

El Cerrito

### MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

DATE & TIME:

Friday, July 24, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Hercules

LOCATION: City of El Cerrito, Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue (at Manila Ave)

**El Cerrito, California** (Accessible by AC Transit #72, #72M and #72R)

Pinole

- 1. Call to Order and Self-Introductions Chair Sherry McCoy
- **2. Public Comment.** The public is welcome to address the Board on any item that is not listed on the agenda. *Please fill out a speaker card and hand it to staff.*

Richmond

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3. Minutes of June 26, 2015 Board Meeting.** (Attachment; Recommended Action: APPROVE)

San Pablo

**4. Monthly Update on WCCTAC Activities.** (Attachment; Recommended Action: RECEIVE)

Contra Costa County

- **5. Financial Reports.** The reports show the Agency's revenues and expenses for June 2015. (Attachment; Recommended Action: RECEIVE)
- 6. Payment of Invoices over \$10,000. None (Information Only)

AC Transit

**7. Revised Budget Summary Sheet**. The FY16 budget, approved by the WCCTAC Board in June, contained one error in the Summary Budget sheet on the "Ending Fund Balance" line. The error has been corrected and the revised sheet is attached per the Board's request. (Attachment; Information Only)

BART

**8. Office Space Lease**. Staff is proposing a one-year lease for 600 sq. ft. of adjacent office space. An explanatory staff report is attached. (Attachment; Recommended Action: APPROVE)

WestCAT

**9. Measure J BART Funding for Hercules Transit Center improvements.** With support from BART, the City of Hercules is proposing to make safety modifications and other improvements at the Hercules Transit Center, located at the junction of I-80 and S.R. 4. Funding from Measure J, Program 10, BART Parking, Access, and Other Improvements, in the amount of \$275,000, is being

requested for this work. The improvements include: an upgrade of the pedestrian crosswalk at Willow Avenue, windscreens, an emergency phone, and an upgrade to the electrical substation that will improve safety and encourage greater use of transit. A request letter from the City of Hercules and a support letter from BART are included (Attachment; Recommended Action: APPROVE)

**10.** AC Transit and WestCAT's FY16 Claims for Measure J Additional Bus Service Enhancements. Measure J, Program 19b, provides dedicated funding to AC Transit & WestCAT to enhance bus service in West County. As determined by WCCTAC, certain conditions beyond the control of the operators may warrant use of the funds to maintain existing service. AC Transit & WestCAT request to use all of the available amounts in FY 16 to fund existing service. Staff affirms that the conditions have been met by both operators for use of the funds and recommends Board approval of both claims. (Attachments; Recommended Action: APPROVE the 19b Claims for FY16)

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

- 11. Draft Recommendation for the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). WCCTAC was asked by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) to provide preliminary recommendations for a proposed TEP by July 24, 2015. The proposal from the Advisory Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the TEP is included for the Board's consideration. Staff is seeking Board approval of a recommendation to forward to CCTA. (John Nemeth-WCCTAC staff; Attachment; Recommended Action: APPROVE a set of recommendations on the TEP to provide to CCTA)
- 12. Draft Recommendation for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is updating the RTP. As part of that process, CCTA has requested that WCCTAC provide updated information about the costs and status of projects in the RTP, and that WCCTAC list any "vision" projects that are desired but won't be part of the financially constrained RTP. At its June meeting, the Board reviewed a draft list of projects. The TAC has now prepared more detailed draft project lists for the Board's consideration. (Leah Greenblat WCCTAC Staff; Attachments, Recommended Action: APPROVE project list to provide to CCTA)
- 13. West County High Capacity Transit Study Update. The study is underway and the lead consultant, Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB), has developed several draft technical memos for the Board's review. Rebecca Kohlstrand, PB's project manager, will provide the Board with an overview of the work to date which includes the development of draft goals and objectives, a draft communication and outreach plan, a summary and evaluation of prior studies, and the existing and planned transportation network and future land use conditions. (Leah Greenblat—WCCTAC Staff and Rebecca Kohlstrand-Parsons-Brinckerhoff; Attachments; Recommended Action: Provide feedback).

14. WCCTAC Website Update. The current WCCTAC website was created in 2006, with some minor additional changes made in 2008. The firm of Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman (MIG), was asked in in September 2014 to update the site, in coordination with staff. An early version of the new site was brought to the TAC in April, 2015 for feedback. WCCTAC staff will show the features and abilities of the new site to the Board and is also seeking approval to launch the site. (Danelle Carey-WCCTAC Staff; No Attachments; Recommended Action: APPROVE WCCTAC website for public launch).

### **STANDING ITEMS**

### 15. Board and Staff Comments.

- a. Board Member Comments, Conference/Meeting Reports (AB 1234 Requirement), and Announcements
- b. Report from CCTA Representatives (Directors Abelson & Butt)
- c. Executive Director's Report

### 16. Other Business.

### 17. General Information Items

- a. Letter to CCTA Exec. Director with June 26, 2015 Summary of Board Actions
- b. Acronym List

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### 18. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

(Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54957)

Title: Executive Director

### 19. Conference with Labor Negotiators

(Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54957.6)

Agency designated representative(s): Chair McCoy and Vice-Chair Abelson

Unrepresented employee: Executive Director, John Nemeth

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

**20. Adjourn.** Next meeting is: September 25, 2015 @ 8:00 a.m. *El Cerrito City Hall Council Chambers*, located at 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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- Handouts provided at the meeting are available upon request and may also be viewed at WCCTAC's offices.
- 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.

## West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Board of Directors Meeting Meeting Minutes: June 26, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Sherry McCoy, Chair (Hercules); Greg Lyman (El Cerrito); Tom Butt (Richmond); Roy Swearingen (Pinole); Aleida Chavez (WestCat); Cecilia Valdez (San Pablo); Zakhary Mallett (BART); John Gioia (County); Joe Wallace (AC Transit).

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Nemeth, Joanna Pallock, Valerie Jenkins, Leah Greenblat, Ben Reyes (legal counsel)

**ACTIONS LISTED BY:** Valerie Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order: 8:00 AM

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Item #3. Proclamation Honoring Mr. Eric Odell.** Mr. Eric Odell, a resident of Richmond, was Selected by 511 Contra Costa as the Contra Costa County Bike Commuter of the Year. He was recognized by the Board Chair and presented with an award.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item # 8 pulled from Consent Calendar by *Chair McCoy*; Motion by *Director Butt* to approve items #4-7; Seconded by *Director Swearingen*; one abstention on Item #4 by *Director Lyman*; passed.

Item #4. Minutes of May 29, 2015 Board Meeting.

Item #5. Monthly Update on WCCTAC Activities.

Item #6. Financial Reports for May 2015.

Item #7. Payment of Invoices over \$10,000.

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

ITEM/DISCUSSION	ACTION
Item #8 (moved from Consent Calendar) Letter of Concurrence for WCCTAC Agencies' 2016 STIP Proposals	Motion by Director Lyman; Seconded by Director Swearingen; passed unanimously The Board authorized Chair McCoy and WCCTAC staff to prepare a letter of concurrence to have the Willow Ave / State Route 4 interchange project in Hercules added to the 2016 STIP funding proposals.

Item #9 Final Fiscal Year 2016 Work Program, Budget and Dues	Motion by Director Lyman; Seconded by Director Swearingen; passed unanimously.  Approved FY 2016 work program, budget and dues with two changes to the Work Program (1) combine Items C and H; (2) Eliminate column of verbs; Board also requested that staff provide a revised Summary sheets with a correction.
Item #10 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update	Information Only. Leah Greenblat - WCCTAC Staff, provided a general update on the RTP process. Director Gioia requested that the Richmond Parkway be called out specifically, rather than being lumped in with a broad category.
Item #11 Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) Update	Information Only.  John Nemeth - WCCTAC Staff, provided the Board with an overview of the TEP development process, some general consideration for the TEP, and highlights from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee discussions.
Item #12 Appoint an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Facilitate a Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director and to Serve as the Board's Labor Negotiators	Motion by Director Swearingen; seconded by Director Butt; passed unanimously.  Board appointed two members (Chair McCoy and Vice-Chair Abelson) to an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to conduct WCCTAC's Executive Director's performance evaluation and serve as the Board's labor negotiators.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 AM



TO: WCCTAC Board DATE: July 24, 2015

FR: John Nemeth, Executive Director

**RE:** Monthly Update on WCCTAC Activities – July

### **BART Capital Needs**

On July 15, 2015, BART staff gave a presentation at the CCTA Board Meeting describing the agency's capital needs, which total about \$9.6B. Carter Mau, BART's Assistant General Manager of Administration and Budget, identified the "big 3" needs as: more rail cars, a new train control system, and a new Maintenance Complex in Hayward. Mau noted that much of BART's infrastructure needs to be overhauled and that mechanical problems and delays may become more frequent without a major investment.



