

MEETING DATE: August 20, 2026

TO: West Contra Costa Transportation Commission

FROM: John Nemeth, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Measure J Transportation Expenditure Plan Discussion**

The following background information was provided by CCTA staff:

Summary

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Executive Director will attend Regional Transportation Planning Committee (RTPC) meetings throughout Contra Costa County to provide an overview of CCTA, highlight investments and community benefits delivered through Measure J, and discuss the development of the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). These meetings will help shape the early development of the TEP by gathering input from local jurisdictions, stakeholders, and community representatives regarding transportation priorities, desired outcomes, and key considerations for the future expenditure plan.

Background

Measure J, approved by Contra Costa voters in 2004 as a 25-year transportation sales tax measure, is scheduled to expire in 2034. Since its approval, Measure J has delivered more than \$5 billion in transportation investments throughout Contra Costa County, supporting projects and programs that improve local streets and roads, transit, freeway improvements, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, paratransit services, and transportation technology and innovation initiatives.

In preparation for the expiration of Measure J, CCTA is initiating development of a new TEP following adoption of the updated Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). The TEP will build upon the vision, goals, and priorities established through the CTP. On May 14 and 15, CCTA conducted a Board Workshop focused on the TEP process, priorities, policies, and framework for development of a future transportation sales tax measure. Representatives from local jurisdictions serving on the RTPCs were invited to participate in the workshop discussions to help inform the early stages of the process.

The TEP process will be shaped through a community-driven, grassroots approach built on input from the local agencies, stakeholders, and the public to help inform priorities, policies, programs, and investment strategies for a future transportation sales tax measure. RTPC meetings provide a forum to bring together local jurisdictions and gather input on transportation needs and priorities within each area of the county. Participation from local jurisdictions at this stage is both valuable and necessary to ensure the TEP reflects the diverse needs of communities across Contra Costa County.

This meeting will help kick off the TEP engagement process with the RTPCs building upon countywide listening efforts with local agencies, stakeholders, and the public to help inform development of the future Transportation Expenditure Plan. These meetings will serve as a collaborative listening forum, providing an opportunity for RTPC members to offer early input and for CCTA staff to better understand and capture local perspectives. This feedback will help shape the early development of the TEP and establish a foundation for future engagement and decision-making.

The development of the TEP is being guided by five foundational pillars that will serve as the basis for discussions throughout the workshop process and future phases of TEP development, with the goal of creating a TEP that is clear, implementable, and reflective of both local and countywide priorities:

Community-First Approach – Prioritize the needs and quality of life of residents and communities by listening early and throughout the process to people who live, work, and travel in Contra Costa County.

Keep It Simple – Develop a plan that is clear, understandable, and implementable, with a focus on transparency and ease of communication to the public and stakeholders.

Apply a Countywide Lens – Balance local priorities with countywide benefits by focusing on investments that build a transportation system delivering meaningful benefits across the entire County.

Emphasize Accountability – Define clear expectations for how funds are invested and what results are delivered by establishing performance measures and outcome-based accountability to track commitments and measurable benefits.

Focus on Significant Outcomes – Prioritize investments that deliver meaningful and transformative improvements to mobility, safety, accessibility, and connectivity that improve people's daily lives.

Initiating the TEP process with the RTPCs is an important step in building a community driven, countywide transportation vision that reflects local priorities, delivers meaningful

outcomes, and establishes a strong foundation for the future of transportation in Contra Costa County. Through continued collaboration with local jurisdictions, stakeholders, and the public, the TEP process will help shape a transportation investment strategy that improves safety, accessibility, and connectivity for communities throughout the county.