

El Cerrito

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

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DATE & TIME: Thursday, May 9, 2024 • 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
LOCATION: WCCTAC Offices • 6333 Potrero Ave. at San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530
TRANSIT OPTIONS: Accessible by AC Transit #72, #72R, #72M & El Cerrito del Norte BART

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Estimated Time:* 9:00 AM

Richmond

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Estimated Time:* 9:00 AM, (3 minutes)

The public is welcome to address the TAC on any item that is not listed on the agenda. Please fill out a speaker card and hand it to staff. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes. Pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act, no action may be taken on a matter unless it is listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. The WCCTAC TAC may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future TAC meeting.

San Pablo

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
Estimated Time:* 9:03 AM, (2 minutes)

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A. **Minutes from the April 11, 2024, meeting**
Recommendation: Approve as presented
Attachment: Yes

AC Transit

4. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

A. **North Richmond Green Streets Corridor Concept**

Description: The North Richmond Green Streets Corridor (Project) is a proposed regional “sustainable streets” project that includes a series of designated bicycle and pedestrian routes across North Richmond, providing connections with San Pablo and Richmond and to the Bay Trail. The presenters are looking for the TAC’s feedback on proposed alignments, grant opportunities, and partnerships.

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Recommendation: Provide feedback.

Attachments: Yes

Presenter/Lead Staff: John Steere and Craig Standafer, Contra Costa County staff

WestCAT

Estimated Time:* 9:05 AM, (35 minutes)

B. WCCTAC Work Program for FY24-25

Description: Each year WCCTAC staff prepares a Work Program in association with the development of the upcoming fiscal year's budget. The draft work program is brought to the TAC for its review and comment prior to the Board's review. The TAC reviewed a draft of the Work Program at its meeting in April and its comments were incorporated into an updated draft (attached).

Recommendation: Review, provide comments, and forward a draft to the WCCTAC Board.

Attachments: Yes

Presenter/Lead Staff: John Nemeth, WCCTAC staff

Estimated Time:* **9:40 AM**, (20 minutes)

C. RFQ for On-Call Grant Writing and Preparation Consultant Support

Description: WCCTAC issued an RFQ for grant writing and preparation request for qualifications. WCCTAC seeks to establish a bench of consultants it can draw upon as needed to assist with developing grant applications. In response to the RFQ, nine submittals were received and WCCTAC staff is currently reviewing the submittals and will provide further updates at the meeting.

Recommendation: Receive information and provide feedback.

Attachments: No

Presenter/Lead Staff: Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC staff

Estimated Time:* **10:00 AM**, (10 minutes)

5. STANDING ITEMS

A. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report

Description: TCC representatives will report on the last TCC meeting.

Recommendation: Receive update.

Attachment: No

Presenter/Lead Staff: WCCTAC's TCC Representatives & WCCTAC Staff

Estimated Time:* **10:10 AM** (5 minutes)

B. Staff and TAC Member Announcements

Description: TAC members or WCCTAC staff can make comments or announcements.

Recommendation: Receive update.

Attachment: No

Presenter/Lead Staff: WCCTAC Staff and TAC Members

Estimated Time:* **10:15 AM** (5 minutes)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Description / Recommendation: Adjourn to the next regular meeting of the TAC on Thursday, June 13, 2024. The next meeting of the WCCTAC Board is Friday, May 24, 2024.

* Estimated time for consideration is given as a service to the public. Please be advised that an item on the agenda may be considered earlier or later than the estimated time.

*Estimated Time**: **10:20 AM**

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- If you have special transportation requirements and would like to attend the meeting, please call the phone number above at least 48 hours in advance to make arrangements.
- Handouts provided at the meeting are available upon request and may also be viewed at WCC-TAC's office.
- Please refrain from wearing scented products to the meeting, as there may be attendees susceptible to environmental illnesses. Please also put cellular phones on silent mode during the meeting.
- A meeting sign-in sheet will be circulated at the meeting. Sign-in is optional.

