

TRANSPAC
Transportation Partnership and Cooperation

Meeting Notice and Agenda

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 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.

Consent Items

3. **Approval of May 12, 2011 TRANSPAC minutes (attachment)**

End Consent Agenda

4. **Discussion with Jim Townsend, Trails Development Program Manager, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) on trail maintenance projects proposed for Measure J funding available to the EBRPD**

Measure J, line item 13, "Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Facilities" 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 (\$2.5M) and must be approved by the respective RTPC prior to an allocation action by the CCTA.

As noted in the attached memo from Mr. Townsend, CCTA and EBRPD staffs have determined that approximately \$2,000,000 in Measure J Bicycle and Pedestrian funds will be available for EBRPD Regional Trail projects between 2011 and 2015. In order to maximize the utility of the funds, EBRPD proposes to focus its efforts on one CCTA subregion each year.

As Central County is home to the EBRPD's oldest trail segments, EBRPD proposes to request a CCTA allocation for the first year's funding in the TRANSPAC area. The EBRPD plans to spend \$450,000 on the Contra Costa Canal Trail, Tioga to Via Montanas (\$150,000), and Via Montanas to Treat Boulevard (\$306,000) which are detailed in the attachment. The CCTA staff is responsible for establishing a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for EBRPD for funds allocated from this category.

Attachment: May 23, 2011 e-mail from Mr. Townsend detailing the trail rehabilitation projects in Central County; general trail map of Central County trails from the EBRPD website; April 19, 2011 letter from Mr. Townsend describing the initial allocation strategy for the April 28, 2011 TAC discussion; Measure J excerpt re: funds available to the EBRPD

ACTION: Approve the TAC recommendation for the allocation of Measure J funds for the first year EBRPD rehabilitation of two sections of the Contra Costa Canal Trail: Tioga to Via Montanas and Via Montanas to Treat Boulevard and/or as determined

5. Review of Proposed Scope Revision for the SR 4 Integrated Corridor Analysis (ICA) Study Presented by Martin Engelmann, CCTA Deputy Executive Director, Planning *

At its April meeting, Ray Kuzbari presented and TRANSPAC approved a request for an amendment to the scope of work of the Atkins (formerly PBS&J) contract for the SR 4 Integrated Corridor Analysis (ICA). The revised scope request included a focused review of the SR 4 "Third EB Lane". With the able assistance (and budget) of Martin Engelmann, a proposed revised scope has been developed for consideration. The TAC reviewed the proposed revised scope at its May 26, 2011 meeting and recommends approval including any minor edits which may be offered by CCTA Projects and Planning staff. Please note that the review schedule for consideration of this scope revision by CCTA (Planning Committee June 1 and full Board June 15) and TRANSPAC (June 9) was established to minimize agency review time and its impact on the consultant's schedule.

Ray Kuzbari has requested that TRANSPAC be advised that at the conclusion of the focused review of the SR4 third EB lane, the TAC will complete the Year 2030 PM Peak Hour Analysis-I-680/SR4 Full I/C Project Conditions (see Attachments) using the findings from the performance measures analysis. The TAC and TRANSPAC can then determine the preferred scenario.

The TAC also will report on the findings from the review of the accident rates through the interchange, as well as the qualitative review of re-phasing the project. With respect to cost comparisons among scenarios or potential savings from re-phasing, it is recommended that this discussion take place when there is more reliable cost information, possibly when CCTA is ready to prepare a detailed cost analysis as part of an expected project environmental amendment and rephasing the interchange project.

***Please note that Ray Kuzbari is unable to attend this meeting. He has reviewed the proposed scope and recommends its adoption. He also has sent a request to convey his thanks to Martin Engelmann for his assistance in ensuring that the proposed Atkins scope of work reflects his proposal to the TAC and TRANSPAC.**

Attachments: Year 2030 PM Peak Hour Analysis - I-680/SR4 Full I/C Project Conditions (this is a key assessment form that the TRANSPAC TAC will use to develop an investment recommendation to TRANSPAC at the conclusion of the Atkins work); June 1, 2011 CCTA Planning Committee staff report on Approval of Amendment No.2 to Agreement No. 308 with Atkins North America, Inc. to Conduct Additional Traffic Analysis of the I-680/SR-4 Interchange Configuration and Scope Addendum Request for the SR4 Integrated Corridor Analysis (ICA) Study and; Proposal to Conduct Focused Review of SR 4 "Third EB Lane" approved by the TRANSPAC TAC on March 24, 2011 and by TRANSPAC on April 21, 2011

