

TRANSPAC

Meeting Notice and Agenda

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Pleasant Hill City Hall – Community Room

100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

GENTLE REMINDER FROM CHAIR SHINN IT IS BIKE TO WORK DAY!!!

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.

Consent Items

- 3. Approval of April 21, 2011 TRANSPAC minutes (attachment)**

End Consent Agenda

- 4. Update on the Concord Naval Weapons project by Michael Wright, Reuse Project Director**

ACTION: Receive report and/or as determined

- 5. Presentation/Discussion by Hisham Noeimi, Engineering Manager, CCTA on Update to the Measure J Strategic Plan**

The Authority updates the Plan every two years to revisit assumptions related to revenue growth and inflation, and to ensure project commitments do not exceed projected Measure J revenues. In February 2011, the Authority approved the revenue projections for use in the 2011 Measure J Strategic Plan. Authority staff will provide an update on Measure J revenues and impacts on projects in the four sub-regions of the County.

Attachments: 2/2/11 CCTA Administration and Projects Committee Staff Report initiating the Strategic Plan Update; CCTA Measure J Strategic Plan Update PowerPoint Presentation; 5/5/11 CCTA Administration and Projects Committee Staff Report on the I-680 South-bound HOV lane Gap Closure Project; Excerpt from the 2009 Measure J Strategic Plan

ACTION: The TRANSPAC TAC reviewed the Measure J Strategic Plan Update at its April 28, 2011 meeting and recommends that TRANSPAC consider tightening the "Expenditure Caps" on the I-680/SR 4 Interchange and the Southbound I-680 HOV lane projects only. Other categories will not be touched. This is the same strategy employed in the 2009 Strategic Plan. The SB HOV lane project has begun its post-Project Study Report (PSR) process to meet environmental and project report requirements (see attached 5/5/11 APC staff report). Additional study(ies) is expected to consider rephrasing the I-680/SR 4 Interchange project. This approach assumes that STIP funding over the next two/three cycles may be available to continue to move these projects forward and that implementation of other Measure J projects in the Major Streets and other categories can continue.

6. Recommendation on the Use of TRANSPAC's Measure J Additional Bus Service Enhancements funding (line item 19a) for FY 2011-12 and 2012-13

In 2009 and 2010, TRANSPAC approved the allocation of Measure J Central County's (line item 19a) "Additional Bus Service Enhancements" for County Connection (CCCTA) to use in support of Routes #16 and #316. As part of those allocations, TRANSPAC established that future funding from this line item is subject to an annual allocation. For 2011, \$768,000 is available for allocation from this line item.

Route #16 provides a direct connection between the Monument corridor and the County Hospital in Martinez. In the past, riders were forced to transfer at the Amtrak station. Weekend route #316 provides service linking Martinez to the Pleasant Hill BART station via Sun Valley Mall, DVC and downtown Pleasant Hill and the Pleasant Hill BART station.

The TRANSPAC TAC reviewed the allocation at it April 28, 2011 meeting and discussed CCCTA's current financial situation. In the just completed County Connection's Short Range Transit Plan, if no new source of funding is identified and no more service cuts are made, CCCTA will face a \$1.7 million dollar operating deficit in FY 2014-15. TDA revenues are remain at lower levels than expected and reflect an economy that has not yet recovered to a point where CCCTA can count on growth. CCCTA projections show slow revenue growth coupled with rapidly growing operating costs over the period of the Short Range Transit Plan. Adding to the problem is that fixed-route service is forced to shoulder the increasing costs for both itself and for the paratransit service as cutting paratransit is next to impossible. Staff is developing operating scenarios that involve service cuts and fare hikes to help absorb this deficit. The CCCTA Board has not had an opportunity as yet to act on these scenarios. TRANSPAC may recall that CCCTA made 23% in cuts in 2009.