Lafayette Station on June 25, 2015 after a service outage forced multiple trains to unload

BART is also experiencing capacity problems on some parts of the system, with considerable crowding inside of trains. According to Mau, new cars and train control would improve capacity (train length + frequency) in West Contra Costa on the Richmond Line by as much as 80%.

To help funds its capital needs, BART is seeking funding from a variety of sources at every level of government. It is also considering putting a bond measure on the ballot in 2016. WCCTAC, other RTPCs, and CCTA are also considering funding for BART in the Transportation Expenditure Plan.

### Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project



In June, MTC and ABAG formally proposed amending the Plan Bay Area and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement project. Projects cannot be programmed for state or federal funding or implemented unless identified in the long-range plan. Adding this project to the plan will allow it to continue to move forward.

The Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project aims to reduce traffic congestion and provide bicycle and pedestrian access between Contra Costa and Marin counties by 1) converting the existing shoulder on eastbound I-580 to a peak-period vehicular lane during the weekday evening commute hours between Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Marin County) and Marine Street (Contra Costa County); and 2) connecting the Bay Trail between Marin and Contra Costa Counties with a separate, 10-foot wide, bi-directional bicycle/pedestrian path on the north side of I-580 adjacent to westbound traffic.

More information can be found at: http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/plan bay area/.

### **I-80 ICM Update**

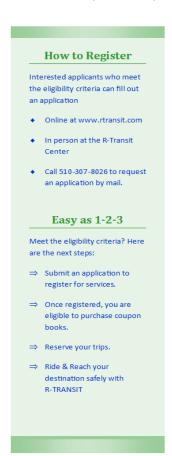
In the last two months, Caltrans has completed installation of all sign support structures, including: lane use signs, variable message signs and variable advisory speed signs. Now Caltrans is installing Information display board signs and sign testing is underway. On San Pablo Avenue, project work has included upgrades and repairs to cameras and trailblazer signs. Vehicle detection count stations are being tested and ramp meter installation is complete.

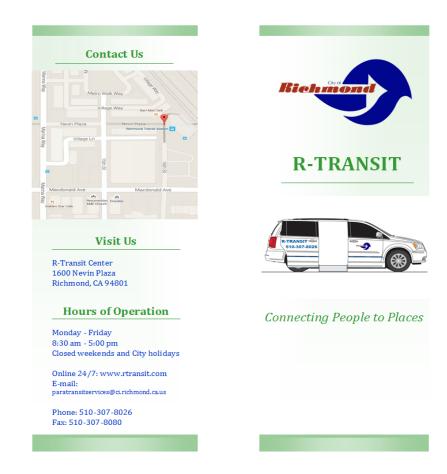
The public information campaign has included the following efforts:

- Coordination between project partners to plan the ribbon cutting for system activation in late 2015; and
- Planning for a media tour of the Caltrans Traffic Management Center in Oakland, prior
  to system activation, as a continuing public education effort for the public to learn about
  the SMART Corridor Project and to explain what motorists can expect when the system
  is activated.

### City of Richmond - New Brochure for R-Transit

The City of Richmond's paratransit program recently updated its public outreach materials. The new brochure, below, provides the community with information about the R-Transit services and how to apply to use these services. Brochures are available throughout the City at local senior centers, libraries, and community centers.





### 2017 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

In order to meet MTC's deadline, CCTA asked each sub-region to provide updated project lists for the 2017 RTP Update by July 24, 2015. At its June meeting, the WCCTAC Board reviewed and provided comment on preliminary lists of projects. The WCCTAC TAC subsequently met again to continue preparing draft final project lists for the Board's consideration at its July meeting. Additional information about the project lists and the update process are available in the staff report accompanying the July meeting agenda.

### **Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)**

The WCCTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee met regularly in June and July to develop a draft set of recommendations for the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) by the July 24, 2015 deadline established by the CCTA. They made use of updated project information developed by the TAC as part of the Regional Transportation Plan Update process.

At the July Board meeting, staff will present the Subcommittee recommendations to the full WCCTAC Board, and will also discuss some considerations provided by the WCCTAC TAC. Staff will forward the Board's final approved recommendations to CCTA after the meeting. On August 10, 2015 the CCTA Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee (EPAC) will meet to review what each RTPC is proposing.

### **Contra Costa Summit on Healthcare Transitions**



WCCTAC staff have been working with Supervisor Gioia's office on transportation issues related to the aftermath of the Doctor's Hospital closure. Recently, staff attended the first countywide Contra Costa Healthcare Transitions Summit on June 25<sup>th</sup> in Concord.

The conference focused on how patients accesses health care. *Transportation* was mentioned as one of the top three challenges and highlighted the need for better coordination and mobility options. The Summit was designed to inform a variety of organization on how to better serve patients. Future workshops are being planned to address specifics topics, including transportation.

### **West County High Capacity Transit Study**

Progress on the West County High Capacity Transit study is progressing rapidly. To date, the consultant team has produced several draft technical memos on the following topics: goals and objectives, a communications and outreach plan, a review of past and ongoing studies, and existing and planned transportation and land use networks. The WCCTAC TAC and a Study Management Team composed of the local transit operators and CCTA staff meets monthly to review and provide feedback on draft documents. At the July Board meeting, the project consultant from Parsons Brinkerhoff will present the work to date and seek input from the Board. Additional information about the study is available in the staff report accompanying the July Board meeting agenda.

### **SolTrans Goes "BOGO"**



511 Contra Costa and Solano County Transit ("SolTrans") formed a partnership to promote a commuter bus program called "BOGO" (Buy One Get One). The program aims to reduce the number of single occupant vehicles in the I-80 and I-680 corridors. The program offers commuters, who normally drive alone to work, the opportunity to try transit by purchasing one monthly pass and getting an

additional pass for free. This promotion runs from July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016, while supplies last. SolTrans will place the bus card image, shown above, on all of its express buses. Information about the program criteria is available at <a href="https://www.soltransride.com">www.soltransride.com</a>.

### Youth Clipper Card, Back-to School Essentials!

WCCTAC/511 Contra Costa, the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD), and AC Transit have partnered to simplify the Youth Clipper application process and create awareness in West County. Starting this upcoming school year, students in the WCCUSD are now able to submit their Youth Clipper applications to their school's front office without the hassle of providing a photo.

The outreach campaign for Youth Clipper will begin during the "Back to School" period of on-site orientations and community outreach efforts conducted by AC Transit's Street Team staff. There will also be a cross promotion of Youth Clipper through the TDM's Pass 2 Class and the WCCTAC/WCCUSD Student Bus Pass Program (SBPP). Students who don't qualify for the SBPP and/or students who "try transit" through the TDM "Pass 2 Class" program can benefit from reduced fares offered through Youth Clipper. For more information on Clipper and AC Transit, visit <a href="https://www.actransit.org">www.actransit.org</a> or call 511 (and say "AC Transit").



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7700. WCCTAC Operations Division
Account Details
As of Fiscal 2015 - June

	Current Period Actuals	Original Budget	Net Budget Adjustments	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	YTD Variance	Encumbered Amount	Available Amount
* Report Contains Filters								
Salary and Benefits								
41000. Salary	31,318	241,780	0	241,780	219,817	21,963	0	21,963
41002. Overtime	67	0	0	0	133	-133	0	-133
41105. Workers Compensation	1,727	8,668	0	8,668	2,678	5,990	0	5,990
41200. PERS Retirement	4,653	33,388	0	33,388	36,847	-3,459	0	-3,459
41310. Medical Insurance	8,334	38,525	0	38,525	48,703	-10,178	0	-10,178
41311. Health Insurance Retirees	277	1,926	0	1,926	3,489	-1,563	0	-1,563
41400. Dental Insurance	660	3,853	0	3,853	4,093	-240	0	-240
41500. Vision Care	0	963	0	963	1,970	-1,007	0	-1,007
41800. LTD Insurance	337	112	0	112	1,820	-1,708	0	-1,708
41900. Medicare	447	3,291	0	3,291	2,903	388	0	388
41903. Employee Assistance Program	0	1,284	0	1,284	19	1,265	0	1,265
41904. Life Insurance	77	401	0	401	431	-30	0	-30
41911. Liability Insurance	(5,451)	3,724	0	3,724	4,055	-331	0	-331
41912. Unemployment	0	0	0	0	2,728	-2,728	0	-2,728
Sub Total Salary and Benefits	42,446	337,915	0	337,915	329,686	8,229	0	8,229
Service and Supplies								
43500. Program Costs & Supplies	12	4,500	0	4,500	5,419	-919	0	-919
43520. Copies/Printing/Shipping/Xerox	1,489	5,000	0	5,000	1,437	3,563	0	3,563
43530. Office Furn & Equip <\$5000	1,917	15,500	0	15,500	18,552	-3,052	0	-3,052
43600. Professional Services	10,750	76,560	0	76,560	61,177	15,383	0	15,383
43900. Rent/Building	1,940	12,954	0	12,954	16,918	-3,964	0	-3,964
44000. Special Department Expenses	(569)	11,800	0	11,800	11,307	493	0	493
44320. Training/Travel Staff	1,013	4,000	0	4,000	2,850	1,150	0	1,150
Sub Total Service and Supplies	16,553	130,314	0	130,314	117,659	12,655	0	12,655





