

# **TRANSPAC Transportation Partnership and Cooperation**

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## **TRANSPAC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

**9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM in the**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**CITY OF PLEASANT HILL CITY HALL**

**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: Pledge of Allegiance/Self-Introductions**

**2. Public Comment**

At this time, the public is welcome to address the Committee 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 made by others and observe any time limits that may be announced.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the December 10, 2009 minutes (attachment)

**END CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. Presentation on SR 4 and SR 24 Corridor System Management Plans (CSMP) – 40 minutes (attachments)**

**Background:** As part of the passage of Proposition 1B in November 2006, the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) was created by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC required Caltrans to develop Corridor System Management Plans (CSMPs) for highway corridors containing projects receiving CMIA funds. The main objectives of these investments, which are part of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan, are to decrease congestion, improve safety and travel times, and accommodate future growth in the population and economy.

The CSMPs are seen as a mechanism through which to maximize the State's investment in the corridor, via an assessment of current and future performance, identification of bottleneck locations and causes, and recommendation of a prioritized set of improvements to address the problem locations. SR-4 and SR-24 are part of the CSMP process based on the CMIA-funded Route 4 East Widening and the Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore projects, respectively. These two efforts were

initiated in the summer of 2008 with the establishment of Corridor Technical Advisory Committees (C-TACs), which include staff from Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), and affected jurisdictions and agencies along the corridors (including the Alameda County CMA on Route 24).

**Freeway Performance Initiative:** MTC's (Regional Transportation Plan) T-2035 strategy known as the Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI), seeks to develop a roadmap for selection of the best projects and operational strategies for major freeway corridors in the Bay Area, based on performance and cost-effectiveness. MTC, along with its consultant PBS&J, has been working in tandem with the Caltrans CSMP effort on SR-4 and SR-24 to develop a prioritized list of system management strategies and associated projects for these two corridors.

The FPI's approach to the corridor analysis includes a look at the entire transportation corridor, including parallel arterials and transit, and attempts to address both recurrent and non-recurrent congestion. The corridor analysis approach involves the following four steps:

- 1) **Study Initiation**--The corridor working group is convened, performance measures are developed, and analysis tools chosen;
- 2) **Existing Conditions**--Traffic information is collected, assessed and analyzed; bottlenecks/recurrent congestion locations identified;
- 3) **Develop Mitigation Strategies and Projects**--Congestion relief measures and cost estimates are developed, both for short and long-term implementation timelines;
- 4) **Analysis of Strategies and Projects**--Proposed mitigation strategies are analyzed and prioritized, including supporting rationale.

#### **RTPC Review**

The Corridor TACs include at least one staff representative from each jurisdiction along the corridor. Since each corridor crosses through two or more RTPCs, the C-TAC structure helped to reduce the number of meetings, presentations, and reviews necessary to guide the CSMP process. The Prioritized Congestion Mitigation Strategy Technical Memorandums have been reviewed by the C-TAC as well as the TRANSPAC TAC (February 28, 2010) and are now being forwarded to TRANSPAC and other RTPCs for review.

Please note that the CSMP reports will be forwarded to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by Caltrans and that MTC will use the analyses as part of the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In Contra Costa, it also is anticipated that this information will be used in RTPC and CCTA planning processes.

Issues and comments offered by the TRANSPAC TAC included: merge issues on EB SR 4 to SB 680 need to be addressed including a review of accident data in this location (not included in the CSMP); the focus on ramp metering throughout both the SR 4 and SR 24 corridors was noted and Caltrans will convene a working group to discuss how ramp metering might be operated; how will parking at eBART stations be operated (only for eBART patrons or for general carpool formation and/or bus patrons?); in the SR 24 corridor, additional upstream BART parking is noted as an "Other Congestion Mitigation Strategy" (the freeway, not transit, is the focus of the study, not the specifics of providing additional parking at BART stations; based on study information, it appears that additional carpool parking at the Lafayette BART station is warranted as is the establishment of carpool parking at the Orinda BART station; other access mechanisms (shuttles, remote lots, etc.) should also be assessed for viability.

Comments on the technical documents are to be forwarded to CCTA by February 12, 2010.

