

TRANSPAC

Transportation Partnership and Cooperation

Meeting Notice and Agenda

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 (includes items from the July 14, 2011 TRANSPAC meeting)

- 3. Approval of June 9, 2011 and July 14, 2011 TRANSPAC minutes (attachments)**
- 4. Items discussed at the July 14, 2011 TRANSPAC meeting recommended for approval**
 - A. Projects Proposed for Submission by TRANSPAC Jurisdictions in response to the STIP Call for Projects.** TRANSPAC concurrence is required for the submission of these applications to CCTA. For TRANSPAC review, a project description and financial plan was requested in lieu of the full (quite large) STIP application form (please see the July 14, 2011 agenda at www.transpac.us). TRANSPAC recommended that all of the five applications be submitted to CCTA which included:

Contra Costa Boulevard Corridor Enhancement Project, Phase 3, City of Pleasant Hill;
Kirker Pass Road Northbound Truck Climbing Lane, Contra Costa County;
Walnut Creek BART TOD Intermodal, BART;
I-680 Southbound HOV Gap Closure, CCTA;
I-680/SR4 Phase 3 Interim Improvements, CCTA.

Attachments: Letter from Bill Shinn to CCTA Executive Director, Randy Iwasaki re: projects discussed for submission; August 18, 2011 TCC Staff Report which includes the projects recommended for STIP funding and a ranked list of submitted projects.

ACTION: Approve listed projects submitted to CCTA; please see the attached Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Staff report which lists the four projects recommended to CCTA for STIP funding including two Central County projects.

B. Comments on the CCTA “Proposed By-Laws for Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee” (CBPAC)

Members of the CBPAC requested formalization of the CBPAC structure and procedures and have developed proposed by-laws. At the June meetings of the Planning Committee and CCTA Board in June, RTPC comments on the Bylaws proposal were requested to be submitted by July 22, if possible. Please note that adoption of the By-laws may require reappointment or new appointments of TRANSPAC representatives.

When this item was discussed at the June CCTA Planning Committee, a number of issues were raised by Committee members. The Planning Committee supported a requirement that citizen appointees should either reside or work in Contra Costa with a preference for Contra Costa residency. The Committee directed staff to forward the By-laws to the RTPCs for review and comment and then to forward the comments to the CBPAC for review and incorporation into the By-laws. The proposed By-laws are then to be brought back to the Planning Committee and CCTA for consideration/adoption. Issues discussed by TRANSPAC included:

- Definition of the role of the CBPAC committee;
- Establishment of a standard term for RTPC staff, agency and citizen appointments;
- Establishment of term limits or a requirement for reappointment every X number of years;
- A Contra Costa 511/TDM programs seat(s) on the committee;
- Use the TCC model and have local jurisdiction representative staff person be the Chair of the committee on a rotating basis rather than a CCTA staffer;
- Publish agendas, minutes and committee roster on line.

Attachments: Comment letter on the proposed CBPAC Guidelines sent by Chair Shinn to CCTA

ACTION: Approve comments submitted to CCTA

End Consent Agenda

- 5. How is and what is the state of the economy? Will things get back to normal? What was normal? What is normal? Seems as though everything has changed, been rearranged, is definitely is different and YIKES! What is the New Normal?** Gary Craft of the Craft Consulting Group and one of the Chairs of the Contra Costa Council Economic Development Task Force will discuss the new normal and perhaps shed some light on how the new normal relates to TRANSPAC’s mission.

ACTION: As determined

6. Express Lanes Update by Ross Chittenden, CCTA Deputy Director, Projects

Mr. Chittenden will provide an update on the Express Lanes project and the MTC/Caltrans application to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to implement a Backbone of a Regional Express Lane Network (aka High Occupancy Toll [HOT] Lanes) in the Bay Area. Some TRANSPAC representatives have participated in a tour and/or have used the currently operational Express Lanes in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. MTC has requested a letter of support from CCTA for the application. In turn, CCTA is seeking input from the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs) as part of its consideration of support for the application. Please see the attachments for this item including SWAT's comments regarding the business and operations models for HOT lanes, the possible shift of funds from HOV to HOT Lanes, completion of the HOV "gaps" and WCCTAC's letter describing its "Do Not Support" position on the application.

Attachments: Ross Chittenden Presentation "Regional Express Lanes Application to the California Transportation Commission" (CTC); CCTA 9/1/11 Administration and Projects Committee Staff Report re: a Letter of Support (9/22/11 draft Letter of Support included) for the MTC Application to the CTC including Attachment A, the Bay Area Regional Express Lane Network; Attachment B, draft letter to Mr. Dario Frommer, Chair, California Transportation Commission; 7/25/11 SWAT Initial Comments on the Proposed Bay Area Express lane Network; 8/22/11 WCCTAC Board letter to CCTA stating its reasons for the adoption of a "Do Not Support" position on the Express Lanes application; MTC Fact Sheet on AB 744 (2009 Torrico) which authorized the development, operation and maintenance of a regionally managed Express Lane Network in the Bay Area.

ACTION: Consider support for the MTC/Caltrans application to the CTC and/or as determined

7. 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 July 20, 2011 for Circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest;
- July 20, 2011 CCTA Executive Director's Report;
- June 15, 2011 CCTA meeting minutes.

ACTION: As determined

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

Attachments:

- September 7, 2011 CCTA Staff Update on SB375 Implementation
- Memo from ABAG re: Proposed Alternative Land Use Scenarios, August 26, 2011, pages 1-2

ACTION: As determined

9. 511 Contra Costa and TRANSPAC Staff Reports

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

b) **TRANSPAC Report:** Report on a revision to TRANSPAC's June allocation requested by the East Bay Regional Park District.

ACTION: Receive reports and/or as determined

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

11. Correspondence/Copies/Newsclips/Information:

Attachments:

- WCCTAC July 22, 2011 meeting status letter;
- TRANSPLAN July 14, 2011 meeting status letter;
- SWAT July 11, 2011 meeting status letter;
- TRANSPAC July 14, 2011 meeting status letter;
- County Connection: Fixed Route Operating Report June and July 2011; June and July 2011 Link Monthly Operating Report
- CCTA Project Status report September 1, 2011
- MTC – Say Hello to SolTrans

ACTION: Accept reports and/or as determined

12. For the Good of the Order

13. Next meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at Pleasant Hill City Hall