7700. WCCTAC Operations Division
Account Details
As of Fiscal 2015 - June

	Current Period Actuals	Original Budget	Net Budget Adjustments	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	YTD Variance	Encumbered Amount	Available Amount
* Report Contains Filters								
Report Total :	58,999	468,229	0	468,229	447,345	20,884	0	20,884

## Selected Filters

GAAP Category Include - Expenses





7720. WCCTAC TDM Division Account Details As of Fiscal 2015 - June

	Current Period Actuals	Original Budget	Net Budget Adjustments	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	YTD Variance	Encumbered Amount	Available Amount
* Report Contains Filters								
Salary and Benefits								
41000. Salary	24,919	207,373	0	207,373	203,532	3,841	0	3,841
41002. Overtime	266	0	0	0	885	-885	0	-885
41105. Workers Compensation	1,772	4,936	0	4,936	2,723	2,213	0	2,213
41200. PERS Retirement	5,089	41,374	0	41,374	41,362	12	0	12
41310. Medical Insurance	9,385	45,729	0	45,729	60,388	-14,659	0	-14,659
41400. Dental Insurance	823	4,283	0	4,283	5,214	-931	0	-931
41500. Vision Care	0	1,089	0	1,089	0	1,089	0	1,089
41800. LTD Insurance	202	1,016	0	1,016	1,251	-235	0	-235
41900. Medicare	356	2,831	0	2,831	2,889	-58	0	-58
41903. Employee Assistance Program	0	1,161	0	1,161	29	1,132	0	1,132
41904. Life Insurance	51	436	0	436	312	124	0	124
41911. Liability Insurance	1,952	3,724	0	3,724	4,010	-286	0	-286
Sub Total Salary and Benefits	44,815	313,952	0	313,952	322,596	-8,644	0	-8,644
Service and Supplies								
43500. Program Costs & Supplies	0	3,750	0	3,750	2,081	1,669	0	1,669
43502. TDM Postage	0	7,046	0	7,046	803	6,243	0	6,243
43520. Copies/Printing/Shipping/Xerox	1,789	9,180	0	9,180	4,155	5,025	0	5,025
43600. Professional Services	(17,851)	57,560	0	57,560	43,694	13,866	0	13,866
43900. Rent/Building	(82)	12,954	0	12,954	16,990	-4,036	0	-4,036
44000. Special Department Expenses	21,373	87,010	0	87,010	72,379	14,631	0	14,631
44320. Training/Travel Staff	122	3,000	0	3,000	2,752	248	0	248
Sub Total Service and Supplies	5,351	180,500	0	180,500	142,855	37,645	0	37,645
Report Total :	50,166	494,452	0	494,452	465,451	29,001	0	29,001

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### City of San Pablo

7720. WCCTAC TDM Division Account Details As of Fiscal 2015 - June

	Current Period Actuals	Original Budget	Net Budget Adjustments	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	YTD Variance	Encumbered Amount	Available Amount
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<sup>\*</sup> Report Contains Filters

## Selected Filters

GAAP Category Include - Expenses





7730. STMP Division Account Details As of Fiscal 2015 - June

	Current Period Actuals	Original Budget	Net Budget Adjustments	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	YTD Variance	Encumbered Amount	Available Amount
* Report Contains Filters								
Salary and Benefits								
41000. Salary	0	2,400	0	2,400	2,033	367	0	367
41200. PERS Retirement	0	0	0	0	127	-127	0	-127
41310. Medical Insurance	0	0	0	0	176	-176	0	-176
41400. Dental Insurance	0	0	0	0	14	-14	0	-14
41800. LTD Insurance	0	0	0	0	17	-17	0	-17
41900. Medicare	0	0	0	0	29	-29	0	-29
41904. Life Insurance	0	0	0	0	4	-4	0	-4
Sub Total Salary and Benefits	0	2,400	0	2,400	2,400	0	0	0
Service and Supplies								
43600. Professional Services	2,199	124,795	0	124,795	33,771	91,024	0	91,024
Sub Total Service and Supplies	2,199	124,795	0	124,795	33,771	91,024	0	91,024
Report Total :	2,199	127,195	0	127,195	36,171	91,024	0	91,024

## Selected Filters

GAAP Category Include - Expenses





7740. WCCTAC Special Projects Division Account Details As of Fiscal 2015 - June

	Current Period Actuals	Original Budget	Net Budget Adjustments	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	YTD Variance	Encumbered Amount	Available Amount
* Report Contains Filters								
Service and Supplies								
43600. Professional Services	0	0	0	0	70,462	-70,462	0	-70,462
44000. Special Department Expenses	0	122,318	0	122,318	0	122,318	0	122,318
Sub Total Service and Supplies	0	122,318	0	122,318	70,462	51,856	0	51,856
Report Total :	0	122,318	0	122,318	70,462	51,856	0	51,856

## Selected Filters

GAAP Category Include - Expenses

### WCCTAC FY 2015-2016 BUDGET Summary of All Accounts

REVENUES   3403 Grants	Summary of All Accounts									
334010 STMP Administration	Activity		•	FY 2014-15		•	Note			
34010 STMP Administration	REVENUES									
34311 Member Contributions   265,460   388,684   388,684   388,684   343x STMP Fees   181,896   253,047   633,300   1,066,650   3,700   39906 Other Revenue   5,092   3,800   3,800   4,550   3,700   (b)	33403 Grants	425,159	554,451	554,451	494,451	609,445				
3430x STMP Fees   181,896   253,047   253,047   633,900   1,066,650   3,000   3,000   3,700   3,700   3,900   1,264,700   1,264,700   1,264,700   1,264,700   1,665,556   3,143,479   (b)   EXPENSES   Salary, Benefits & Insurance   41000x Salary & Benefits & Insurance   453,189   646,819   646,819   639,424   713,438   (c)   41911 Liability Insurance   455,110   654,267   654,267   647,334   721,548   7,448   8,110   8,110   8,110   70141 Salaries, Benefits & Insurance   465,171   6564,267   654,267   647,534   721,548   7,448	34010 STMP Administration	-	2,400	2,400	2,400	10,000				
36102 Interest   5,092   3,800   3,800   4,350   3,700   (a)	34111 Member Contributions	265,460	388,684	388,684	388,684	388,684				
39906 Other Revenue	343xx STMP Fees	181,896	253,047	253,047	633,900	1,066,650				
EXPENSES   Salary, Benefits & Insurance   41000	36102 Interest	5,092	3,800	3,800	4,350	3,700				
EXPENSES   Salary, Benefits & Insurance   41000s Salary & Benefits   41911 Liability Insurance   453,189   646,819   7,448   7,448   8,110   8,110   721,548   7,448   7,448   8,110   8,110   721,548   7,448   7,448   7,448   8,110   8,110   721,548   7,449   7,449   7	39906 Other Revenue	60,195	62,318	62,318	141,771	1,065,000	(a)			
Salary, Benefits & Insurance	TOTAL REVENUES	937,802	1,264,700	1,264,700	1,665,556	3,143,479	(b)			
A1000s Salary & Benefits   A53,189	EXPENSES									
A 1911 Liability Insurance	Salary, Benefits & Insurance									
Total Salaries, Benefits & Insurance	41000s Salary & Benefits	453,189	646,819	646,819	639,424	713,438	(c)			
Professional Services	41911 Liability Insurance	11,982	7,448	7,448	8,110	8,110				
A3600 Professional Services   297,454   258,915   258,915   168,839   112,094   Financial and IT Services   34,608   53,520   53,520   40,879   36,334   34,001   34,001   34,000   3,000		465,171	654,267	654,267	647,534	721,548				
Financial and IT Services		-	-	-	-	-				
Audit   19,641   10,000   10,000   9,650   11,000   Studies/Surveys   3,000   3,000     -		-			-	*				
Studies/Surveys		-		· ·						
Attorney Services		19,641		· ·	9,650	11,000				
Web Site Overhaul	-	-			-	-				
IT Set-up (move and server)	-	10,213	-	· ·	-	16,000				
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Regional Studies / Projects		-	5,000	5,000	-	36,760				
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#### Notes:

- (a) Large increase in other revenue cateogry is based on contributions to the High Capacity Transit Study by partner agencies
- (b) Revenue assumptions: FY16 dues same as FY15, improving STMP receipts, additional TDM funds, grants for High Capacity Transit Study.
- (c) Salary & benefit assumptions: proposed COLA increase of 2.5%, some merit-based increases.
- (d) Fewer one time costs in FY16 given conclusion of office move; program/project funds now accounted for in Special Expenses.
- (e) Higher budget for FY16 includes High Capacity Transit Study, broadened TDM activity, and a potential STMP Nexus Study and Strategic Plan.