The proposed action is approval of the allocation of Measure J line 19a funds to County Connection for FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13. For FY 2011-12 the funds are to be used as follows: \$691,200 for Route 16 and \$76,800 for Route 316. Next year, County Connection will provide information on how the dollars will be split in the 2012-13 fiscal year. Please see the attached spreadsheet for additional information on these bus routes.

Attachments: Financial spreadsheet and maps for Routes 316 and 16 as well as a Peter Engel, CCTA, e-mail notification on available FY 2011-2012 Measure J funding for line 19a Central County Additional Bus Service

ACTION: Given County Connection's current and near term financial situation, the TRANSPAC TAC recommends that TRANSPAC approve the allocation of line item 19a Measure J funds for Routes 16 and 316 for the next two fiscal years and/or as determined

7. Safe Routes to School (SR2S) funding

After many meetings and much discussion on the various issues and requirements of federal funds, the TRANSPAC TAC has developed a recommendation for the use of the \$683,500 in federal CMAQ funds available to TRANSPAC.

The City of Pleasant Hill has an already federalized project, the Lisa Lane sidewalk installation project, which can use \$250,000 in CMAQ funds. The expanded project scope is roadway widening/shoulder repair/storm drain repair construction to accommodate a new Class II bike lane along both sides of Lisa Lane within the project limit. There is direct access from Lisa Lane to the school and the Iron Horse Trail. City staff has indicated that it can meet the requirements of the federal funding process requirements and that the funds will be used to cover costs associated with additional construction.

The remaining \$433,500 of the CMAQ funds are proposed to be used by 511 Contra Costa for additional SR2S programs/activities and/or serving a larger number of schools in the TRANSPAC area. The use of CMAQ funds for programs and activities while onerous is less arduous than for projects.

The TAC is will continue its discussion to identify sidewalk gap closures and other small projects. To facilitate that discussion, TRANSPAC is requested to support the use of Central County's available Measure J funds, such as CC-TLC, etc. to fund those kinds of projects subject to future specific project approvals.

Attachment: Project location display

ACTION: Approve TAC recommendation on the expenditure of SR2S federal CMA funds and/or as determined

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:

- Items approved by the Authority on April 21, 2011 for Circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest;
- April 20, 2011 CCTA Executive Director's Report;
- March 16, 2011 CCTA meeting minutes

ACTION: As determined

9. 511 Contra Costa and TRANSPAC Staff Reports

511 Contra Costa: Oral report

TRANSPAC Report: a) The TRANSPAC and TDM Program Managers are working with the TRANSPAC TAC to identify candidate projects for SR2S funding which may be available for TRANSPAC discussion in June; b) Oral update on the SR 4 Integrated Corridor Analysis (ICA) Study

ACTION: Receive reports and/or as determined

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

ACTION: As determined

- 11. Correspondence/Copies/Newsclips/Information:**

Attachments:

- CCTA Chair Durant April 26 letter to MTC Chair Tissier and ABAG Chair Green transmitting comments on the SCS Initial Vision Scenario;
- WCCTAC April 27, 2011 meeting status letter;
- TRANSPAN April 14, 2011 meeting status letter;
- SWAT April 4, 2011 meeting status letter;
- TRANSPAC April 21 meeting status letter;
- County Connection: Fixed Route Operating Report for March February 2011; LINK Monthly Operating Report for March 2011;
- CCTA May 2011 Project Status Report
- March 17, 2011 Tunneling Starts on West Portal of Caldecott Fourth Bore Project

ACTION: As determined

- 12. For the Good of the Order**

- 13. Next meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at Pleasant Hill City Hall. Jim Townsend, Trails Development Program Manager, East Bay Regional Park District will present a proposal for the use of Central County, Measure J, line item 13, "Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Facilities" funds which sets aside one third of the funds in the category (\$10M) for the EBRPD to use for the development and rehabilitation of paved regional trails. The allocation is to be spent equally in the subregions and must be approved by the respective RTPC.

- 14. Adjournment**