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WCCTAC TAC Meeting Action Minutes

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MEETING DATE: April 11, 2024

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jarrett Mullen, El Cerrito; Allan Panganiban, San Pablo; Jamar Stamps, Contra Costa County; Jim Cunradi, AC Transit; Finn Wurtz, WestCAT; Shelehia Meisner, BART; Robert Armijo, Richmond

Richmond

GUESTS: Bill Pinkham, WCCTAC Citizen Representative to CBPAC

STAFF PRESENT: John Nemeth, Leah Greenblat, and Coire Reilly

ACTIONS LISTED BY: WCCTAC Staff

San Pablo

ITEM	ITEM/DISCUSSION	ACTION/SUMMARY
1.	Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM
2.	Public Comment	Steve Price will be walking El Cerrito Plaza with management to identify bike improvements.
3.	Consent Calendar: A. Minutes from February 8, 2024, Meeting.	Allan Panganiban moved, and Finn Wurtz seconded. Consent calendar approved unanimously.

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Regular Agenda Items

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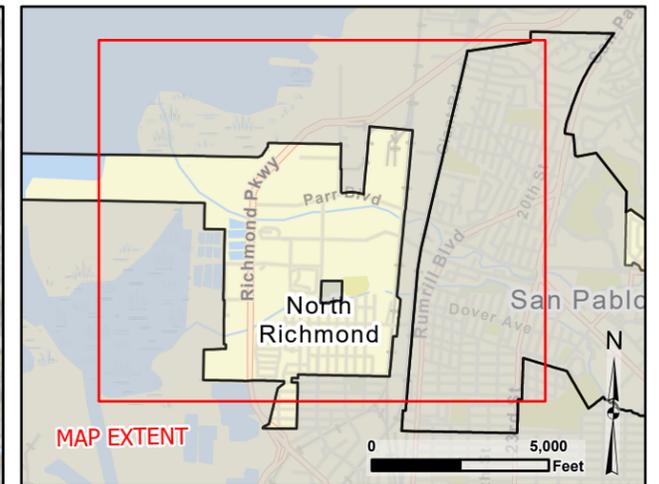
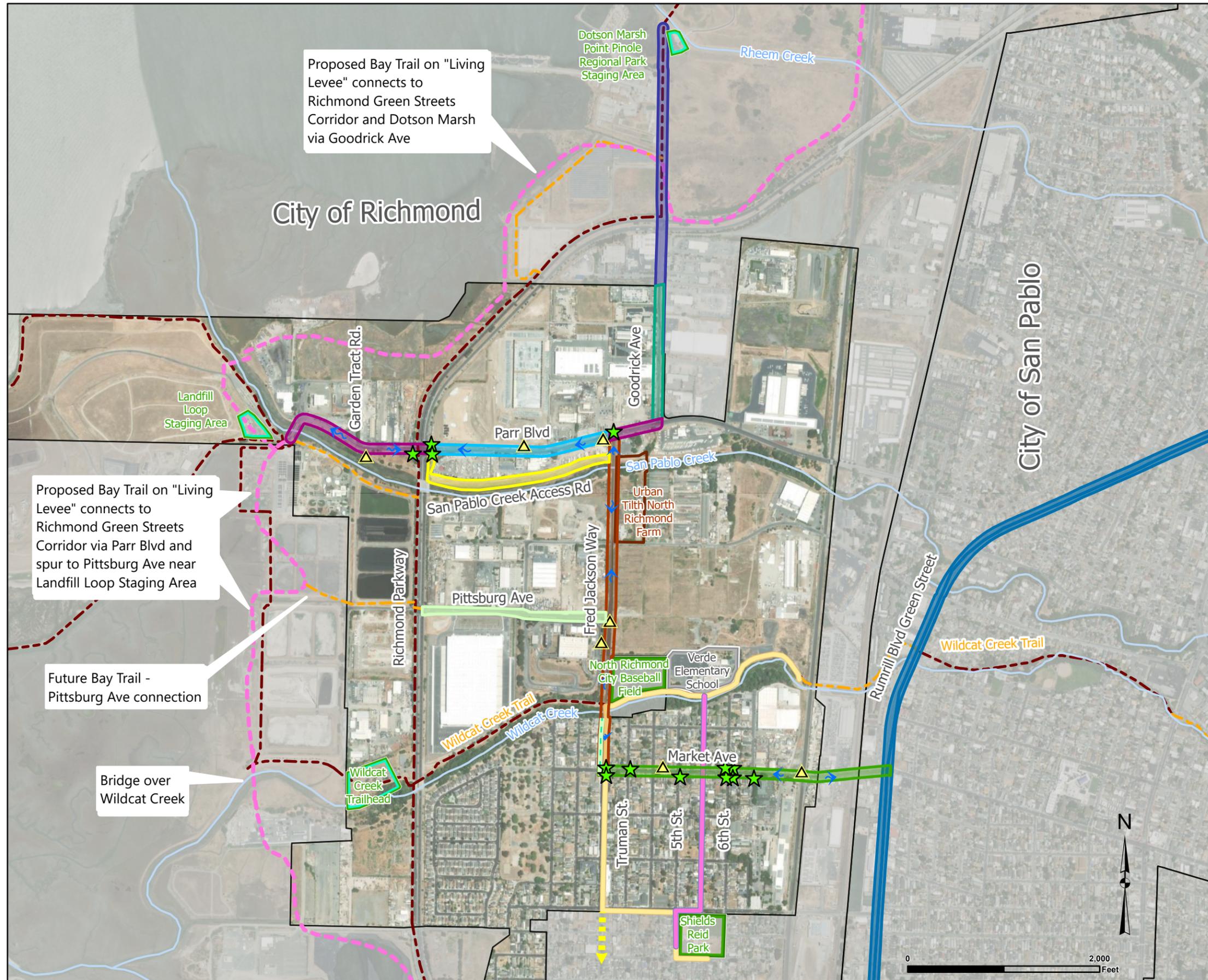
4A.	Appointment to the Technical Coordinating Committee	The TAC unanimously recommended, to the WCCTAC Board, the reappointment of Allan Panganiban, San Pablo, for a two-year term.
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WestCAT