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TO: WCCTAC Board DATE: July 24, 2014

**FR:** John Nemeth, Executive Director

**RE:** Office Space Lease

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

APPROVE the attached one-year lease for supplemental office space.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

WCCTAC currently pays \$1,959 monthly to rent 1,381 sq. ft. of space (\$1.42 per sq. ft.). In 2014 WCCTAC was offered, but declined, an additional and physically-connected 600 square feet. Over the past year that space has remained unrented. The landlord has invited WCCTAC on a number of occasions to consider leasing the space, and is now offering a lower price.

The space offers several benefits for WCCTAC at this time. First, it would allow for a space to accommodate a contracted, part-time TDM assistant. The recently adopted FY16 TDM budget includes unspent and re-programmed funds from previous years that will allow for more program activities, like employer and community outreach and installation of bike racks and EV charging stations. Given the extra work load, a TDM assistant was included in the budget.

The second benefit of the space is that it would allow WCCTAC to forego renewal of its off-site storage locker, which mainly houses TDM Program materials.

Additionally, the space could be used for periodic meetings. WCCTAC currently does not have a conference space that fits more than five people. Having in-house storage and meeting space would save staff time, and reduce travel costs. Since staff are leery of going the storage locker alone, a visit often requires two staff members. Lastly, the new space adds the convenience of a second restroom.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The landlord is now offering the adjacent space at \$700 per month (\$1.17 per sq. ft.). Staff believes this is the lowest price the landlord is willing to accept for the space, having offered lesser amounts in the past. A one year lease starting on August 1 would cost \$7,000 in FY16, and \$1,400 in FY17. WCCTAC included \$6,000 in the FY16 TDM budget for the possible TDM-focused space. If we proceed with a lease, we would need to use \$1,000 from our flexible \$10,000 WCCTAC Operations "Special Department Expense" contingency fund to make up the difference.

Use of the space would save WCCTAC \$1,120 in storage locker costs in FY16 and \$244 in FY17. WCCTAC currently has an extra laptop, table, chair and file cabinets that a TDM assistant can use. The furniture is actually already being stored in the adjacent office space with the permission of the owner. To make the space usable for larger meetings, WCCTAC would need to purchase folding chairs and tables which could require an additional expense of \$500-\$1,000 from the contingency fund. Staff is not proposing to use the space for Board meetings at this time.

### **Attachments:**

a. Proposed Lease



### **COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT**

(C.A.R. Form CL, Revised 4/13)

BSG Investme	nts		- 1 a - 41	("Landlord") and
West Contra Costa Transportation Adv				Tenant") agree as follows:
PROPERTY: Landlord rents to Tenant and Tenant rents from Landlor El Cerrito, California 94530				
comprise approximately 12.000 % of the total square footage of r	entable space in th	e entire property	See exhibit	("Premises"), which for a furthe
description of the Premises.		25 800 300		
TERM: The term begins on (date)	August 1, 2015		= = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =	("Commencement Date")
(Officer A of D).				
A. Lease: and shall terminate on (date)	atat	5:00	LAM X PM.	Any holding over after the
paragraph 2B. Rent shall be at a rate equal to the rent for	the immediately p	preceding month.	pavable in adv	ay terminate as specified in vance. All other terms and
conditions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effe	ct.	612 1 123(1) 00		
B. Month-to-month: and continues as a month-to-month tenance	. Either party may	terminate the ten	ancy by giving w	vritten notice to the other a
least 30 days prior to the intended termination date, subject to any  C. RENEWAL OR EXTENSION TERMS: See attached addendu	applicable laws. S m	ouch notice may b	e given on any o	date.
BASE RENT:	1	1.0 eE 1.		
A. Tenant agrees to pay Base Rent at the rate of (CHECK ONE ONL	Y:)			
per month, for the term of the per month, for the first 12 mor	agreement.			
per month, for the first 12 mor	ths of the agreeme	nt. Commencing	with the 13th mo	onth, and upon expiration of
each 12 months thereafter, rent shall be adjusted accord Statistics of the Department of Labor for All Urban Consu	ing to any increase ners ("CPI") for	e in the U.S. Con	sumer Price Ind	lex of the Bureau of Labor
(the city nearest the location of the Premises), based or	the following forn	nula: Base Rent	will be multiplied	d by the most current CPI
preceding the first calendar month during which the adj	stment is to take	effect, and divid	ed by the most	recent CPI preceding the
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(3) \$ 700.00 per month for the period commo			d ending	
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(5) Other:				the second of branch
B. Base Rent is payable in advance on the 1st (or) da	<b>y</b> of each calendar	month, and is de	linquent on the	next day.
C. If the Commencement Date falls on any day other than the first da	y of the month, Ba	se Rent for the fir	st calendar mon	th shall be prorated based
on a 30-day period. If Tenant has paid one full month's Base Rent shall be prorated based on a 30-day period.	n advance or Com	mencement Date	base Rent for t	ne second calendar month
RENT:				
A. Definition: ("Rent") shall mean all monetary obligations of Tenant to	Landlord under th	ne terms of this ag	reement, excep	t security deposit.
B. Payment: Rent shall be paid to (Name)	BSG Inv	vestments	1 0 3	at (address)
6333 Potrero Avenue Suite 200, El Cerrito, California 94530 location specified by Landlord in writing to Tenant.			16.1 1 1963-19	, or at any other
C. Timing: Base Rent shall be paid as specified in paragraph 3. All ot	ner Rent shall be pa	aid within 30 days	after Tenant is	billed by Landlord.
EARLY POSSESSION: Tenant is entitled to possession of the Premis-				
If Tenant is in possession prior to the Commencement Date, during	this time (i) Tenan	t is not obligated	to pay Base R	ent, and (ii) Tenant 🗌 is
is not obligated to pay Rent other than Base Rent. Whether or n obligated to comply with all other terms of this agreement.	ot Tenant is obliga	ited to pay Rent	prior to Comme	encement Date, Tenant is
SECURITY DEPOSIT:				
	a security deposit	Tenant agrees no	ot to hold Broker	responsible for its return.
(IF CHECKED:) If Base Rent increases during the term of this a	greement, Tenant	agrees to increas	e security depos	sit by the same proportion
as the increase in Base Rent.				
B. All or any portion of the security deposit may be used, as reasona non-sufficient funds ("NSF") fees, or other sums due; (ii) repair deposit may be used.	bly necessary, to:	(i) cure Tenant's	default in paym	ent of Rent, late charges,
licensee of Tenant; (iii) broom clean the Premises, if necessary,	upon termination o	f tenancy: and (i	v) cover any oth	y renant or by a guest or ner unfulfilled obligation of
Tenant. SECURITY DEPOSIT SHALL NOT BE USED BY TENANT	IN LIEU OF PAY	MENT OF LAST	MONTH'S RENT	. If all or any portion of the
security deposit is used during tenancy, Tenant agrees to reinsta	te the total securit	y deposit within	5 days after wri	tten notice is delivered to
Tenant. Within 30 days after Landlord receives possession of the F amount of any security deposit received and the basis for its dis	remises, Landiord :	snail: (I) turnish I eturn anv remain	enant an itemize	ed statement indicating the
However, if the Landlord's only claim upon the security deposit	s for unpaid Rent	, then the remain	ning portion of t	the security deposit, after
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C. No interest will be paid on security deposit, unless required by loca	ordinance.			
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В.	Date Date Security Deposit	\$	\$	\$ 700.00	08/03/2015
C.	Other:Category	\$	\$	\$	
D.	Other:Category	\$	\$	\$	on, off any litting from
E.	Category Total:	\$	\$		
9.	PARKING: Tenant is entitled to to parking is is not included in the Base Ran additional \$ per not campers, buses or trucks (other than pick-up to leaking oil, gas or other motor vehicle fluids show thicles is not allowed in parking space(s) or else ADDITIONAL STORAGE: Storage is permitted. The right to additional storage space is storage space shall be an additional \$ store property that is claimed by another, or in the perishable goods, flammable materials, explose clean-up of any contamination caused by Tenant LATE CHARGE; INTEREST; NSF CHECKS: To incur costs and expenses, the exact amount limited to, processing, enforcement and account not received by Landlord within 5 calendar of \$ 100.00 as late charge, pluidemed additional Rent. Landlord and Tenant areason of Tenant's late or NSF payment. Any Landlord's acceptance of any late charge or NSF or NSF fee shall not be deemed an extension of remedies under this agreement, and as provided CONDITION OF PREMISES: Tenant has exact following exceptions:	ent charged pursuant to nonth. Parking space(s) rucks). Tenant shall partiall not be parked in passewhere on the Premise as follows: N/A is not included in the light partial per more which another has any rives, or other dangerout's use of the storage are an acknowledges that of which are extremely ting expenses, and late days after date due, os 10% interest per annuagree that these charges late charge, delinquent fee shall not constitute of the date Rent is due to display.	paragraph 3. If not include are to be used for park in assigned space(s) rking spaces or on the series. No overnight parking the series are t	luded in the Base Rent, the tring operable motor vehicle only. Parking space(s) at a Premises. Mechanical ways is permitted.  Trauant to paragraph 3. If only personal property that enant shall not store any ital. Tenant shall pay for, Rent or issuance of a NS all to determine. These columnated of the enant shall pay for, Tenant shall pay for, and ord. If any installment of NSF, Tenant shall pay for the enant and \$25.00 as a NS easonable estimate of the ue shall be paid with the ault of Tenant. Landlord's prevent Landlord from exceptions.	ne parking rental fee shall be les, except for trailers, boats, re to be kept clean. Vehicles work or storage of inoperable inot included in Base Rent, at Tenant owns, and shall not improperly packaged food or and be responsible for, the F check may cause Landlord ests may include, but are not to f Rent due from Tenant is by to Landlord, respectively, SF fee, any of which shall be costs Landlord may incur by current installment of Rent. right to collect a Late Charge ercising any other rights and
	Items listed as exceptions shall be dealt with in	the following manner: _	igur pakhesta sana	11 1 as 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
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	PROPERTY OPERATING EXPENSES:  A. Tenant agrees to pay its proportionate sharr area maintenance, consolidated utility and se to the total square footage of the rentable sp	e of Landlord's estimate	d monthly property oped real property taxes, b	erating expenses, including	g but not limited to, common
OR	B. X (If checked) Paragraph 14 does not appl	у.			The state of the state
15.	USE: The Premises are for the sole use as <u>Offfi</u> No other use is permitted without Landlord's pr property insurance, Tenant shall pay for the incr	ior written consent. If ar			
	RULES/REGULATIONS: Tenant agrees to cor any time posted on the Premises or delivered annoy, endanger, or interfere with other tenant limited to, using, manufacturing, selling, storing waste or nuisance on or about the Premises.	to Tenant. Tenant shall ts of the building or ne	not, and shall ensure ighbors, or use the Pr	that guests and licensee emises for any unlawful <sub>l</sub>	es of Tenant do not, disturb, purposes, including, but not
17.	MAINTENANCE:  A. Tenant OR ☒ (If checked, Landlord) sha water systems, if any, and keep glass, wind the Premises, Landlord may contract for or p. B. Landlord OR ☐ (If checked, Tenant) shall	ows and doors in operat perform such maintenan	ole and safe condition. ce, and charge Tenant	Unless Landlord is checke for Landlord's cost.	
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prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably with permits. Tenant shall give Landlord advance notice of the c	r about the Premises, including installation of trade fixtures and signs, without Landlord's held. Any alterations to the Premises shall be done according to Law and with required ommencement date of any planned alteration, so that Landlord, at its option, may post a ainst Landlord's interest in the Premises. Landlord may also require Tenant to provide work on the Premises.
<ol> <li>GOVERNMENT IMPOSED ALTERATIONS: Any alteration shall be responsible for any other alterations required by Law</li> </ol>	s required by Law as a result of Tenant's use shall be Tenant's responsibility. Landlord $w$ .
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20. ENTRY: Tenant shall make Premises available to Landlord or Landlord's agent for the purpose of entering to make inspections, necessary or agreed repairs, alterations, or improvements, or to supply necessary or agreed services, or to show Premises to prospective or actual purchasers, tenants, mortgagees, lenders, appraisers, or contractors. Landlord and Tenant agree that 24 hours notice (oral or written) shall be reasonable and sufficient notice. In an emergency, Landlord or Landlord's representative may enter Premises at any time without prior notice.