ACTION: Approve the TAC recommendation to accept the proposed Atkins scope change and forward this action to CCTA for its consideration/action and/or as determined

6. BART Measure J Strategic Plan Project Amendment Request by Deidre Heitman, Senior Planner, Contra Costa Planning

Deidre Heitman, BART Senior Planner and TRANSPAC TAC representative, has requested a Measure J Strategic Plan Amendment to a BART Measure J project in Central County. The proposal is to delete the project number 10001-02, Improved Vertical Circulation Pleasant Hill BART Station (\$5 million) and to add a new project: Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Access Improvements at Central County BART Stations (\$5.0 million). The rationale for this request is that although funding is needed to improve vertical circulation at the Pleasant Hill BART station, the funding provided by Measure J is not adequate to fund any element of such a project. Cost estimates for improving vertical circulation run in the tens of millions. In addition, funding is needed to support TOD at both Walnut Creek and North Concord stations in order to leverage additional regional and state funding.

The TAC reviewed this request at its May 26, 2011 meeting and recommends approval of BART's request. TRANSPAC's concurrence is necessary for CCTA action on this request.

Attachment: Draft Measure J Strategic Plan Project Fact Sheet "Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Access Improvements at Central County BART Stations" project

ACTION: Approve the TAC recommendation to approve BART's Measure J Strategic Plan amendment request to delete the Improve Vertical Circulation Pleasant Hill BART Station (\$5 million) project and to add a new project: Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Access Improvements at Central County BART Stations (\$5.0 million) and/or as determined.

7. Proposed Allocation of TRANSPAC Transportation for Livable Communities Project Grants funds for Three Bicycle Projects near Schools which Improve Community Walkability

TRANSPAC may recall discussions in April and May regarding the use of Measure J Transportation for Livable Communities Grants (CC-TLC) for Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) bicycle and pedestrian projects. This approach was developed in response to the difficulties surrounding the use of federal funds available for such projects. While TRANSPAC was able to approve a City of Pleasant Hill project which could use \$250,000 of the available \$683,500, the \$433,500 balance will be used for 511Contra Costa programs in the TRANSPAC area even though there are unfunded SR2S projects. The TRANSPAC TAC has identified an initial three SR2S projects which can be delivered with CC-TLC funds provided the CCTA approves the funding. Additional SR2S projects may be presented for CC-TLC funding in the future. The three projects proposed for CC-TLC funding are listed below and additional information may be found in the Attachments section.

A) The City of Martinez Shell Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement project (\$305K). The project will reduce the potential for conflicts between motor vehicles and children walking or riding bicycles to school. There are four schools that will benefit from this project with a total enrollment of almost 2900 students; B) The City of Martinez Alhambra Valley Road (AVR) Sidewalk Gap Closure (\$75K). This project will install 600 feet of 5-foot wide sidewalk behind an existing curb along John Swett Elementary School frontage. Currently there is only a non-ADA

compliant gravel path; C) the City of Pleasant Hill Oak Park Boulevard/Patterson Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project (\$220K) will install an ADA compliant ramp that is better oriented with the crosswalk and 150 feet of new sidewalk to close a gap among other improvements (see Attachments) .

Attachments: Excerpt from Measure J Line item 12 Transportation for Livable Communities Project Grants; Descriptions of projects proposed for funding; A) the City of Martinez Shell Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement project (\$305K); B) The City of Martinez Alhambra Valley Road Sidewalk Gap Closure project (\$75K) and C) the City of Pleasant Hill Oak Park Boulevard/Patterson Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project (\$220K). Total allocation requested: \$600K

ACTION: Approve Line 2a Allocation Requests to CCTA in the amounts shown which support Transportation for Livable Communities and Safe Routes to Schools Program Efforts and/or as determined

8. Review of the Proposal by RTPC and TDM Program Managers for the establishment of an overarching policy for the allocation of TFCA, MTC Employer Outreach funds, and Measure J Commute Alternatives funding presented by Corinne Dutra-Roberts, 511 Contra Costa, Senior Transportation Analyst

The RTPC and 511 Contra Costa Managers have worked together over the last few months to present a unified request to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority that CCTA formalize a policy to dedicate all Measure J Commute Alternative Funds, BAAQMD TFCA Program Manager Funds and MTC CMAQ Employer Outreach funds to the subregional 511 Contra Costa programs. Current Authority practice over many years has been to allocate these funds to the 511 CC Programs; however no formal policy has been updated to reflect current practice.