The revised Draft CSMPs are expected to be released by Caltrans in February 2010, with final documents released in spring 2010.

**ACTION: With thanks to CALTRANS, MTC, CCTA staff, and Tom Biggs, PBS&J consultants accept/offer comments on the CSMP reports for transmittal to CCTA and/or as determined**

**5. Review of the Proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA) Review Process - 15 minutes (attachment)**

Attached are slides of an overview of the GPA review process which will be presented by Martin Engelmann, CCTA's Deputy Executive Director for Planning. Also attached is a December 2, 2009 CCTA Memo transmitting the proposed GPA Review process to Contra Costa Planning Directors and Transportation /Land Use Planners for comment.

Please note that behind the GPA report in the packet are three pages which describe specific issues of concern (highlighted) regarding steps 3, 12, 13 and 14 raised by County staff. County staff notes are outside the text boxes. On February 28, 2010, the TRANSPAC TAC reviewed the current GPA proposal and the County staff comments. The TAC's proposed revisions are shown in red on the same pages. From the TAC's perspective, these seemingly minor edits are necessary to ensure the clarity of the GPA process.

Comments are due to CCTA by February 12, 2010. RTPC comments will be sent to the General Plan Amendment Task Force for review and possible proposed revisions to the GPA language for consideration. Please also note that revisions to the Central County Action Plan and possibly other RTPC Actions Plans are expected to be necessary to incorporate the final revised GPA process.

**ACTION: With thanks to Mr. Engelmann, accept/revise the TAC recommendations on language revisions to the GPA review process and/or as determined**

**6. TRANSPAC and CCTA Representatives are requested to report 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 December 16, 2009 and January 20, 2010 for Circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest", the December 16, 2009 CCTA meeting minutes and the January 20, 2010 Executive Director's Report are attached.

**ACTION: As determined**

**7. Reports from Staff and Committees - information - 10 minutes (attachments)**

- a) 511 Contra Costa report by Corinne Dutra-Roberts, Senior Transportation Analyst. Please also see attached 1/8/10 Clayton Pioneer article, "Local Commuter opts for two-wheeled transportation from Clayton to Lafayette" and 12/22/09 press release, 511 Contra Costa awarded a national Safe Routes to School Grant (attachments)
- b) Update on Pacheco Transit Hub maintenance funding. At its December 10, 2009 meeting, TRANSPAC considered CCCTA's request to participate in funding the annual \$30,000 maintenance cost for the new facility. TRANSPAC approved \$15,000 annually and established a five year project review timeline. TRANSPLAN had already approved an allocation of \$5,000 per

year for the life of Measure J and on December 11, 2009, WCCTAC approved \$5,000 for three years. The remaining \$5,000 was unfunded.

On January 4, 2010, Caltrans indicated that CCCTA can request permission to charge for parking at Caltrans lots provided that revenues are used for maintenance and operations. BART and AC Transit have recently obtained this permission. CCCTA staff filed its request on January 4, 2010. (attachment)

TRANSPAC and 511 Contra Costa staff plan on assisting County Connection in determining a parking fee collection/enforcement mechanism. Please note that the County and CCCTA are also expected to confer about possible Transit Hub parking fee impacts to on-street parking on Blum Road.

**ACTION: Accept the 511 Contra Costa report, other reports and/or as determined**

8. **TAC Staff Reports: Update on local jurisdiction and agency transportation projects since the last TRANSPAC meeting – 15 minutes (note: these are oral reports)**

**ACTION: Accept reports and/or as determined**

9. **Correspondence/Copies/Newsclips/Information - 5 minutes**

12/7/09 SWAT status letter to CCTA; 1/29/10 and 12/14/09 WCCTAC status letter to CCTA; 12/22/09 Chair Ross' TRANSPAC status letter to CCTA; 12/22/09 TRANSPAC Manager thank you letter to Tian Feng, BART District Architect; 1/25/10 TRANSPLAN status letter to CCTA; CCTA: January 2010 Project Status Report; **County Connection Reports: December 2009 and November 2009 Fixed Route Operating Reports, 12/29/09 Fare Payment by Type, December 2009 and November 2009 LINK Monthly Operating Reports; 12/30/09 LINK Transfer Trips Update.**

**Contra Costa Times:** 1/23/10 "Vacaville's electric-vehicle guru moves on"; **San Francisco Chronicle:** 1/7/10 "A fast track to your wallet"; **San Francisco Examiner:** 1/3/10 "Rebranding TransLink"; **Oakland Tribune (Inside Bay Area):** 1/23/10 Editorial: "Study shows California's highways are a failure"; **Bay Area Council:** 12/3/09 "Bay Area Economy Finally Hits Bottom, According to Bay Area Council Survey.