4B.	WCCTAC Work Program for FY 24-25	John Nemeth gave an overview of the FY25 Work Program, including the potential impact of TDM 2.0. TAC members suggested the following changes to the draft Work Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the TAC and Board information about Ferry service considerations as
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		<p>well as the CCTA’s ferry expansion study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and keep the TAC and Board informed about SB 1031 and the details of a potential regional funding measure. • Find opportunities to advocate for transit funding to support existing services. • Assist jurisdictions, as needed, with the process for adopting the JPA Amendment.
4C.	TDM 2.0 Update	Coire Reilly gave a status update on TDM 2.0 and proposed that, in the upcoming year, WCCTAC develop the TDM program and member agencies refrain from requesting TFCA dollars given how much is up in the air. The TAC concurred with this proposal.
4D.	Status Update on San Pablo Avenue Multi-modal Study	Leah Greenblat explained that a working group composed of AC Transit, El Cerrito, Richmond, CCTA, and WCCTAC staff have been meeting to discuss San Pablo Avenue. She also noted that the CCTA is preparing a scope of work for an upcoming planning phase. San Pablo agreed to participate in the working group conversations moving forward but remained concerned that their narrower right-of-way may not lend itself to a bus only lane.
4E.	Annual STMP Fee Adjustment for FY 2024-2025	Leah Greenblat shared the new STMP fee rates for FY 24-25 and requested that participating member agencies facilitate their incorporation into local fee schedules.
Standing Items:		
5A.	Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report	The TAC provided input on the approach to the update of the Richmond-area Community Based Transportation Plan.

ITEM	ITEM/DISCUSSION	ACTION/SUMMARY
5B.	Staff and TAC Member Announcements	<p>Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC staff, mentioned that an RFQ for Grant Writing and Preparation had been released.</p> <p>Coire Reilly, WCCTAC staff, noted that May 16 was Bike to Work Day and that Bruce (Ole) Ohlson was the 2024 Contra Costa County Bike Champion of the Year.</p>
6.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.



Legend

- ★ Potential GI Location
- ▲ Utility Conflicts
- Surface Flow Direction
- Potential Street Trees
- Creek/Stream
- Unincorporated County Boundary
- ▭ City Limits of Richmond/San Pablo
- ▭ Urban Farms
- ▭ Regional Park
- ▭ Verde Elementary School
- ▭ Bay Trail Staging Area / Trailhead
- ▭ Rumrill Blvd Green Street
- ▭ Pittsburg Ave (Long-Term Sustainable Street)
- ▭ Potential Yellow Brick Road Connection

Bay Trail Alignment

- Existing
- Proposed
- NR "Living Levee" (Proposed)

North Richmond Green Streets Corridor Project

- ▭ Segment 1 - Parr Blvd
- ▭ Segment 1 - San Pablo Creek Access Rd (alt. 1A)
- ▭ Segment 1 - Parr Blvd (alt. 1B)
- ▭ Segment 2 - Fred Jackson Way
- ▭ Segment 3 - Market Ave
- ▭ Segment 4a - Goodrick Ave (to County Limit)
- ▭ Segment 4b - Goodrick Ave (County Limit to Richmond)

