

TRANSPAC
Transportation Partnership and Cooperation
Meeting Notice and Agenda

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012

9:00 AM – 11:00 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. Convene Meeting: Vice Chair Durant will convene the meeting after which a moment of silence will be observed for Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors member Gayle Uilkema who passed away on May 19, 2012.

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Self-Introductions

3. Welcome to Dan Richardson, Clayton Planning Commission representative who is replacing Bob Armstrong on TRANSPAC. Mr. Richardson has been the Chair of the City's Commission this past year. Mr. Richardson is retired from the City of Walnut Creek where he held positions in Public Works, Community Development, Planning, and Parks.

4. 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 AGENDA

5. Approve May 10, 2012 Minutes

Attachment: May 10, 2012 TRANSPAC Minutes

ACTION: Approve minutes and/or as revised/determined

END CONSENT AGENDA

6. Call for Projects for TRANSPAC Measure J Line 20a Funds "Additional Transportation Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities"

The Pilot Call for Projects for TRANSPAC Measure J Line 20a Funds "Additional Transportation Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities" was issued on April 25, 2012. Applications were due on May 30, 2012. Applications were mailed to known agencies and provided to any agency

upon request. The application was posted on the TRANSPAC website and a link from the CCTA website to TRANSPAC's site was established. Eight applications were received and reviewed by the TRANSPAC TAC at its June 28, 2012 meeting. TRANSPAC approved a \$288,000 Call for projects. The submitted applications totaled \$435,843, a difference of \$147,843 from the approved amount.

After discussion, the TAC crafted the following recommendation for TRANSPAC's consideration – please see the chart on page 3 in the packet attachment in item 6, labeled “TAC recommendation 6/28/12 TRANSPAC Measure J Line 20A Funds”. This chart shows the initial requests of the applicants and the amount recommended for funding by the TAC and the TAC's request to TRANSPAC to approve additional Line 20a funds (\$68,943) for this call for projects. Assuming TRANSPAC and CCTA approval, all but two of the submitted projects can be funded.

Please note that additional funds are available in this line item. Line 20a gets .5% of annual sales tax estimate. That estimate for FY2012 was \$64M giving the program \$320,000. CCTA only allows 90% of that amount to be available up front. The other “up to 10%” is allowed when CCTA knows the year end actual. The available allocation through FY 2010-11 was \$689,066. The 2010/11 allocations to Walnut Creek (\$9,144) and Pleasant Hill (\$56,000) totaled \$65,144 leaving a balance of \$623,922 available for allocation. The FY 2011-12 allocation estimate of \$288,000 equals \$911,922 available this year. Assuming TRANSPAC and CCTA approval, the request for the additional \$68,943 would be drawn from the available \$623,922.

This call for projects was intended to be educational for applicants as well as TRANSPAC. We learned that the “not war and peace” grant application worked well for agencies that need funding and whose staff resources to seek funding are sparse. The TAC determined that an examination of the policy implications of funding travel training as well as information and referral services from this line item is necessary. As this process moves to CCTA, other items that need be examined may surface.

Note: The City of Martinez application was submitted a day late. Given that Martinez was working toward the establishment of service, the TAC and other applicants agreed to accept the application regardless of the date.

Attachments: Short description of submitted applications; TAC funding recommendations to TRANSPAC for review/action; Application packet for the Pilot Call for Projects for TRANSPAC Measure J Line 20a Funds “Additional Transportation Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities”

Electronic Attachment: Applications submitted for the Measure J Line 20a funds may be downloaded at <http://transpac.us/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/All-Applications1.pdf>

ACTION: Approve TAC recommendation for project funding approval and request for additional funds and/or as revised/determined

7. City of Concord Strategic Plan Amendment request to transfer \$830,000 in Measure J funds from Project 24027, Ygnacio Valley Road Permanent Restoration, Phase 2, to Project 1214 Commerce Avenue Roadway Extension

The TRANSPAC TAC considered this request at its June 28, 2012 meeting. The TAC recommends approval and forwarding this request to CCTA.