21. SIGNS: Tenant authorizes Landlord to place a FOR SALE sign on the Premises at any time, and a FOR LEASE sign on the Premises within the 90 (or \_\_\_\_\_\_) day period preceding the termination of the agreement.

22. SUBLETTING/ASSIGNMENT: Tenant shall not sublet or encumber all or any part of Premises, or assign or transfer this agreement or any interest in it, without the prior written consent of Landlord, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Unless such consent is obtained, any subletting, assignment, transfer, or encumbrance of the Premises, agreement, or tenancy, by voluntary act of Tenant, operation of law, or otherwise, shall be null and void, and, at the option of Landlord, terminate this agreement. Any proposed sublessee, assignee, or transferee shall submit to Landlord an application and credit information for Landlord's approval, and, if approved, sign a separate written agreement with Landlord and Tenant. Landlord's consent to any one sublease, assignment, or transfer, shall not be construed as consent to any subsequent sublease, assignment, or transfer, and does not release Tenant of Tenant's obligation under this agreement.

23. POSSESSION: If Landlord is unable to deliver possession of Premises on Commencement Date, such date shall be extended to the date on which possession is made available to Tenant. However, the expiration date shall remain the same as specified in paragraph 2. If Landlord is unable to deliver possession within 60 (or \_\_\_\_\_\_) calendar days after the agreed Commencement Date, Tenant may terminate this agreement by giving written notice to Landlord, and shall be refunded all Rent and security deposit paid.

24. TENANT'S OBLIGATIONS UPON VACATING PREMISES: Upon termination of agreement, Tenant shall: (i) give Landlord all copies of all keys or opening devices to Premises, including any common areas; (ii) vacate Premises and surrender it to Landlord empty of all persons and personal property; (iii) vacate all parking and storage spaces; (iv) deliver Premises to Landlord in the same condition as referenced in paragraph 11; (v) clean Premises; (vi) give written notice to Landlord of Tenant's forwarding address; and (vii)

All improvements installed by Tenant, with or without Landlord's consent, become the property of Landlord upon termination. Landlord may nevertheless require Tenant to remove any such improvement that did not exist at the time possession was made available to Tenant.

- 25. BREACH OF CONTRACT/EARLY TERMINATION: In event Tenant, prior to expiration of this agreement, breaches any obligation in this agreement, abandons the premises, or gives notice of tenant's intent to terminate this tenancy prior to its expiration, in addition to any obligations established by paragraph 24, Tenant shall also be responsible for lost rent, rental commissions, advertising expenses, and painting costs necessary to ready Premises for re-rental. Landlord may also recover from Tenant: (i) the worth, at the time of award, of the unpaid Rent that had been earned after expiration until the time of award exceeds the amount of such rental loss the Tenant proves could have been reasonably avoided; and (iii) the worth, at the time of award, of the amount by which the unpaid Rent for the balance of the term after the time of award exceeds the amount of such rental loss that Tenant proves could be reasonably avoided. Landlord may elect to continue the tenancy in effect for so long as Landlord does not terminate Tenant's right to possession, by either written notice of termination of possession or by reletting the Premises to another who takes possession, and Landlord may enforce all Landlord's rights and remedies under this agreement, including the right to recover the Rent as it becomes due.
- 26. DAMAGE TO PREMISES: If, by no fault of Tenant, Premises are totally or partially damaged or destroyed by fire, earthquake, accident or other casualty, Landlord shall have the right to restore the Premises by repair or rebuilding. If Landlord elects to repair or rebuild, and is able to complete such restoration within 90 days from the date of damage, subject to the terms of this paragraph, this agreement shall remain in full force and effect. If Landlord is unable to restore the Premises within this time, or if Landlord elects not to restore, then either Landlord or Tenant may terminate this agreement by giving the other written notice. Rent shall be abated as of the date of damage. The abated amount shall be the current monthly Base Rent prorated on a 30-day basis. If this agreement is not terminated, and the damage is not repaired, then Rent shall be reduced based on the extent to which the damage interferes with Tenant's reasonable use of Premises. If damage occurs as a result of an act of Tenant or Tenant's guests, (i) only Landlord shall have the right, at Landlord's sole discretion, within 30 days after such total or partial destruction or damage to treat the lease as terminated by Tenant, and (ii) Landlord shall have the right to recover damages from Tenant.
- 27. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Tenant shall not use, store, generate, release or dispose of any hazardous material on the Premises or the property of which the Premises are part. However, Tenant is permitted to make use of such materials that are required to be used in the normal course of Tenant's business provided that Tenant complies with all applicable Laws related to the hazardous materials. Tenant is responsible for the cost of removal and remediation, or any clean-up of any contamination caused by Tenant.
- 28. CONDEMNATION: If all or part of the Premises is condemned for public use, either party may terminate this agreement as of the date possession is given to the condemner. All condemnation proceeds, exclusive of those allocated by the condemner to Tenant's relocation costs and trade fixtures, belong to Landlord.
- 29. INSURANCE: Tenant's personal property, fixtures, equipment, inventory and vehicles are not insured by Landlord against loss or damage due to fire, theft, vandalism, rain, water, criminal or negligent acts of others, or any other cause. Tenant is to carry Tenant's own property insurance to protect Tenant from any such loss. In addition, Tenant shall carry liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$ 500,000.00 ... Tenant's liability insurance shall name Landlord and Landlord's agent as additional insured. Tenant, upon Landlord's request, shall provide Landlord with a certificate of insurance establishing Tenant's compliance. Landlord shall maintain liability insurance insuring Landlord, but not Tenant, in an amount of at least \$ 500,000.00 ... plus property insurance in an amount sufficient to cover the replacement cost of the property. Tenant is advised to carry business interruption insurance in an amount at least sufficient to cover Tenant's complete rental obligation to Landlord. Landlord is advised to obtain a policy of rental loss insurance. Both Landlord and Tenant release each other, and waive their respective rights to subrogation against each other, for loss or damage covered by insurance.

