



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

DATE & TIME: Thursday, April 9, 2020 • 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

REMOTE ACCESS: <https://zoom.us/j/379578174>

MEETING ID#: 379-578-174

PHYSICAL LOCATION: WCCTAC Office • 6333 Potrero Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530

TRANSIT OPTIONS: Accessible by AC Transit #72, #72R, #72M & El Cerrito del Norte BART Station

Meeting attendees are **strongly encouraged to attend remotely** given the Contra Costa County and Statewide shelter-in-place orders. The WCCTAC Office will be open to allow for meeting accessibility and at least one staff person will be present there. However, the purpose of conducting the meeting as described in this notice is to provide the safest environment for staff and the public while allowing for public participation. The meeting location will be set up to comply with social distancing requirements maintaining at least 6 feet between individuals.

Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, TAC members: Yvetteh Ortiz, Mike Roberts, Tamara Miller, Lori Reese-Brown, Alan Panganiban, Colin Piethe, Rob Thompson, Nathan Landau and Celestine Do may be attending this meeting via teleconference, as may TAC alternate members. Given that all or most TAC members will elect to teleconference, any votes conducted during the teleconferencing session will be conducted by roll call vote.

1. CALL TO ORDER and SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Estimated Time:* 9:00 AM, (5 minutes)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Estimated Time:* 9:05 AM, (5 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.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Estimated Time:* 9:10 AM, (5 minutes)

A. Minutes & Sign in Sheet from March 12, 2020

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Attachment: Yes.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. WCCTAC FY 2021 Draft Work Program.

Description: Each year, staff provides the TAC with a draft of the work program for the upcoming fiscal year and solicits feedback. The draft work program, along with the draft budget and proposed dues, will be presented to the WCCTAC Board at the May meeting. Following the Board's review, these will all be provided to each member agency for review and comment. The work program, budget and dues will be brought back to the WCCTAC Board in June for final approval.

Recommendation: Provide feedback on the Draft FY 2021 WCCTAC Work Program.

Attachment: Yes.

Presenter/Lead Staff: John Nemeth, WCCTAC Staff.

Estimated Time:* **9:15 AM**, (15 minutes)

B. Measure J 20b-Funded Senior and Disabled Transportation Services and Meal Delivery During Shelter in Place.

Description: Measure J Program 20b funds are allocated annually to five paratransit programs in West County including: EBPC, WestCAT, and the cities of El Cerrito, Richmond, and San Pablo. Some of these funds are used for local paratransit trips to senior centers as a part of local senior nutrition programs. Under the current shelter at home order, local senior centers are closed except to distribute brown bag meals that normally would be served and eaten in the senior center. WCCTAC staff has tentatively approved the use of the 20b funded local paratransit vehicles and drivers to become meal delivery drivers as more seniors are seeking meals be delivered to them and reduce their risk of exposure.

Recommendation: Provide concurrence on WCCTAC staff direction to local jurisdictions.

Attachment: Yes.

Presenter/Lead Staff: Joanna Pallock, WCCTAC Staff.

Estimated Time:* **9:30 AM**, (15 minutes)

C. Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grants

Description: The State recently released a call for projects for Cycle 5 of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants. Proposals are due to Caltrans and MTC by June 15, 2020. WCCTAC staff would like to discuss the following topics related to this grant opportunity: 1) A potential Caltrans submittal for Central Avenue pedestrian undercrossing improvements; 2) Current application plans by WCCTAC members agencies; 3) Opportunities for WCCTAC to submit a grant proposal for the benefit for WCCTAC members agencies.

Recommendation: Discuss overall grant strategy for West County

Attachment: Yes

Presenter/Lead Staff: Leah Greenblat and John Nemeth, WCCTAC Staff

Estimated Time:* **9:45 AM**, (15 minutes)

D. Point Molate DSEIR Comment Letter

Description: The City of Richmond released a DSEIR for the Pt. Molate Mixed Use Project which includes open space, adaptive re-use of historic buildings, residential and retail development and a terminal for water transit. Comments are due no later than 5:00 pm on April 16, 2020. The draft SEIR is available on Richmond's website (<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3757/Point-Molate-Mixed-Use-Project>) WCCTAC staff prepared a draft comment letter based on the TAC's direction at the previous TAC meeting.