North Richmond Watershed Connections Safe Routes

- ▭ North Richmond Watershed Connections Urban-Nature Trail
- ▭ Safe Routes to School

North Richmond Green Streets Corridor and Surrounding Connections
Contra Costa County, CA

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Figure 1

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Overview of the “North Richmond Green Streets Corridor Project, its benefits, and potential sources of funding

- Prepared by John Steere, Watershed Planner, Contra Costa County Watershed Program of the Public Works Department (PWD) john.steere@pw.cc.cccounty.us: [revised 3/25 /24]

The North Richmond Green Streets Corridor (Project) is a proposed regional “sustainable streets” project with multiple uses/benefits, including as a series of designated bicycle and pedestrian routes across North Richmond, providing connections with San Pablo and Richmond and to the Bay Trail at two staging areas. The Project is already part of the Countywide Bike/Ped Plan and is included in the *Contra Costa County Green Infrastructure Plan* (2019). Furthermore, it will provide greater access to nature by including green infrastructure for stormwater treatment, as well as greater access to San Pablo Creek and the Bay Trail at two staging areas. In addition, it will serve to improve water quality benefits to both San Pablo and Wildcat Creeks. In addition, it will markedly improve non-motorized access within a designated disadvantaged community (DAC).

The proposed Project will serve to build upon and extend the results of the award-winning, recently completed [North Richmond Watershed Connections](#), a multi-benefit and partnership-based GI, urban greening, and place making project that was funded by a \$1 million State Coastal Conservancy grant in conjunction with a comparable 1st mile/last mile grant.

This proposed Project has already been reviewed and vetted by The Watershed Project, who Included this corridor in its extensive public outreach for the “IRWM Watershed Resources Assessment “ for North Richmond that was completed in 2022. It has also received staff review by the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Trails Team, and by the members of the North Richmond Horizontal Levee Task Force and included in its planning and design process. The Project would be led by the County’s Department of Conservation and Development – Transportation Planning staff and/or the Transportation Engineering Division of the Contra Costa County Public Works Department and will be supported by the County Watershed Program in either case.

The North Richmond Green Streets Corridor consists of 4 segments (as shown in Figures 1 and 2):

- **Segment 1 - Parr Boulevard / alt. 1A (San Pablo Creek access road) + Parr Boulevard.** From the Bay Trail Staging Area at the West County Transfer Facility to Fred Jackson Way
- **Segment 2 - Fred Jackson Way (FJW).** From Parr Boulevard to Market Avenue), which is a constructed portion of the [North Richmond Watershed Connections](#) Project and thus is already functioning as a completed Green Street
- **Segment 3 - Market Avenue.** From Fred Jackson Way to the new Rumrill Boulevard “Green Street,” which connects to the Wildcat Creek Trail, where it resumes east of Rumrill Blvd..
- **Segment 4 - Goodrick Avenue .** From Parr Boulevard to Dotson Marsh (Segments 4a and 4b)
- **Pittsburg Avenue.** From the Richmond Parkway to FJW, if and when the North Richmond Horizontal Levee project is undertaken.

The North Richmond Green Streets Corridor Project benefits include the following:

- Serves North Richmond, a significant Disadvantaged Community (DAC)
- Is in County Stormwater Resources Plan and Green Infrastructure Plan; would serve to treat "Old Urban" and "Old Industrial" TMDLs
- Expands upon and connects to the *North Richmond Watershed Connections*, a recently funded and award-winning project.
- Functions as a *regional project* in providing green infrastructure and by connecting residents of North Richmond, San Pablo, and Richmond to two staging areas of the Bay Trail (i.e., at the West County Transfer Station and at EBRPD’s Dotson Marsh

- Will include multiple partnerships among them, The Watershed Project, Urban Tilth, the Cities of San Pablo and Richmond, the West County Wastewater District, and the EBRPD.
- Access to Bay Trail and connections to 2 parks in North Richmond, as well as with the new Rumrill Green Street and Wildcat Creek Trail.
- Provides a greenway-like experience parallel to Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks
- Segments are included in the Countywide Bike/Ped Plan
- Segments are also included in the County Transportation Engineering “CRIPP” (capital improvements program) for the North Richmond “Area of Benefit.”
- Has been identified as a supportive project for the North Richmond Horizontal Levee Project, a multi-benefit and partner project being led by the West County Wastewater District that would establish the Bay Trail on a horizontal levee in this Project would provide access to it at three staging areas or points: Pittsburg Avenue; Parr Boulevard; and Goodrick Avenue.