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- 30. TENANCY STATEMENT (ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE): Tenant shall execute and return a tenancy statement (estoppel certificate), delivered to Tenant by Landlord or Landlord's agent, within 3 days after its receipt. The tenancy statement shall acknowledge that this agreement is unmodified and in full force, or in full force as modified, and state the modifications. Failure to comply with this requirement: (i) shall be deemed Tenant's acknowledgment that the tenancy statement is true and correct, and may be relied upon by a prospective lender or purchaser; and (ii) may be treated by Landlord as a material breach of this agreement. Tenant shall also prepare, execute, and deliver to Landlord any financial statement (which will be held in confidence) reasonably requested by a prospective lender or buyer.
- 31. LANDLORD'S TRANSFER: Tenant agrees that the transferee of Landlord's interest shall be substituted as Landlord under this agreement. Landlord will be released of any further obligation to Tenant regarding the security deposit, only if the security deposit is returned to Tenant upon such transfer, or if the security deposit is actually transferred to the transferee. For all other obligations under this agreement, Landlord is released of any further liability to Tenant, upon Landlord's transfer.
- 32. SUBORDINATION: This agreement shall be subordinate to all existing liens and, at Landlord's option, the lien of any first deed of trust or first mortgage subsequently placed upon the real property of which the Premises are a part, and to any advances made on the security of the Premises, and to all renewals, modifications, consolidations, replacements, and extensions. However, as to the lien of any deed of trust or mortgage entered into after execution of this agreement, Tenant's right to quiet possession of the Premises shall not be disturbed if Tenant is not in default and so long as Tenant pays the Rent and observes and performs all of the provisions of this agreement, unless this agreement is otherwise terminated pursuant to its terms. If any mortgagee, trustee, or ground lessor elects to have this agreement placed in a security position prior to the lien of a mortgage, deed of trust, or ground lease, or the date of recording.
- 33. TENANT REPRESENTATIONS; CREDIT: Tenant warrants that all statements in Tenant's financial documents and rental application are accurate. Tenant authorizes Landlord and Broker(s) to obtain Tenant's credit report at time of application and periodically during tenancy in connection with approval, modification, or enforcement of this agreement. Landlord may cancel this agreement: (i) before occupancy begins, upon disapproval of the credit report(s); or (ii) at any time, upon discovering that information in Tenant's application is false. A negative credit report reflecting on Tenant's record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency, if Tenant fails to pay Rent or comply with any other obligation under this agreement.
- 34. CONSTRUCTION-RELATED ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS: Landlord states that the Premises has, or has, or has not been inspected by a Certified Access Specialist. If so, Landlord states that the Premises has, or has not been determined to meet all applicable construction-related accessibility standards pursuant to Civil Code Section 55.53.
- 35. ENERGY DISCLOSURE: If this is a lease of the entire building, Landlord shall provide Tenant, at least 24 hours prior to execution of this Agreement, the Disclosure Summary Sheet, Statement of Energy Performance, Data Checklist, and the Facility Summary for the building as required by Public Resources Code Section 25402.10 and California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Sections 1680 through 1685. This requirement is effective for a building with total gross floor area square footage as follows: more than 50,000 square feet, July 1, 2013; more than 10,000 square feet and up to 50,000 square feet, January 1, 2014; and at least 5,000 square feet up to 10,000 square feet, July 1, 2014. For more information, see http://www.energy.ca.gov/ab1103/index.html.

#### 36. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

- A. MEDIATION: Tenant and Landlord agree to mediate any dispute or claim arising between them out of this agreement, or any resulting transaction, before resorting to arbitration or court action, subject to paragraph 36B(2) below. Paragraphs 36B(2) and (3) apply whether or not the arbitration provision is initialed. Mediation fees, if any, shall be divided equally among the parties involved. If for any dispute or claim to which this paragraph applies, any party commences an action without first attempting to resolve the matter through mediation, or refuses to mediate after a request has been made, then that party shall not be entitled to recover attorney fees, even if they would otherwise be available to that party in any such action. THIS MEDIATION PROVISION APPLIES WHETHER OR NOT THE ARBITRATION PROVISION IS INITIALED.
- B. ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES: (1) Tenant and Landlord agree that any dispute or claim in Law or equity arising between them out of this agreement or any resulting transaction, which is not settled through mediation, shall be decided by neutral, binding arbitration, including and subject to paragraphs 36B(2) and (3) below. The arbitrator shall be a retired judge or justice, or an attorney with at least 5 years of real estate transactional law experience, unless the parties mutually agree to a different arbitrator, who shall render an award in accordance with substantive California Law. In all other respects, the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with Part III, Title 9 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. Judgment upon the award of the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The parties shall have the right to discovery in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure §1283.05.
  - (2) EXCLUSIONS FROM MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION: The following matters are excluded from Mediation and Arbitration hereunder: (i) a judicial or non-judicial foreclosure or other action or proceeding to enforce a deed of trust, mortgage, or installment land sale contract as defined in Civil Code §2985; (ii) an unlawful detainer action; (iii) the filing or enforcement of a mechanic's lien; (iv) any matter that is within the jurisdiction of a probate, small claims, or bankruptcy court; and (v) an action for bodily injury or wrongful death, or for latent or patent defects to which Code of Civil Procedure §337.1 or §337.15 applies. The filing of a court action to enable the recording of a notice of pending action, for order of attachment, receivership, injunction, or other provisional remedies, shall not constitute a violation of the mediation and arbitration provisions.

(3) BROKERS: Tenant and Landlord agree to mediate and arbitrate disputes or claims involving either or both Brokers, provided either or both Brokers shall have agreed to such mediation or arbitration, prior to, or within a reasonable time after the dispute or claim is presented to Brokers. Any election by either or both Brokers to participate in mediation or arbitration shall not result in Brokers being deemed parties to the agreement.

"NOTICE: BY INITIALING IN THE SPACE BELOW YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THE MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE 'ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES' PROVISION DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AS PROVIDED BY CALIFORNIA LAW AND YOU ARE GIVING UP ANY RIGHTS YOU MIGHT POSSESS TO HAVE THE DISPUTE LITIGATED IN A COURT OR JURY TRIAL. BY INITIALING IN THE SPACE BELOW YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR JUDICIAL RIGHTS TO DISCOVERY AND APPEAL, UNLESS THOSE RIGHTS ARE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THE 'ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES' PROVISION. IF YOU REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO ARBITRATION AFTER AGREEING TO THIS PROVISION, YOU MAY BE COMPELLED TO

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ARBITRATE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. YOUR AGREEMENT TO THIS ARBITRATION PROVISION IS VOLUNTARY."

"WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AND AGREE TO SUBMIT DISPUTES ARISING OUT OF THE MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE 'ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES' PROVISION TO NEUTRAL ARBITRATION."