Attachment: Request letter from Danae Gemmell, City Engineer, City of Concord

ACTION: Approve the TRANSPAC TAC recommendation and/or as determined

8. Report on the Water Emergency Transit Agency (WETA) Discussions in Contra Costa

Staff will provide an oral update on discussion at CCTA re: ferry service in Contra Costa.

The following information is from the WETA website (please note that editorial license has been exercised). In 1999, the California Legislature established the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority (WTA) in order to create a regional ferry agency to plan and implement new ferry services in the San Francisco Bay Area with a focus on improving general mobility and reducing traffic congestion.

In 2007, the legislature directed the agency to take over existing public ferry transit systems operated by the cities of Vallejo and Alameda and expanded the Authority's role to include coordination and oversight of the ferry transit response in the event of a natural disaster. With this increased responsibility came a new name: the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA).

Water transit on San Francisco Bay is a critical component in the Bay Area's economy. Not only do thousands of commuters use ferries to get to work each day, but hundreds of thousands of visitors ride the ferries to experience such attractions as Alcatraz, Angel Island, AT&T Park and Pier 39 each year.

Ferries also serve as an important part of the region's emergency response capability. In the event that an earthquake or other natural disaster disrupts highway traffic on the bridges that connect the major communities and employment centers of the Bay Area, ferries are able to serve as an alternative means to move people in these corridors.

Over the last few years, WETA's board and staff have worked with local, regional, state and federal agencies, customers and other interested parties to:

- further develop and enhance ferry transportation in the Bay Area;
- transition Alameda/Oakland, Alameda Harbor Bay and Vallejo ferry services to WETA's regional San Francisco Bay Ferry system;
- expand the region's fast ferry fleet;
- construct a new terminal and launch new service to South San Francisco;
- advance environmental and planning processes for additional expansion services;
- develop plans for regional ferry maintenance and operations facilities; and,
- develop plans for expanding ferry berthing capacity in downtown San Francisco.

As of July 1, 2012, WETA is responsible for operating San Francisco Bay Ferry service that serves Oakland (Jack London Square); Alameda (Harbor Bay and Main Street/Gateway); San Francisco (Downtown Ferry Building and Pier 41); South San Francisco (Oyster Point Marina); and Vallejo. Seasonal service is also provided to Angel Island and AT&T Park. Working with the community, civic and transit partners WETA is actively evaluating the potential for future expansion services to several locations including Richmond, Berkeley, Treasure Island, Redwood City, Hercules, Martinez and Antioch.

Ferry transportation is a vital and vibrant component of the Bay Area's work, travel, hospitality and emergency preparedness landscape. Through operation of the San Francisco Bay Ferry, WETA is committed to working with local cities, communities and customers to create a comprehensive, integrated regional ferry transit system on San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco Bay Ferry's much-anticipated service between the East Bay and South San Francisco launched on June 4, giving commuters an alternative to the daily grind of traffic on the Bay Bridge and along 101. The East Bay-SSF service – the first new water transit route on the Bay in nearly 20 years – will operate Mondays through Fridays during peak commute periods, with three morning departures from Alameda Main Street and Oakland's Jack London Square, and two evening return departures from South San Francisco's spectacular new Oyster Point ferry terminal. The trip takes 40- to 50-minutes.

Please also note that WETA hosted a public scoping meeting for the proposed Richmond Ferry Terminal and Service on June 21, 2012.

ACTION: As determined

Correspondence: Discussion notes sent to participants after a meeting convened by CCTA staff to discuss ferry issues in Contra Costa; TRANSPLAN Chair Jim Frazier to Charlene Haught Johnson, Chair of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority; Letter from Contra Costa Board of Supervisors Chair Mary Piepho to Don Tatzin, Chair, CCTA re: representation on the WETA Board; and from Chair Mary Piepho to The Honorable Jerry Hill, 19th Assembly District re: an amendment to AB 2433 to include direct geographic representation

