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TRANSPAC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

in the

COMMUNITY ROOM

CITY OF PLEASANT HILL CITY HALL

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**Invitation to the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

**Members of the RM2 PAC and TAC are invited to the presentation of the
PAC's investment recommendation for the expenditure of RM2 funds.
(see Agenda Item 4)**

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 May 14, 2009 minutes (attachment)

END CONSENT AGENDA

4. Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Investment Recommendation from the I-680 HOV Express Bus Access Study Presented by John Hall, Study Technical Manager, City of Walnut Creek and Deborah Dagang, Principal Project Engineer and CH2M Hill Consultant Team Study Manager (attachment)

A major purpose of the I-680 Express Bus Access Study was to identify the best investment option for the expenditure of RM 2 funds. Up to one million dollars of the \$15 million established in the legislation (relevant paragraph in packet) was made available for a required Study to determine the best expenditure of the remaining funds. The Project Manager for the Study, Deborah Dagang of CH2 Hill will present the Study findings and recommendation. TRANSPAC is requested to approve the PAC recommendation to be forwarded to County Connection for consideration/action.

BACKGROUND:

Regional Measure 2 (aka RM2) started its funding path as SB 916 authored by Senator Perata. SB 916 proposed to increase the toll on State -owned bridges in the Bay Area by \$ 1 to fund named projects if approved by the voters. The electorate approved RM2 in 2004. RM2 set aside \$15 million for HOV improvements on I-680 in Central County. County Connection was designated as the lead agency for the Study to determine the best investment option for the RM2 funds. The Transportation Authority is required adopt the preferred alternative provided by County Connection after Study completion.

County Connection requested, and TRANSPAC concurred to take the lead to conduct of the Study. The PAC was established with representatives and alternates from County Connection, the Authority and TRANSPAC. The TRANSPAC TAC formed the basis of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) augmented by representatives from Caltrans District 4, the City of Fairfield, Vallejo Transit, City of Benicia, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and a T.Y. Lin International staff member representing MTC (participant list is in the packet). Please also note that Measure J includes \$75 million for I-680 Carpool Gap Closure/Transit Corridor Improvements. Based on the 2009 Measure J Strategic Plan Update and funding project priority approved by TRANSPAC on May 14, 2009, the \$75 million is programmed after FY 2015, is available for fund reprogramming to meet TRANSPAC project priorities, and may be capped to meet Authority financial requirements.

Please note that the Study final report and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) issue/discussion paper will be presented to TRANSAPC in the fall.

ACTION: Adoption of the RM2 PAC recommendation to adopt the southbound extension of the I-680 High-Occupancy Vehicle Lane as the preferred alternative for the receipt of the remaining RM2 funds and/or as determined

5. Central County Action Plan: Letter from Mayor Tatzin, City of Lafayette (attachment)

TRANSPAC may recall that last November, then Mayor Anderson of the City of Lafayette sent a lengthy comment letter on the TRANSPAC Action Plan. The City's comment also had been endorsed by SWAT. The letter contained a total of 22 comments (2 in the body of the letter and 20 in an attachment). The TAC forwarded a draft "by comment" response that was considered by TRANSPAC at its December 11, 2008 meeting. TRANSPAC directed that a more general response letter be sent.

On June 1, 2009, a letter from Lafayette Mayor Don Tatzin requested a response to the comments in Mayor Anderson's November 14, 2008 letter. A draft letter for review is in the packet.

All of the correspondence regarding the City of Lafayette's comments is in the packet in the following order: Lafayette Mayor Anderson's 11/14/08 comment letter; 2/23/09 TRANSPAC's response to

Lafayette Mayor Anderson's letter; Lafayette Mayor Tatzin's 5/29/09 letter and; draft response to Mayor Tatzin's letter.

ACTION: Review/revise/approve draft letter to Mayor Tatzin 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 May 21, 2009 for circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs) and items of interest" and the minutes of the April 15, 2009 CCTA Board meeting. Please note that the CCTA approved the processing of the TRANSPAC and WCCTAC request for a Measure J amendment to allow Bus and Paratransit funds (line items 19 and 20) to be used for existing and modified service. The CCTA will hold a public hearing on this item on June 17, 2009.

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

- a) 511 Contra Costa report by Lynn Overcashier, Program Manager (attachment)

ACTION: As determined

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

6/1/09 and 5/11/09 WCCTAC status letters to CCTA; 5/26/09 TRANSPAC Chair Ross May status letter to CCTA Chair Viramontes; letter to Chair Ross from Martin Engelmann, CCTA re: TRANSPAC comments on the Draft Countywide Transportation Plan; 5/18/09 TRANSPLAN status letter to CCTA. **S.F. Chronicle:** 5/16/09 "Officials eye weekend carpool lanes on I-80"; **Contra Costa Times:** 5/26/09 "Poky carpool drivers and bumps in the road", 5/26/09 "Benicia Bridge renovation to finish early"; **TRANSACTIONS** April/May 2009 "California High-Speed Rail on Fast track to Construction"; County Connection April 2009 Fixed Route Operating Statistical Reports; April 30, 2009 CCTA Project Status Report.

9. **For the Good of the Order – 10 minutes**

- CCTA is expected to certify the Environmental Impact Report for the Countywide Transportation Plan at its June 17, 2009 meeting. This action allows the RTPCs to adopt the final version of the respective Action Plans in July-September, 2009 timeframe.
- Brad Beck will present the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan at the July TRANSPAC meeting.

10. **Adjournment. The next TRANSPAC meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2009 at 9 am in the Community Room, City Hall, City of Pleasant Hill unless otherwise determined.**