Potential sources of grant funding for which the County Watershed Program has already received support from relevant agency staff to submit proposals for this Project:

- [San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund](#) . (following consultation with Luisa Valiela, director of SF Bay WQ Improvement fund)
- [California Resources Agency Urban Greening Program Grant](#) . (the State Coastal Conservancy – Bay Area Program staff reviewed this project and recommend it as a good candidate for it)
- *Caltrans Alternative Compliance Funding for Green Infrastructure Projects*, administered by Caltrans District 4 . (Brian Rowley, who manages these funds on behalf of Caltrans District 4, previously worked for Geosyntec, and identified this project as highly suitable for these funds)

Requirements and Preferences of the California Water Board for this solicitation

A. Eligibility: 1) meant for implementation (construction) and design/build projects; 2) Agencies with Stormwater Resource Plans; + nonprofit organizations; AND 3) Projects that treat and/or use a step with a variety of benefits (FC, environmental, community, etc.)

B. Project Preferences of the Regional Water Quality Control Board and of the EPA that the Project would serve:

- Provides benefits to a disadvantaged community (DAC)
- Demonstrates readiness to proceed
- Includes public outreach
- Includes cost benefit and water supply/quality as primary benefit
- Includes multiple uses/benefits including as green infrastructure
- Demonstrates nature-based project elements, e.g. green spaces

Proposed Project Funding Concept : Contra Costa County and its partners will be seeking design/build funding from the noted grant sources and perhaps others, to be determined, for Segments 1, 3, and 4 of the Project. Segment 2 (between Parr and Market Avenue) has already been completed as part of the North Richmond Watershed Connections.

The North Richmond Green Streets Corridor

A regional, multi-benefit sustainable streets project

Potential Partners (municipalities, agencies, and regional and community-based organizations for those followed by [*] (see below for contact info):

- Contra Costa County: Public Works Department including - the County Watershed Program, Transportation Engineering Division, *Flood Control District*, and the County Special Districts Division; Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) – including Jamar Stamps, Jody London, Robert Sarmiento, and Ryan Hernandez; and Community Health Department including Safe Routes To School – Emily Warming and Davis Okonkwo; Supervisor John Gioia- District 1 (contact: Tania Pulido)
- City of San Pablo*
- City of Richmond *
- West Contra Costa County Unified School District
- West County Wastewater District (contacts: Joe Neugebauer and general manager*)
- East Bay regional Park District (EBRPD) Trails Program*
- San Francisco Estuary Project – (contact: Liz Juvera*)
- Bay Area Regional Collaborative (contact: Josh Bradt*)
- Together Bay Area (contact: Annie Burke, Executive Director (ED)*)
- The Watershed Project (contact: Juliana Gonzalez, Eexecutive Director*)
- Urban Tilth (contacts: Doria Robinson, Executive Director and Adele Ho, Project manager*)
- Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (contact: Chris Lim, Executive Director*)
- Bike East Bay (contact: Dani Lenis*)
- Greenbelt Alliance (contact: Zoe Siegel*)
- Rich City Rides (contacts: Najari Smith, Alexander Peter*)
- Trails for Richmond Action Committee (contact: Bruce Bayaert*)
- Wildcat – San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council (contact: Paula White)*
- San Francisco Bay Joint Venture (funding and collaboration)*
- State Coastal Conservancy (funding and collaboration) *

Selective contacts among municipalities and NGOs (John Steere knows or has as colleagues each of the parties that are identified below):

City of Richmond: Ken Cheng, Senior engineer (complete streets projects) ken.chang@ci.richmond.ca.us, (510) 621-1612; Jeff Barich, civil engineer Re: project coordination. [Jeffrey Barich@ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto:Jeffrey_Barich@ci.richmond.ca.us), (510) 412-2009; Lena Velasco, Principal Planner, Lina_Velasco@ci.richmond.ca.us Lori , 510.620.6869)

City of San Pablo: Itzel Gomez Itzel , Environmental Program Analyst in stormwater division, itzelg@sanpabloca.gov or three, (510) 215-3064; Amanda Booth, senior environmental program analyst Stormwater Division, amandab@sanpabloca.gov, (510) 215-3066

(North Richmond Green streets corridor dovetails with “Neighborhood Champions program” and connections with Rumrill Boulevard Green Street and Wildcat Creek Trail and to Davis Park. Coordinated with Amanda about the project in May 2022 and Itzel in November 2023)

East Bay Regional Park District -EBRPD: Sean Dougan; Trails Program Manager Planning, Trails, and GIS, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, T: 510-544-2611; sdougan@ebparks.org (met with him and his staff regarding the project in summer of 2023 and received their support for it as viable and effective link to Bay Trail.)