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37. JOINT AND INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS: If there is performance of all obligations of Tenant under this agree	more than one Tenant, each one shall be individually and completely responsible for the ement, jointly with every other Tenant, and individually, whether or not in possession.
	ourier at the following address or location, or at any other location subsequently designated:
Landlord: BSG Investments	Tenant: West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee
6333 Potrero Avenue Suite 150	6333 Potrero Avenue Suite 100
El Cerrito, California 94530	El Cerrito, California 94530
(iii) 5 days after mailing notice to such location by first class	
39. WAIVER: The waiver of any breach shall not be construct	ed as a continuing waiver of the same breach or a waiver of any subsequent breach.
<ol> <li>INDEMNIFICATION: Tenant shall indemnify, defend an arising out of Tenant's use of the Premises.</li> </ol>	d hold Landlord harmless from all claims, disputes, litigation, judgments and attorney fees
41. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS/SUPPLEMENTS:	Fisher Realtors is to receive a 6% fee from the base rent for the 12 months lease. No
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45. AGENCY CONFIRMATION: The following agency relation Listing Agent: Fisher Realtors  X the Landlord exclusively; or both the Tenant and Landlord exclusively.	nships are hereby confirmed for this transaction:  (Print Firm Name) is the agent of (check one):
Selling Agent:  the Tenant exclusively; or the Landlord exclusively; Real Estate Brokers are not parties to the agreement beto	(Print Firm Name) (if not same as Listing Agent) is the agent of (check one): or both the Tenant and Landlord.
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Landlord and Tenant acknowledge and agree that Brokers: (i) do not guarantee the condition of the Premises; (ii) cannot verify representations made by others; (iii) will not verify zoning and land use restrictions; (iv) cannot provide legal or tax advice; (v) will not provide other advice or information that exceeds the knowledge, education or experience required to obtain a real estate license. Furthermore, if Brokers are not also acting as Landlord in this agreement, Brokers: (vi) do not decide what rental rate a Tenant should pay or Landlord should accept; and (vii) do not decide upon the length or other terms of tenancy. Landlord and Tenant agree that they will seek legal, tax, insurance, and other desired assistance from appropriate professionals.

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TO: WCCTAC Board DATE: July 24, 2015

FR: John Nemeth, Executive Director

**RE:** Measure J BART Funding for Hercules Transit Center improvements

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

APPROVE the allocation of Measure J Program 10 funds- *BART Parking, Access, and Other Improvements* in the amount of \$275,000 for improvements at the Hercules Transit Center.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

In the Measure J Expenditure Plan, there is funding set aside for BART Parking, Access and Other Improvements under Program 10. These funds provide an estimated \$15 million to West County over the life of Measure J. Previous allocations from this source have included funding for bicycle parking, signage, and other access improvements at BART stations. In addition, BART and CCTA have allowed the City of El Cerrito to use BART Parking and Access funds for a portion of at the El Cerrito San Pablo Avenue Strategic Plan, as well as for local matching funds for an OBAG grant on the Ohlone Greenway.

The Hercules Transit Center is also known as the Hercules Park-and-Ride lot, and is not to be confused with the much larger Hercules Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) that is still being planned and developed. This park-and-ride lot serves local commuters with 422 parking space and bus service to San Francisco and the Del Norte BART Station.

The project being proposed for the Transit Center involves improving the pedestrian crosswalk at Willow Avenue, upgrading the electrical substation to improve lighting reliability, and adding windscreens and an emergency phone.

Attached is a letter from the Hercules City Manager, David Biggs, explaining in the project in more detail. Also attached is a letter from BART supporting the use of Program 10 funds for this effort.

About one-third of the original \$15 million allocated to this program have been spent. Most of the remaining funds are being strongly considered by BART to cover some of the remodeling costs for the Del Norte BART Station Modernization Project. The proposed allocation for Hercules, however, will not impact that anticipated request.

### **Next Steps**

The WCCTAC Board's approval will allow the application for funding to move forward to CCTA for final approval. Funds are projected to be expected to available in the fall of 2015, with improvements to start shortly thereafter.

### **Attachments:**

- a. Letter from Hercules City Manager
- b. Letter from BART Assistant General Manager, External Affairs

### OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



July 17, 2015

John Nemeth, Executive Director West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee 6333 Potrero Ave, Suite 100 El Cerrito, CA 94530

Subject: Request for \$275,000 Measure J BART Parking and Access Funds for Hercules Transit Center Improvements

Dear Mr. Nemeth:

On behalf of the City of Hercules, I am requesting that the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) approve our request for \$275,000 in Measure J BART Parking and Access funds, Project No. 10002-06, Hercules Transit Center (HCT), to be allocated to the City of Hercules for improvements to the Hercules Transit Center. BART has agreed with this request.

As you know, BART, the City of Hercules and the West Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT) collaborated in 2009 to create a convenient and safe park and ride lot in the City of Hercules for residents and other commuters. From this facility, which consists of 422 parking spaces and 12 bus bays, commuters can board direct bus service to the El Cerrito del Norte BART Station and downtown San Francisco provided by WestCAT. In addition, the facility serves local bus routes within the City of Hercules.

The City, BART and WestCAT would now like to make operational and safety improvements to the HCT including upgrading the pedestrian crosswalk at Willow Avenue, upgrading the electrical substation, adding windscreens and an emergency phone. These improvements will greatly improve the safety and comfort of passengers using the HCT and encourage the use of transit.

A portion of the funding will be used to administer the project including completing final design, and refining the scope, schedule and budget. The project will be undertaken in two parts. The crosswalk improvements will be included in the City's upcoming Willow Avenue Repaving Project which is under design now and expected to be out to bid later this summer. As such, we have a head start on that component. The remaining elements will be initiated towards the end of the

year under a separate design contract. We appreciate your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 799-8216 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David Biggs City Manager

Attachments

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Mike Roberts, Director of Public Works



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Hon. Sherry McCoy, Chair West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee 6333 Potrero Ave, Suite 100

El Cerrito, CA 94530

RE:

City of Hercules' Request for \$275,000 in BART Measure J Parking and Access

**Funds** 

Dear Chair McCoy:

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), I am happy to support the City of Hercules' request for \$275,000 in BART Measure J Parking and Access funds. Since 2009, BART, the City of Hercules and WestCAT have had an mutual agreement on the operation of the Hercules Transit Center (HTC), located on Willow Avenue and Highway 4 in the City of Hercules. The City constructed the facility, in partnership with BART, and continues to operate the center with reimbursement from the paid parking program.

Since its construction in 2009, it has become clear that this facility needs some critical safety improvements both on the HTC property and on Willow Avenue immediately adjacent to the facility. These improvements include a pedestrian crossing of Willow Avenue with a flashing beacon when pedestrians are present, electrical upgrades and additional lighting on the HTC, emergency phones in the parking lots and windscreens in the passenger waiting area. BART is willing to provide these funds through the BART Parking and Access fund in Measure J for the comfort and safety of the passengers who use this facility to access direct buses to the El Cerrito del Norte BART station.

BART, the City of Hercules and WestCAT have created a collaborative partnership to provide safe and convenient transit options for the residents of Hercules and the surrounding areas. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Kerry Hamill

Assistant General Manager
Office of External Affairs



TO: WCCTAC Board DATE: July 24, 2015

FR: John Nemeth, Executive Director

RE: AC Transit and WestCAT's FY16 Claims for Measure J Additional Bus Service

**Enhancements** 

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

Measure J Program 19b provides dedicated funding to AC Transit & WestCAT to enhance bus service in West County. AC Transit & WestCAT request to use all of the available amounts in FY 16 to fund existing routes. Staff affirms that the conditions have been met by both operators for use of the funds to maintain existing services, and recommends Board approval of both claims.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Measure J Program 19b, Additional Bus Service Enhancements, dedicates 2.2% of total annual sales tax revenues to AC Transit and WestCAT to enhance local bus service in West County. The program supplements Program 14, Countywide Bus Services Program, which dedicates 5%t of total annual sales tax revenues to bus operators throughout the county. Programming and allocations of funds to specific operators is handled by CCTA for Program 14 and by WCCTAC for Program 19b. The Board has approved a policy to apportion 80% of available funding to AC Transit and the remaining 20% to WestCAT.

The amount of available Program 19b funds in FY 15-16 are \$1,459,296 for AC Transit and \$331,658 for WestCAT for a total of \$1,790,954. As determined by WCCTAC, certain conditions beyond the control of the operators may warrant the use of Program 19b funds to maintain services that are eligible for funding under Program 14. Such circumstances could include, but are not limited to: declines in sales tax revenues used for transit operations or increases in insurance and fuel costs. Both AC Transit and WestCAT are requesting to use the total available funding to maintain existing services.