Attachments: What is the Emergency Water Transportation System Management Plan; June 14, 2012, WCCTAC staff report "Update on Ferry Expansion Plans in West County"; 6/14/12 WETA presentation slides to WCCTAC; San Francisco Chronicle 7/2/12, Editorial "On a Costly New Ferry Service"; 5/20/12 Contra Costa Times articles: "Mudflats prove daunting hurdle to Hercules' vision of creating ferry link to San Francisco"; "5/20/12 "East Bay looks to hovercraft for ferry service" 5/23/12 "Water transit expert: Hercules ferry faces daunting challenges"; Richmond Ferry Terminal Scoping Meeting Notice

9. AB 904: AB 904 (Skinner) *Local government: parking spaces: minimum requirements.*

The Planning and Zoning Law requires specified regional transportation planning agencies to prepare and adopt a regional transportation plan directed at achieving a coordinated and balanced regional transportation system, and requires the regional transportation plan to include, among other things, a sustainable communities strategy, for the purpose of using local planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

This bill, commencing on January 1, 2014, would prohibit a city or county from requiring a minimum number of off-street parking spaces in transit-intensive areas, as defined, greater than 2 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet in nonresidential projects of 20,000 square feet or less on a single property, one parking space per unit in non-income-restricted residential projects, and specified portions, as applicable, of a parking space per unit for certain affordable housing projects, except as specified. The bill would also make a statement of legislative findings regarding the application of its provisions to charter cities.

Attachments: Comment letters from Mayor Leone, City of Concord, to Assemblywoman Bonilla and Senator DeSaulnier and from Mayor Simmons, City of Walnut Creek, to Assemblywoman Skinner are attached for information; 7/2/12 Contra Costa Times Editorial, "Senate should slow poorly drafted bill on parking requirements"; 6/27/12 text of AB904 (Skinner)

10. Benicia –Martinez Bridge 50th birthday party

The Bridge opened on September 16, 1962. It was widened in 1999, the parallel structure was completed in 2007 and the bicycle pedestrian path in 2009. Interest has been expressed in an event to mark its 50th anniversary. Staff is requesting TRANSPAC's direction whether or not to proceed with such an event. If the decision is to proceed, staff is requesting direction on the type and magnitude of an event.

ACTION: 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 16, 2012 for circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees and Items of Interest; May 16, 2012 CCTA Executive Director's Report

Electronic Attachment: The CCTA Planning Committee Staff Report for the July 5, 2012 meeting regarding Implementing OneBayArea Grant may be downloaded at <http://transpac.us/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/OBAG.pdf>

ACTION: As determined

12. SB 375/SCS Report by Martin Engelmann, CCTA Deputy Executive Director, Planning

Attachment: July 5, 2012 Planning Committee /SB375/SCS Implementation Update

ACTION: As determined

13. 511 Contra Costa and TRANSPAC Staff Reports

- a) **511 Contra Costa: Report on MTC Smart Parking Workshop prepared by Lynn Overcashier, 511 Contra Costa (attachment)**

b) TRANSPAC Report:

1. Updated TRANSPAC Roster attached

2. 2011 Schools for the Future Report – information

Attachment: Letter to Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction from Supervisor Mary Piepho, Chair Contra Costa Board of Supervisors re: the 2011 Schools for the Future Report

Electronic Attachment: The 2011 Schools for the Future Report may be downloaded at <http://transpac.us/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/Schools-of-the-Future-Report.pdf>

ACTION: As determined

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

Attachment: Contra Costa County Letter to CCTA dated May 17, 2012 re: Comments on State Route 4 Integrated Corridor Analysis Public review Draft

15. Agency and Committee reports

- TRANSPLAN - Report for June 14, 2012
- WCCTAC - Reports for May 29, 2012 and June 25, 2012
- SWAT – Report for June 6, 2012
- TRANSPAC – Report for May 10, 2012
- County Connection: April 2012 Fixed Route Operating Report; April 2012 LINK Monthly Operating Report

Electronic Attachment: The CCTA Project Status Report for July 2, 2012 may be downloaded at <http://transpac.us/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/CCTA-Monthly-Status-Report.pdf>

ACTION: Accept reports and/or as determined

16. For the Good of the Order

17. Adjourn/Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room at Pleasant Hill City Hall unless otherwise determined