San Francisco Estuary Project: Liz Juvera, Environmental Planner, T: 415-778 – 6630, liz.juvera@sfestuary.org

Bay Area Regional Collaborative: Josh Bradt, Watershed Specialist T: 415 – 778 – 6671; jbradt@bayareametro.gov

Together Bay Area: Annie Burke, Executive Director, T: 510-809-8009, annie@togetherbayarea.org

The Watershed Project: Juliana Gonzalez, executive Director, T: (510) 224-4085, juliana@thewatershedproject.org; + Naama Raz Yaseef and Anne Bremirez

Urban Tilth: lead: Adele Ho, Project manager T: (510) 815-4043, adelehonrf@gmail.com; + Doria Robinson, Executive Director

Contra Costa Resource Conservation District: Chris Lim, Executive Director, T: 925-672-4577+4147, clim@ccrcd.org

Bike East Bay: Dani Lenis, bicycle community advocate, T: (415) 967-8204, dani.lanis@bikeeastbay.org

Greenbelt Alliance: Zoe Siegel, Director of Climate Resilience, T: (510) 367-4464; zsiegel@greenbelt.org

Rich City Rides: Najari Smith, Executive Director, T: (510) 255-0625, najari@richcityrides.org; + Alexander Peter

Trails for Richmond Action Committee: Bruce Beyaert, director, T: (510) 235-2835, tracbaytrail@earthlink.net

Wildcat – San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council: Paula White, T: 510-665-3430, paula@thewatershedproject.org

State Coastal Conservancy: Erica Johnson, project manager T: (650) 440-2766, Erica.Johnson@scc.ca.gov

San Francisco Bay Joint Venture: Kelli McCune, Coordinator , T: (970) 420-3917, kmccune@sfbayjv.org

Others: Contra Costa County has initiated Resilient Shoreline Adhoc Committee to address sea level rise. Led by Ryan Hernandez, DCD (coordinate with him in December 2023 about project)

Jim McGrath (macmcgrath@comcast.net), former Chair District 2 Regional Water Quality Control Board, who is very supportive of this project and with integrating GI with streets and bike/ped. Planning (resiliency planning that combines advocacy groups and local governments with nature-based approaches).

- List is assembled by John Steere, Watershed Planner, Contra Costa County Watershed Program

**WCCTAC
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
DRAFT WORK PROGRAM**

WCCTAC's activities may be grouped into the following five major areas: Planning and Programming (General Operations), Special Projects, Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Sub-regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program (STMP), and Office Administration.

Planning and Programming (General Operations)

This program area relates to WCCTAC's function as the Regional Transportation Planning Committee (RTPC) for West Contra Costa County under Measure J. It also includes transportation planning efforts resulting from the agency's Joint Powers Agency function. Activities in this program area are mainly funded with annual member agency contributions and, to a smaller extent, Measure J dollars.

MEASURE J PROGRAMMING

1. Program and administer West County's Measure J projects and programs, including:
 - a. Low Income Student Bus Pass Program (Measure J 21b)
 - b. Additional Bus Transit Enhancements (Measure J 19b)
 - c. Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Measure J 15b, 20b)
 - d. Sub-regional needs (Measure J 28b)

COUNTY-WIDE AND REGIONAL PLANNING AND FUNDING

2. Work with CCTA on the development of the Countywide Transportation Plan.
3. Work with the CCTA and WCCTAC member agencies on the development of new and updated Community-based Transportation Plans in West Contra Costa County.
4. Work with Contra Costa County Public Works on its Vision Zero Technical Advisory Committee.
5. Monitor Action Plan compliance by reviewing certain proposed projects, General Plans or Amendments, and work to advance goals, objectives and actions contained in the West County Action Plan.
6. Partner with CCTA on the development of training sessions to assist local jurisdictional staff with Growth Management Program checklist compliance.
7. Participate in regional, countywide, sub-regional, and local efforts related to planning, funding, and delivery of priority capital projects in West County.
8. Monitor the Link21 effort to improve and coordinate the regional rail network in Northern California and provide input as needed.