Recommendation: Provide feedback on the draft comment letter.

Attachment: Yes

Presenter/Lead Staff: Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC Staff

Estimated Time:* **10:00 AM**, (15 minutes)

E. Preparation for WCCTAC Board Meeting by Zoom

Description: WCCTAC is currently proposing to conduct its April 24, 2020 Board meeting via the Zoom website. Staff is seeking the TAC's recommendations about conducting a successful remote Board meeting.

Recommendation: Provide feedback to staff on remote meeting logistics.

Attachment: No

Presenter/Lead Staff: John Nemeth, WCCTAC Staff

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

F. Member Agency Updates on Transportation Services

Description: The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted transportation services in West County with service modifications and revenue losses. This agenda item will provide an opportunity for member agencies to briefly discuss the impacts to their organizations.

Recommendation: None, Information Only

Attachment: No

Presenter/Lead Staff: John Nemeth, WCCTAC Staff

Estimated Time:* **10:30 AM** (15 minutes)

5. STANDING ITEMS

A. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report

Description: The March 2020 TCC meeting was cancelled so no report from the meeting will be provided.

Recommendation: None.

Attachment: No

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

Estimated Time:* **10:45 am** (0 minutes)

B. Staff and TAC Member Announcements

Recommendation: Receive update.

Attachment: No

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

Estimated Time:* **10:45 am** (5 minutes)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Description / Recommendation: Adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the TAC on Thursday, May 14, 2020. (The next regular meeting of the WCCTAC Board is Friday, April 24, 2020.)

Estimated Time:* **10:50 am**

- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you need special assistance to participate in the WCCTAC TAC meeting, or if you need a copy of the agenda and/or agenda packet materials in an alternative format, please contact Valerie Jenkins at 510.210.5930 prior to the meeting.
- 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.

El Cerrito

WCCTAC TAC Meeting Minutes

Hercules

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2020

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Piethe, Contra Costa County; Celestine Do, BART; Allan Panganiban and Greg Dwyer, San Pablo; Denee Evans and Lori Reese-Brown, Richmond; Rob Thompson, WestCAT; Tamara Miller, Pinole; and Yvetteh Ortiz, El Cerrito

Richmond

GUESTS: Bill Pinkham, CBPAC Representative; Matt Kelly, CCTA; Julie Morgan, Fehr and Peers; Wahida Amiri, BART

San Pablo

STAFF PRESENT: John Nemeth, Leah Greenblat, Coire Reilly, Joanna Pallock

ACTIONS LISTED BY: WCCTAC Staff

Contra Costa
County

AC Transit

BART

WestCAT

ITEM	ITEM/DISCUSSION	ACTION/SUMMARY
1.	Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.
2.	Public Comment	None.
3.	Consent Calendar: a. Action Minutes and Sign-in Sheet from January 9, 2020 – Approve as presented. b. Miscellaneous STMP Reminders and Updates – Information only.	Moved by Yvetteh Ortiz, seconded by Denee Evans, and unanimously adopted.
Regular Agenda Items <i>Items were taken out of order to accommodate schedules.</i>		
4.	Del Norte BART Station Modernization Project Construction Update	Mr. Amiri provided an overview of the construction work at the Del Norte BART Station, including: photos of current work, renderings of completed station elements, project funding information and a schedule update.

5.	CCTA's Growth Management Program (GMP) Task Force / SB743 Update	Ms. Morgan and Mr. Kelly provided an update on both the work that the Task Force has completed to date and the work that remains.
6.	Draft Supplemental EIR for Pt. Molate Mixed Use Project, Richmond CA	Ms. Greenblat and Mr. Nemeth gave an overview of the Draft SEIR. Ms. Miller moved, Ms. Reece-Brown seconded and the TAC unanimously agreed to direct the Executive Director to send a comment letter to provide clarifications on subjects related to the STMP, West County Action Plan, and the TDM program.
7.	Richmond-Area Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) Update	Mr. Kelly reviewed the recommendations from the recently completed public outreach phase. He explained the next step is to integrate the results into the Draft Plan, which is expected to be available in late April.
8.	Measure J in Contra Costa County	TAC members generally discussed the recent election results.
9.	TCC Update	The TCC meeting was cancelled so there was no update provided.
10.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

