

**West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee
Board of Directors Meeting
Special Board Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Kelley, Chair (Hercules); Roy Swearingen, Vice-Chair (Pinole); Janet Abelson, (El Cerrito); Ben Choi (Richmond); Chris Peeples (AC Transit); Maureen Powers (WestCat); Demnlus Johnson (Richmond); Rita Xavier (San Pablo); Lateefa Simon (BART)

STAFF PRESENT: John Nemeth, Joanna Pallock, Valerie Jenkins, Leah Greenblat

ACTIONS LISTED BY: Valerie Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order: 8:05am

Public Comment: None

Item #3. New Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)

ITEM/DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Item #3 New Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)</p>	<p>WCCTAC Executive Director Nemeth provided background on the TEP, reviewed Measure X from 2016, and highlighted some changes to the funding landscape over the last few years. He encouraged the Board to discuss its priorities for a new TEP.</p> <p><i>Director Abelson</i>, sought clarification regarding Phase 2 of the I-80 / Central Avenue interchange project being “completely funded.” Executive Director Nemeth noted that some bicycle and pedestrian underpass improvements remain unfunded. Hisham Noeimi (CCTA staff) reiterated that, aside from the bike/ped improvements under the freeway, the project was completely funded, if construction prices remain the same.</p> <p><i>Director Simon</i> stated that BART’s budget was focused on providing funding for safety, security, and the cleanliness of BART trains and stations.</p> <p><i>Vice-Chair Swearingen</i> stated that he is in favor of BART’s expansion to San Pablo/CC College, but that there would be challenges locating a station there due to the traffic problems that already</p>

exist on Road 20. He felt that Hilltop may be a better first stop for a BART extension.

Director Abelson stated that there is was not enough funding for transit operations in the previous Measure X to maintain high quality levels of service.

Director Peebles stated that there needs to be more funding for class 1 bike routes. He also argued that in order to get voters to turn out and support funding for transit, there needed to be a better campaign than for the previous measure.

Director Xavier concurred that the previous expenditure plan could have been better explained to the voters. She also voiced support for the priorities included in Measure X.

Director Johnson emphasized the need to incorporate technology into the future TEP. He also stated that funding for other modes, like ferries or light rail, should be considered.

Chair Kelley stated that there needs to be other transportation or transit options to areas in Berkeley, Emeryville, and Oakland.

Director Choi also voiced support for many of the priorities in Measure X and agreed that a better explanation to voters was important.

Director Powers agreed with **Chair Kelley** regarding the need for more and better transit options, including the need to serve Alameda County destinations.

Dave Campbell (Bike East Bay), requested that a full 10% of funding in a new TEP be earmarked for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. He also voiced support for more transit funding in West County. Joe Wallace (AC Transit) expressed support for evening bus service, improved frequencies, transit affordability and cleanliness.