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9. Monitor and keep the TAC and Board informed about SB 1031 and the details of a potential regional funding measure.

10. Find opportunities to advocate for transit funding to support existing services.

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9-11. Participate in follow-up activities related to the countywide Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan.

10-12. Assist local jurisdictions in the implementation of a low stress bike network in West County through the identification of funding opportunities.

I-80 and I-580 CORRIDORS

11-13. Continue to monitor and participate, if possible, in MTC's Bus on Shoulder Study and advocate for its implementation on I-80, consistent with the recommendations in WCCTAC's West County Express Bus Implementation Plan.

12-14. Continue to monitor the progress of implementing the recommendations in MTC's I-80 Design Alternatives Assessment and keep the WCCTAC TAC and Board informed. This includes the implementation of transit, bike lane and pedestrian improvements on Richmond Parkway at the Richmond Parkway Transit Center

13-15. Continue to monitor and participate in MTC's implementation of HOV lanes on I-580. This work also includes modifications at the westbound Richmond Parkway off-ramp.

14-16. Continue to monitor and participate in MTC's implementation of open-tolling on the east end of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

15-17. Continue to monitor and participate, if possible, in MTC, BATA and Caltrans analysis and recommendations for the westbound shoulder of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

16-18. Continue to work with CCTA, the City of Richmond, and other regional partners to mitigate traffic impacts on local streets in communities adjacent to I-580 and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

17-19. Work with MTC, Caltrans, and other agencies to promote capital improvements that may benefit transit in West County.

18-20. Work with Hercules, CCTA, and CCJPA on securing funding for the Hercules Hub, formerly known as the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center, in Hercules.

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~~19-21.~~ Work with CCTA to identify funding or address other project development needs for key projects such as the San Pablo Dam Rd interchange or Central Ave. phase 2.

~~20-22.~~ Provide updates to the WCCTAC Board on I-80 corridor issues as needed.

~~21-23.~~ Continue to monitor and update the WCCTAC TAC and Board on AC Transit's Realign Project.

SUB-REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

~~22-24.~~ Continue advancement of recommendations of the West County High-Capacity Transit Study, the West Contra Costa County Express Bus Implementation Plan and the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study, Phase 2.

~~23-25.~~ Based on the 2015 Cooperative Agreement, participate with WETA, CCTA and Richmond on the annual review of the Richmond ferry's ridership, service levels, marketing, fare policy, access issues, and capital needs. Keep the TAC and Board informed about Richmond Ferry service considerations. Keep the TAC and Board informed about CCTA ferry expansion studies, especially as it relates to Hercules.

~~24-26.~~ Monitor plans for and construction of transit-oriented development and supporting access improvements at both El Cerrito BART Stations and work with BART and El Cerrito.

~~27.~~ Work with CCTA, AC Transit and the cities of El Cerrito, Richmond (and keep San Pablo informed) ~~potentially San Pablo to~~ about the development of a scope of work for Phase 3 of the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study which focuses on outreach to businesses and community members to advance the concepts identified in Phase 2.

~~25-28.~~ Explore the creation of a Transportation Management Association (TMA) with El Cerrito, Richmond, and BART.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

~~26-29.~~ Monitor grant opportunities, inform member agencies, assist member agencies with their grant applications, provide letters of support, and facilitate prioritization of West County candidate projects for grants. Some examples of grant opportunities include Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) which focuses on building networks of connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements, Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, Program for Arterial System Synchronization (PASS) for adjusting signal timing, as well as federal 5310 grants for senior and disabled transportation.

~~27-30.~~ Finalize the selection of a consultant bench to assist WCCTAC staff with

preparing grant applications.

~~28-31.~~ Monitor and apply as appropriate for Regional Measure 3 funds for Richmond Parkway and San Pablo Avenue projects.

~~29-32.~~ Advocate for the inclusion of planned West County transportation projects in future funding measures (e.g., Bay-Area and County-wide).

~~30-33.~~ Seek funding to advance and implement the projects recommended in Phase 2 of the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study with CCTA and ACTC and local jurisdictions.

~~31-34.~~ Take the lead in applying for grants for planning and implementation of multi-jurisdictional improvements, in partnership with member agencies.