Sign in Sheet for the WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

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**WCCTAC FISCAL YEAR
2021 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 small 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)

REGIONAL PLANNING AND FUNDING

2. Work with CCTA and WCCTAC member agencies on new issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly as it relates to transportation services with Measure J funding streams.
3. Participate in regional, countywide, sub-regional, and local efforts related to planning, funding and delivery of priority capital projects in West County.
4. Undertake next steps and seek funding for advancing the recommendations in the recently adopted West Contra Costa County Express Bus Implementation Plan. This work will include working on potential capital improvements as part of MTC's managed lane investments in Plan Bay Area 2050.
5. Work with CCTA on: project prioritization for:, the Congestion Management Plan's Capital Improvement Program (Spring 2021), , the Growth Management Program Task Force on the shift from LOS to VMT in the Authority's Technical Procedures, advance work on regarding Multi-modal Transportation Services Objectives in preparation for West County Action Plan Update (late FY 20/21), data needs assessment, and possible Priority Development Area (PDA) assessment.

6. Monitor Action Plan compliance by reviewing proposed projects meeting review thresholds, General Plans or Amendments, and work to advance goals, objectives and actions contained in the West County Action Plan.

I-80 CORRIDOR

7. Participate in follow-up, evaluation, trouble-shooting, and TAC meetings related to the Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) project.
8. Pursue a study to address I-80 HOV lane degradation and overall functionality of I-80 with CCTA, ACTC, Caltrans, and MTC. The vehicle for this work may be a Design Alternatives Assessment for the I-80 corridor, led by MTC.
9. Work with CCTA, Caltrans, and the CHP on “bus on shoulder” opportunities along I-80.
10. Work with MTC on capital improvements that may benefit West County’s express bus concepts as part of MTC’s managed lane investments in Plan Bay Area 2050.
11. Provide updates to the WCCTAC Board on I-80 issues.

OTHER SUB-REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

12. Begin working on Phase 2 of the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study. with CCTA and ACTC and local jurisdictions.
13. Continue advancement of recommendations of the West County High Capacity Transit Study.
14. Based on the 2015 Cooperative Agreement, participate with WETA, CCTA and Richmond on annual review of the Richmond ferry’s ridership, marketing, fare policy, access issues, and capital needs.

GRANTS

15. Monitor grant opportunities, inform members about these opportunities, assist with grant applications, and facilitate prioritization of West County candidate projects for grants. Some examples of grant opportunities in the upcoming fiscal year include Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, as well as federal 5310 grants for senior and disabled transportation.

FORMAL BODIES

16. Manage or participate in meetings of the: WCCTAC Board, WCCTAC TAC, I-80 Smart Corridor TAC, CCTA Board, CCTA Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC), CCTA Administration and Projects Committee (APC), CCTA Paratransit Coordinating Committee (PCC), 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 is able to 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. Continue a Travel Training Program funded under a one-time allocation of Measure J 28b funds. The main goals include:
 - a. Meeting with groups and individuals on how to use fixed route transit (BART, buses, ferry), ADA and non-ADA paratransit, and other mobility services.
 - b. Continue to partner with the City of Richmond's R-Transit and provide support for outreach and implementation of new program components.

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. In the upcoming fiscal year, the TDM program will:

1. Manage the Commute Incentives Program, which includes: employer outreach and programs, tabling at community events, transit incentives, funding for bike racks and lockers, funding for EV charging stations, the "Pass 2 Class" student transit ticket program.
2. Explore continuing partnership with smartphone app-based trip planner, Metropia/GoEZY
3. Manage the Countywide Guaranteed Ride Home and Try Transit Programs.
4. Co-lead Bike to Work Day 2020 (postponed to September) and Bike to Work Day 2021 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 a shared bicycles and cars, electric bicycles, scooters, and autonomous vehicles.
6. Work with community groups and employers to explore the feasibility of providing bicycle repair education classes and bicycle safety awareness to increase bicycling as a viable mode of transportation.
7. Develop and implement strategy to encourage telework/work from home policies with Contra Costa Employers
8. Implement relevant recommendations of the Countywide TDM Strategic Plan.