At its March and May meetings, the TAC reviewed and approved a recommendation to TRANSPAC to approve a proposed policy regarding the allocation of TFCA and Measure J Commute Alternatives funding. Similar actions based on the same proposal are anticipated to be taken by the other RTPCs in the near term.

Attachment: 511 Contra Costa Program Managers' and RTPC Managers' proposal

ACTION: Approve TAC recommendation to adopt proposed policy and forward to CCTA with a request for adoption

9. Administrative Extension of TRANSPAC's contract with Neustadter Associates

The current contract with Neustadter Associates expires on June 30, 2011 and provides for an administrative extension until June 30, 2012. The City of Pleasant Hill City Attorney has advised that a letter from the consultant signed off by TRANSPAC and the City of Pleasant Hill is required to demonstrate concurrence for the contract extension. A new contract will be required for services beyond June 30, 2012. The TAC reviewed this request at its May 26, 2011 meeting and recommends concurrence on the extension.

ACTION: Accept TAC recommendation to concur in a one year extension with Neustadter Associates and/or as determined

10. Review of FY2011-12 Draft TRANSPAC Budget

The TAC reviewed the budget at its May 26 meeting and recommends approval of the proposed budget.

Attachment: Draft FY2011-12 Budget

ACTION: Approve the TAC recommendation to adopt 2011-2012 TRANSPAC budget and/or as determined

11. 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 May 18, 2011 for Circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest;
- May 18, 2011 CCTA Executive Director's Report;
- April 20, 2011 CCTA meeting minutes

ACTION: As determined

12. SB 375 report by Martin Engelmann, CCTA Deputy Executive Director, Planning

Attachments: June 1, 2011 CCTA Staff Update on SB 375 Implementation; Response Letter to CCTA Chair David Durant from MTC Chair Tissier and ABAG Chair Green; Initial Vision comment letters from the cities of Clayton, Concord, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek are attached. A list of all comment letters is attached and the letters may be viewed at www.ccta.net under Meetings and Agendas, June 1, 2011 Planning Committee agenda, item 15.1, Attachment B.

ACTION: As determined

13. 511 Contra Costa and TRANSPAC Staff Reports

a) **511 Contra Costa:** Oral report

b) **TRANSPAC Report:** Oral report

ACTION: Receive reports and/or as determined

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

15. Correspondence/Copies/Newsclips/Information:

Attachments:

- WCCTAC MAY 27, 2011 meeting status letter;
- TRANSPLAN May 16, 2011 meeting status letter;
- SWAT May 2, 2011 meeting status letter;

- TRANSPAC May 12, 2011 meeting status letter;
- County Connection: Fixed Route Operating Report for April 2011; LINK Monthly Operating Report for April 2011;
- CCTA June 2011 Project Status Report;
- Thank you letters to Michael Wright and Hisham Noeimi for presentations at the May TRANSPAC meeting;
- CCTA "STIP Call for Projects" staff report for information;
- CCTA "Proposed By-Laws for Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC)". Members of the CBPAC have requested formalization of the CBPAC structure and procedures and have developed proposed by-laws which CCTA will review as part of the Authority's consideration of this request. Such an action may require reappointment of TRANSPAC representatives. Current representatives are: Jeremy Lochirco, City of Walnut Creek and David Favello, citizen representative.

ACTION: Accept reports and/or as determined

16. For the Good of the Order

17. Next meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at Pleasant Hill City Hall. Ross Chittenden will speak on Express Lanes. Cheryl Owens, City of Concord and Jeremy Lochirco, City of Walnut Creek will present the background on the cities' joint school crossing guards contract.

18. Adjournment