FORMAL BODIES

~~32-35.~~ Manage or participate in meetings of the: WCCTAC Board, WCCTAC TAC, CCTA Board, CCTA Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC), CCTA Administration and Projects Committee (APC), CCTA Paratransit Coordinating Committee (PCC), the Active Transportation Specific Plan (ATSP) Task Force, the West County Mobility Management Group, the West County Senior Coalition, CCTA Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), CCTA Growth Management Task Force, and the Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Special Projects

As a Joint Powers Agency, WCCTAC may apply for and receive various grants that advance the transportation goals of West Contra Costa. WCCTAC can also serve as a lead for certain studies or projects using other agency contributions. In the upcoming fiscal year, WCCTAC will:

1. ~~Subject to staffing considerations and funding availability, m~~ Manage the Travel Training Program funded by Measure J 28b. This will involve teaching groups and individuals to use fixed route transit (BART, buses, ferry), ADA and non-ADA paratransit, and other mobility services. Explore other funding sources for the program
2. Finalize the Caltrans-funded, draft Richmond Parkway Transportation Plan, also known as the Richmond Parkway Environmental Justice and Regional Mobility Plan.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

This program promotes transportation alternatives to the single occupant vehicle by encouraging walking, bicycling, transit, carpooling, and vanpooling, and is coordinated with the larger countywide 511 Contra Costa Program. It is funded on a reimbursement basis by Measure J and grants from the Air District.

Currently, CCTA is working to amend the policies and procedures for disbursing TFCA funds for TDM. The CCTA may also modify focus areas in the TDM program to put more emphasis on reducing VMT. The following section of the workplan is subject to change and may depend on funding availability. Additionally, WCCTAC may deliver some of these activities in conjunction with CCTA and potentially with the support of CCTA's on-call consultant team.

In the upcoming fiscal year, the TDM program will:

1. Manage the Employer-Based Trip Reduction Program, which includes employer outreach and programs, tabling at community events, transit incentives, funding for bike racks and lockers, funding for EV charging stations.
2. Manage the West County "Pass2Class" program that provides free transit passes to students at the beginning of the school year.
3. Manage the Commuter Benefit program, which includes the countywide programs Guaranteed Ride Home, Try Transit, Take 10, and Secure Your Cycle Programs.
4. Co-lead Bike to Wherever Days 2025 with other regional partners.
5. Support Local Agency Climate Action plans and efforts that aim to improve access to bicycling, pedestrian facilities, transit, and emerging mobility technology such as shared bicycles and cars, electric bicycles, scooters, and autonomous vehicles.
- ~~6. Continue to implement strategy to encourage telework/work from home policies and flexible work hour policies with Contra Costa Employers.~~
- 7.6. Assist in the promotion of the new City of Richmond e-shuttle service that allows students and seniors to ride for free.
- ~~8. Implement bicycle and pedestrian improvements at Del Norte BART station, using repurposed Air District funds~~
- 9.7. Implement the Summer Youth Pass program, which provides discounted bus passes for youth during summer months.

Sub-regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program (STMP)

WCCTAC acts as the trustee for the development impact fees collected by the West County cities and the unincorporated areas of the County. An updated program went into effect on July 1, 2019. Under the updated program, STMP funds are to be used for twenty pre-identified, regionally benefitting capital projects. In the upcoming fiscal year, WCCTAC will:

1. Collect, administer, and track funds and reporting forms.

2. Provide monitoring reports on revenue collected and status of local reporting.
3. Develop funding agreements with project sponsors for any Board-approved funding allocations.
4. Manage calls for projects based on Board direction, and allocate funds to eligible, Board-approved projects.
5. Respond to inquiries from local agencies and members of the public.
6. Review and process appeal and exemption requests.
7. Monitor and update, as needed, the expiration dates of existing STMP funding agreements.
8. Complete the required five-year review and update of the 2019 STMP and its nexus study.
- 8-9. Develop a detailed schedule for the replacement of the 2019 STMP Next Study, and draft an RFP for consultant support.

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Administration

In the upcoming fiscal year, staff will:

1. Complete an remaining activities related to the the implementation process for of WCCTAC's new transition to- "Doing Business As" name: the West Contra Costa Transportation Commission.
2. Maintain, update, and expand content on the agency's website.
3. Continually evaluate work and meeting practices, post Covid.
4. Complete digitizing and organizing WCCTAC records including funding agreements, resolutions, minutes, and Board and TAC meeting packets.
5. Continue implementation of invoice tracking system.
6. Explore office options and/or prepare for lease renewal.
7. Complete approval process for the 2023 amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement, and assist jurisdictions with this effort, as needed.