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 quarterly monitoring reports on revenue collected and status of local reporting.
3. Potentially issue calls for projects based on the fund balance and Board direction, and disburse funds to eligible, Board-approved projects.
4. Issue the Annual Report for FY19-20
5. Oversee contractual agreements with fund recipients.
6. Respond to inquiries from local agencies.
7. Monitor the impacts on STMP revenue from potential economic impacts associated with the Corona Virus and on-going changes in state housing policies.

Office Administration

In the upcoming fiscal year, staff will:

1. Provide staff development and training opportunities to keep employees skills high and to stay aware of industry trends.
2. Maintain, update, and expand content on the WCCTAC website.
3. Continue to refine tools and practices for remote office work, should a period of remote working be required in FY 2021.

The expansion of meal delivery by paratransit drivers raises two policy questions. The first is whether this activity is allowable under Measure J and the second is whether it is appropriate for local, non-ADA paratransit services in West County to waive fares for meal delivery. It is WCCTAC staff's opinion that the answer to both questions is "yes".

The language for Measure J Program 20b and Program 15 (allocated by CCTA) is attached. WCCTAC staff believes that the use of existing vehicles and currently employed paratransit drivers to deliver meals during this crisis is consistent with Measure J language about Program 20b's role in providing senior services. In general, Measure 20b funded services should primarily be about moving people. However, given the nature of the current crisis, the drop in demand for non-essential trips, and the excess capacity of these services, utilizing existing services for meal delivery service during the Shelter-in-Place is appropriate.

WCCTAC is also not aware of a regulatory requirement that would prohibit the waiver of a fare. While fares can add to operating revenues, these services are not currently generating much fare revenue anyway given the drop in demand for trips.

The practice of food delivery varies by City. San Pablo and El Cerrito are using paratransit services while Richmond has not established such a service citywide and mainly refers residents to Meals on Wheels. In the case of San Pablo and El Cerrito, paratransit drivers are using PPE's to protect against the spread of COVID-19 and have also had background checks. These protections make these driver's well-suited to the purpose of home delivery.

WCCTAC staff became aware of this issue during the March 24, 2020 West County Senior Coalition meeting (via Zoom). In response to an inquiry, WCCTAC staff subsequently sent out an email with its advice that cities could use Measure J 20b funded paratransit services to deliver meals during the current crisis.

WCCTAC will be tracking the demand for this service, along with its fiscal impact and could bring an update to the WCCTAC Board at its the April 24 meeting.

WCCTAC staff is now asking the TAC for review of this issue and for concurrence with staff direction.

Attachments

A: Measure J Program 15 and Program 20b language

Attachment A

20b Additional Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities0.65% (\$13 million)

As determined by WCCTAC, funds will be used to supplement the services provided by the countywide transportation program for seniors and people with disabilities and may include, but are not limited to, provision of dedicated shuttles to specific programs and activities, as well as sedan/taxi service, supplemental service provided by the cities, the County or transit agencies, expanded subsidies for fares, etc. ADA and non-ADA service will qualify. Funds shall be allocated annually as a percentage of total sales tax revenues, and in addition to funds provided under the base program as described above. As determined by WCCTAC, certain conditions beyond the control of the operators may warrant the use of the additional funds to maintain services that are eligible for funding under Program 15. Such circumstances could include, but not be limited to declines in sales tax revenues, revenues used for transit operations or other supplemental revenues, increases in demand beyond that assumed in Program 15, or increases in insurance and fuel costs.

15 Transportation for Seniors & People With Disabilities.....5% (\$100 million)

Transportation for Seniors & People With Disabilities or “Paratransit” services can be broadly divided into two categories: (1) services required to be provided by transit operators under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to people with disabilities; and (2) services not required by law but desired by community interests, either for those with disabilities beyond the requirements of the ADA (for example, extra hours of service or greater geographic coverage), or for non-ADA seniors. All current recipients of Measure C funds will continue to receive their FY 2008–09 share of the “base” Measure C allocation to continue existing programs if desired, subject to Authority confirmation that services are consistent with the relevant policies and procedures adopted by the Authority. Revenue growth above the base allocations will be utilized to expand paratransit services and providers eligible to receive these funds. Paratransit funding will be increased from the current 2.97% to 3.5% of annual sales tax revenues for the first year of the new program, FY 2009–10. Thereafter, the percentage of annual sales tax revenues will increase by 0.10 % each year, to 5.9% in 2034 (based on a 25-year program). In 2003 dollars, this averages to 4.7% over the life of the program, which has been rounded to 5% to provide some flexibility and an opportunity to maintain a small reserve to offset the potential impact of economic cycles. The distribution of funding will be as follows:

West County paratransit program allocations will start at 1.225% of annual sales tax revenues in FY 2009–10, and grow by 0.035% of annual revenues each year thereafter to 2.065% of annual revenues in FY 2033–34. (An additional increment of 0.65% of annual revenues is available for West County under its subregional program category.) In addition to the current providers,

paratransit service provided by AC Transit and BART (East Bay Paratransit Consortium) in West County is an eligible recipient of program funds.

Central County paratransit program allocations will start at 0.875% of annual sales tax revenues in FY 2009–10 and grow by 0.025% of annual revenues each year thereafter to 1.475% of annual revenues in FY 2033–34. (An additional increment of 0.5% of annual revenues is available for Central County under its subregional program category.)

Southwest County paratransit program allocations will start at 0.595% of annual sales tax revenues in FY 2009–10 and grow by 0.017% of annual revenues each year thereafter to 1.003% of annual revenues in FY 2033–34.



Active Transportation Resource Center

ATP Cycle 5 Call for Projects is Now Open!

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 Call for Projects is now open. Please review the **California Transportation Commission's ATP Guidelines** and visit the **Caltrans ATP Cycle 5 website** for more detailed information, including the application, instructions, and attachments you must have in order to prepare and submit an application.

The ATP application has five project types. The questions in the application form will change depending on which project type is selected.

The project types are:

- **Large Project**, Infrastructure only or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure (Total project cost greater than \$7M)
- **Medium Project**, Infrastructure only or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure (Total project cost from \$2M to \$7M)
- **Small Project**, Infrastructure only or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure (Total project cost under \$2M)
- **Non-Infrastructure**
- **Plan**

Applications are due June 15, 2020

[Caltrans ATP CY 5 Webpage](#)

[CTC ATP Webpage](#)

For training, resources, and technical assistance that can help with an ATP application, visit the ATRC website:

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El Cerrito

April 3, 2020

Hercules

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Pinole

RE: Comments on February 2020 Draft Subsequent EIR for the Pt. Molate Mixed-Use Development Project

Richmond

Dear Ms. Velasco:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Point Molate Mixed-Use Development Project's Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report.

San Pablo

WCCTAC is one of four Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs) in Contra Costa County and represents the West Contra Costa sub-area. WCCTAC is a public agency, governed by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the following member agencies: the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo; Contra Costa County; and the transit operators, AC Transit, BART, and WestCAT. WCCTAC aims to improve the transportation system in West Contra Costa through the development and coordination of transportation plans, projects, programs and policies for the West Contra Costa area. In addition to directing some funds from Measure J, WCCTAC administers the Sub-regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program (STMP) which collects impact fees from development projects built in the West Contra County and applies them to transportation improvements. WCCTAC also manages a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program using the '511 Contra Costa' brand which is aimed at vehicle trip reduction.

Contra Costa County

AC Transit

BART

WCCTAC staff discussed the DSEIR with its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comprised of local public works and planning staff. The TAC advised WCCTAC staff to submit a comment letter to provide any necessary clarifications. The comments provided below reflect WCCTAC's responsibilities in coordinating sub-regional transportation planning, overseeing the STMP and managing the 511ContraCosta.org TDM program for West County.

WestCAT

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STMP Related Comments

Throughout the DSEIR there are several references to the STMP, and it is suggested that it will be a primary source for mitigating transportation impacts.