**ACTION: As determined**

**\*\*\*A meeting break may be called at the discretion of the Chair\*\*\***

10. **Election of TRANSPAC Chair and Vice Chair for the 2010 term commencing immediately - 10 minutes**

**ACTIONS:**

10. A. **Election of TRANSPAC Chair for the 2010 term**

10. B. **Election of TRANSPAC Vice Chair for the 2010 term**

10. C. **Acknowledgment of Chair Ross' year of service as 2009 Chair**

11. **TRANSPAC Appointment to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority for the 2010-12 term -10 minutes (attachment for items 11 and 12)**

**NOTE: Pursuant to the TRANSPAC Joint Agreement, Section VI (e) (3) which is consistent with the CCTA Administrative Code, only elected officials may vote on this item.**

Appointment/reappointment of a TRANSPAC CCTA Representative for the 2010-12 term commencing February 1, 2010. Member Pierce currently holds this appointment.

**ACTION: Appointment/reappointment of a TRANSPAC Representative to CCTA for the 2010 - 12 term commencing February 1, 2009.**

**12. Appointment of TRANSPAC CCTA alternate(s) for the CCTA representative appointed to the 2010-12 term - 10 minutes**

**NOTE: Pursuant to the TRANSPAC Joint Agreement, Section VI, (e) (3) which is consistent with the CCTA Administrative Code, only elected officials may vote on this item.**

Appointment of TRANSPAC CCTA Alternates pursuant to the CCTA Administrative Code:

- a) First alternate: Each TRANSPAC CCTA representative is the alternate for the other CCTA Representative when the assigned TRANSPAC representative cannot attend a standing CCTA Committee meeting (Administration and Projects Committee or Planning Committee).
- b) Second alternate: The second named alternate for each TRANSPAC CCTA Representative will attend CCTA Committee and/or Board meetings or other necessary functions in the event that an appointed TRANSPAC CCTA representative is unable to do so. The current second alternate also may serve for both CCTA representatives. Member Silva is the current second designated alternate for both TRANSPAC CCTA representatives.
- c) Third alternate: A third alternate may be appointed to serve if the designated second alternate(s) are not available. Member Bjerke is the current designated third alternate for both TRANSPAC CCTA representatives.

**ACTIONS: 1) Continue current alternate second and third alternate appointments for the CCTA Representative appointed for the 2010-12 term; or  
2) Appoint a designated second alternate for the CCTA Representative appointed for the 2010-11 term; and/or  
3) Appoint a third alternate to serve if the second alternate(s) is not available**

Please note that CCTA has a requirement that CCTA representative(s) notify the CCTA 72 hours in advance if unable to attend a scheduled meeting. The representative(s) is responsible to inform alternate(s) that the appointed CCTA representative(s) is unable to attend a meeting or function. Please note that TRANSPAC staff (Manager and Administrative Assistant) have traditionally handled CCTA notification and determined if an alternate is available to attend a meeting.

**13. For the Good of the Order (attachment) – 10 minutes**

- Clip and save 2010 TRANSPAC Meeting calendar – ( attachment)
- An updated TRANSPAC roster will be distributed by e-mail after this meeting

- At the March 11, 2010 TRANSPAC meeting, Martin Engelmann, CCTA staff will provide an update on SB 375 Implementation: including a Proposed Scope of Work, Update on Guiding Principles, Appointments to the Joint Policy CEO and Working Group Committees
14. **Adjournment. The next TRANSPAC meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2010 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room, City Hall, City of Pleasant Hill unless otherwise determined.**