. Ross Chittenden, Ivan Ramirez and Randy Carlton attended.

**FMG Co. Inc: February 8, 2013**

I met with Steve Egger and Mike McElroy of FMG Co. Inc to hear about their recent successes with using road recycling technologies in the Bay area. Ross Chittenden, Ivan Ramirez and Randy Carlton joined me in the meeting.

**SR 4 Contract 3B Groundbreaking Ceremony and Media Tour: February 11, 2013**

I served as the Master of Ceremonies for a press conference and bus tour, organized by Susan Miller. Approximately 60 elected officials and members of the Bay Area media corps attended. Chair Tatzin, BART Board Vice President Joel Keller, Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, and Antioch Mayor Wade Harper highlighted project benefits, funding and several key segments of work along the corridor, including Loveridge Road, the Pittsburg/Bay Point Transfer Platform, and Hillcrest Ave, where work is now beginning. The event was covered by KTVU, KRON-4, KGO-TV, KCBS Radio, KGO-Radio and the Bay Area News Group. For highlights of the media coverage, as well as a new Mark Jones video, please visit the media resources page of the new project website: <http://4eastcounty.org/media/>

**Contra Costa County Public Managers Association: February 14, 2013**

Ross Chittenden attended the PMA meeting on my behalf and provided an update on projects and upcoming initiatives for 2013. The discussion included the groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings expected for 2013, initiative to consider bundling projects for efficiency, and upcoming tech series for engineering and public works staff.



Winter 2013, 2013	Location	Event
February 2013 (Date TBD)	Richmond	Ribbon Cutting - Richmond Transit Village BART Parking Structure
March 5, 2013	San Francisco	California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting
Spring 2013	Location	Event
March/April 2013	Pleasant Hill Bart/ Contra Costa Centre	Realtime Ridesharing Demonstration Pilot Program
April 2013	MTC - Oakland	MTC to Release Draft 2013 RTP/EIR
Spring TBD	Danville	Groundbreaking - I-680 Auxiliary Lanes - Sycamore Valley to Crow Canyon
May 7, 2013	Central Valley	California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting
May 23, 2013	Sacramento	24th Annual CTF Transportation Awards
June 11, 2013	San Diego	California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting
Summer 2013	Location	Event
July, 2013 (TBD)	MTC - Oakland	MTC to Adopt the 2013 RTP
August 6, 2013	Sacramento Area	California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting
Fall 2013	Location	Event
October 8, 2013	Los Angeles	California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting
Date TBD	Orinda	Open to Traffic - Caldecott Fourth Bore Project
Fall TBD	San Diego	Self Help Counties Coalition - Focus on the Future Conference
December 10, 2013	Riverside	California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting
Winter 2013	Location	Event
Winter 2013	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