1. In 2019, an updated STMP program went into effect. The DSEIR should confirm it used the latest list of projects that would be eligible for STMP funds. The DSEIR suggests that there are possible mitigation projects eligible for STMP funding on I-580. For example, in the Executive Summary, page 2-65, Proposed Mitigation 4.13.3 includes the following: “Payment of the Regional Transportation Development Impact Mitigation Fee: The Modified Project would pay the West County STMP development fees to fund regional freeway system improvements including I-580 improvements.” However, the 2019 STMP Update does not include any mainline improvements on I-580. It does however include several pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements in the vicinity of access ramps.
2. The STMP is a sub-regional program that does not address locally generated transportation impacts. Many of the proposed mitigations for locally generated development impacts suggest that STMP projects would mitigate these local impacts. The DSEIR should differentiate between local, sub-regional and regional transportation impacts for mitigation purposes.
3. STMP fees are collected throughout the subregion and are specifically not a return-to-source type of funding source. Fees are collected and periodically WCCTAC administers calls for projects. STMP fees are awarded to STMP-eligible projects on a competitive basis with the WCCTAC Board of Directors ultimately responsible for making funding decisions. As a result, even though a project may be STMP-eligible, there is no specific timeframe or guarantee for a project receiving STMP funds. Similarly, there is no guarantee that the STMP will generate sufficient revenue to cover the entire cost of a project
4. Given the background discussed above, it should be noted that STMP-eligible projects are generally not fully funded by STMP fees. The STMP fees are intended to address the transportation impacts of new development sub-regionally. However, additional sources of funding are typically needed to implement the projects on the STMP project list. The Proposed Project could be required to mitigate the identified impacts by funding or implementing its proposed mitigation improvements prior to the Proposed Project’s opening for use

5. Proposed Mitigation 4.13.3 appears to address transportation issues at special events and suggests that payment of the STMP fee would be sufficient mitigation. The STMP program, however, does not account for roadway improvements needed to address special events. The STMP fees are based on typical trip generation of new development and not trip generation surges that may be associated with special events.
6. In the Executive Summary, page 2-65, Mitigation 4.13.1 states “No mitigation is required.” Yet on page 4.13-46 there are five mitigation measures listed under 4.13.1. This is confusing.
7. In the Executive Summary, page 2-67, Proposed Mitigation 4.13.9, last paragraph referring to Mitigation 4.13.2: “Richmond Parkway and San Pablo Avenue (Intersection #23 – Cumulative Plus Project): Construction of the planned San Pablo Avenue interchange as set forth in the West County Action Plan. As a mitigation, the Modified project would pay the West County Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) Development Fees.” WCCTAC is not familiar with the cited proposed San Pablo Avenue interchange project in the West County Action Plan. There is no Action that specifically identifies a San Pablo Avenue interchange project. Please provide additional information regarding this proposed mitigation. Additionally, please see the item above regarding the improper assumption that STMP will fully pay for mitigation measures or that they will be authorized and completed prior to the Proposed Project’s implementation timeframe.

Planning Coordination

8. MTC/Bay Area Toll Authority are working on several projects as a part of its Richmond-San Rafael Forward initiative. These include converting the toll plaza to open tolling; re-installing the I-580 HOV lanes; modifications to the Canal Blvd./Richmond Parkway interchange, and possibly long-term plans for a new bridge. The Proposed Project could actively participate in these planning efforts, studies, and future projects during the project’s development and going forth when occupied.
9. The CCTA’s traffic model includes projections for growth in the County. The 2013 version of the model projects essentially no change in household, population or employment numbers in TAZ 10079 through 2040. This TAZ covers most of the Proposed Project site. Prior to the release of the Final SEIR there should be confirmation of the accuracy of growth projections and verification that future population, household, and employment growth are consistent with the proposed project and not based on a prior project with different characteristics.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

10. Per the Transportation Impact Assessment (Appendix D, page 23), when determining compliance with the City's TDM requirements, there was a 26% trip generation reduction taken on Option 1 and a 23% trip generation reduction for Option 2. It is unclear whether a methodology that would reach this conclusion is consistent with, or in the spirit of, the CCTA's Growth Management Program and its Technical Procedures, which the City of Richmond is required to comply with.
11. The TDM mitigation plan could set near-term and long-term goals for mode-split, congestion, transit usage, and active transportation usage and include the development of TDM programs to reach those goals. These goals should be set in conjunction with the City of Richmond.
12. Regular monitoring of the program could occur as well as the provision (financially and programmatically) to intensify and adjust the TDM program over time to achieve these goals. Monitoring could be paid for by the proposed development and overseen by the City of Richmond.
13. Mitigation provisions could be flexible enough to re-allocate resources to accommodate future needs and technology throughout the life of the project.

Should you have questions regarding these comments please contact Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC Project Manager at LGREENBLAT@wcctac.org. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the DSEIR.

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