### **Attachments:**

- a. CCTA Program 19b chart
- b. AC Transit letter request with chart
- c. WestCAT letter request

PROGRAM: 19b - West County	Additional Bus Se	ervices	FY 2015-16
Sales Tax Revenue Estimate	/ Idailiona. Das Se	31 11000	\$82,400,000
	%	Year	
Original Program Revenue Estimate	2.20%		\$1,812,800
Revised Program Revenue Estimate	2.160%		\$1,779,840
Previous Year Allocation Adjustment			see below
Available for Allocation (Programmed by W	CCTAC)		\$1,779,840

Note: The revised program revenue percentage is based on WestCAT's "capitalization" of a portion of program funds in the 2009 Strategic plan. AC Transit's allocation is held harmless from this "capitalization" so its allocation is based on the original program percentage of 2.2%

FY 20:	13-14		\$	1,779,840	\$	1,601,856	Allocation		
Agency	Coop #	Percent of Program	100	% Amount	90	% Amount	Adjustment from FY 2013-14	Al	TOTAL LOCATION
AC Transit	60.00.02	calc 1 below	\$	1,450,240	\$	1,305,216	\$ 9,056	\$	1,459,296
WestCAT	60.00.04	calc 2 below	\$	329,600	\$	296,640	\$ 2,058	\$	331,658
Total Allocation			\$	1,779,840	\$	1,601,856	\$ 11,114	\$	1,790,954

Calc 1: AC Transit recieves 80% of original program revenue (2.2%)

Calc 2: WestCAT recieves remainder based on revised program revenue (2.16%)

### Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

June 10, 2015

Joanna Pallock Project Manager WCCTAC 6333 Potrero Avenue El Cerrito, CA 94530

Re: Measure J 19b FY 2015-16 Funds Request

Dear Joanna,

AC Transit is requesting \$1,459,296 in FY 2015-16 Measure J Program 19b funds to support our existing services in Western Contra Costa County. The attached spreadsheet provides route specific-operating costs and revenues. Although operating revenues have stabilized we remain concerned that any fiscal challenges could render the lines vulnerable to service cuts. These lines provide service to almost 6.8 million riders annually, 70 percent of whom are low income. Additionally, these routes connect Communities of Concern with essential services including employment centers, retail establishments, schools, health care providers in Western Contra Costa County.

If you need additional information concerning this matter please contact me at 510-891-4855 or <a href="mailto:candrichak@actransit.org">candrichak@actransit.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Chris Andrichak Manager, Capital Planning & Grants

Bus Lines	Total Platform Hours - Weekday	Hours in Contra Costa - Wkday	Total Platform Hours - Weekend	Hours in Contra Costa - Wkend	Avg Daily Ridership - Weekday	Avg Daily Ridership - Weekend (Sat/Sun)	Hou	ırly Rate	Total Cost	Measure J Revenue	Lifeline Revenue
76	74.45	57.34	112.37	112.37	2,508	1598/1298	\$	172.24	\$4,675,883.68		
71	74.46	74.46	78.64	78.64	1,718	687/553	\$	172.24	\$4,762,477.34		
376	29.63	27.66	58.4	58.4	313	298/236	\$	172.24	\$2,337,214.12	\$1,613,754	
70	45.7	45.7	44.98	44.98	1,185	572/413	\$	172.24	\$2,859,035.87	\$1,013,734	
72/72M	242.51	126.35	495.95	250.95	8,310	9611/7754	\$	172.24	\$10,368,340.24		
72R	176.2	82.64	-	-	6,542	-	\$	172.24	\$3,586,850.74		
LA	37.82	37.82	-	-	572	-	\$	172.24	\$1,641,557.43	\$1,296,163	
L /LC	42.6	37.45	-	-	691	-	\$	172.24	\$1,625,298.12		

\$31,856,657.54	\$2,909,917.00	\$0



Western Contra Costa Transit Authority

June 8, 2015

Ms. Joanna Pallock, Project Manager WCCTAC 6333 Potrero Avenue El Cerrito, CA 94530

RE: Measure J Program 19b Funding

JOANNA Dear Ms. Pallock,

WestCAT proposes to claim the entire FY15-16 allocation of \$331,658 in Program 19b funding to support an expanded level of service on the Route C3, which operates between the Hercules Transit Center and Contra Costa College. This service has been providing critically needed service along the San Pablo Avenue corridor since its introduction in 2005. At existing 60 minute headways, the C3 provides basic, but minimal, connections to educational and vocational training opportunities, medical facilities and employment sites outside of the WestCAT service area. Connection times for passengers returning from destinations beyond Contra Costa College can be 55 minutes or more, severely limiting the service's convenience and utility.

For this reason, WestCAT is proposing to utilize the Program 19b revenues in conjunction with cycle 4 Lifeline funding to increase service on this route to 30 minute headways to further close the gap between the WestCAT service area and neighboring communities, and to help establish a viable connection for local transit passengers who need to travel into the AC Transit Service area.

Please let me know if you need any additional detail about this funding proposal, or about the planned services.

Regards,

Charles Anderson General Manager



TO: WCCTAC Board DATE: July 24, 2015

FR: John Nemeth, Executive Director

RE: Draft Recommendations for the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

APPROVE a Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) proposal for transmittal to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA).

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

In March 2015, the CCTA Board made a decision to move forward with the development of a Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) for possible inclusion in a ballot measure as early as November 2016. In late May 2015, each Regional Transportation Planning Committee (RTPC) was asked to provide information about projects and programs that it would like to see in a potential new measure. WCCTAC was given a "funding target" of \$544,032,000 based on an assumption that a sales tax would be ½ cent for 25 years.

As a response to CCTA's request, the WCCTAC Board formed a five-member Advisory Ad Hoc Subcommittee to provide recommendations to the full Board. At the June WCCTAC Board meeting, staff presented some general funding categories under consideration by the Subcommittee.

Since the June meeting, the Subcommittee has produced a draft allocation for the TEP, which is attached as a table. The table includes the percentage of funding that West County received in various categories from Measure J. It should be noted that a new sales tax measure is not intended to replace Measure J. Rather it would run concurrently with Measure J until 2034, when Measure J is set to expire. The new measure, if passed in 2016, would produce revenue from 2017-2042.

The capital project funding from Measure J is mostly spent, since capital projects were intended to be delivered early in the measure through bonding. Programs and the "return-to-source" Local Streets and Sidewalks category, however, have ongoing disbursements throughout the life of the measure. This means that program funding in a new measure would be *on top of* existing Measure J funding. For example, if West County jurisdictions receive 28.0% of West County's share of a new measure for local streets and sidewalks, it would be *in addition to* the 20.7% provided under Measure J.

On July 16, 2015, The WCCTAC TAC held a special meeting to comment on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's draft. While comments were varied, the majority of the body as a whole made the following suggestions:

- Some program categories include large capital projects that may not lend themselves
  to a pay-as-you-go funding approach which involves continual, but small, allocations.
  A primary example is "complete streets", which is proposed to be included in the
  Local Streets and Sidewalk Maintenance category. Some member agencies have
  projects that are quite large in dollar terms (\$10-\$20M). As a result, the TAC
  recommended making complete streets a stand-alone, capital projects category.
- While the TAC saw some value in having Pedestrian, Bike, & Trails funding as a standalone category, they thought that it might be beneficial to merge it with Complete Streets for simplicity and flexibility. In addition, like Complete Streets, there are some very large pedestrian and bike projects that may be difficult to implement with the frequent but small allocations that come with a pay-as-you-go program.
- The group noted that both AC Transit and WestCAT have proposed bus maintenance facility projects. In the current framework, there isn't a capital projects category that these projects could obtain funding from. The Bus Service category is a program aimed at supporting operations. Meanwhile, the High Capacity Transit category is capital project-oriented, but mainly aimed at creating new or improved services. A maintenance facility doesn't currently fit well into either.
- The proposed requirement that 50% of bus service be located within Priority Development Areas (PDAs) would need some clarification. Would that mean service originating in PDAs? Stopping in them? Driving through them? This requirement may be onerous to continually monitor and quantify. An alternative, that would link the expenditure plan to the Sustainable Communities Strategy might be to make "located in a PDA" one of the criteria for competitive funding categories.
- Bus services in West County are designed to meet each BART train. If BART is successful in achieving its capital improvement objects, its service frequency would increase. Keeping strong BART/bus connections could necessitate more bus service. This won't be possible with the current proposed allocation of 10% of the new measure.

For the request that is due to CCTA on July 24, 2015, WCCTAC's main task is to identify funding categories and determine the proposed levels of funding for those categories. It would also be beneficial to provide clarity about which categories are ongoing programs and which involve capital projects that may require bonding. Specific, major projects that WCCTAC wants to ensure receive funding can also be called out. At this time, however, WCCTAC does not need to determine all program details or identify all projects in broad funding categories.

### Attachments:

a. DRAFT Recommendations to the WCCTAC Board on the TEP

# DRAFT Recommendation to the WCCTAC Board on the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)

PROJECT AND PROGRAM CATEGORIES	Current Measure J (West County)	New TEP Proposal %	New TEP Proposal \$	Notes
Capital Improvement Projects				
I-80 Interchange Improvements	6.6%	11.0%	\$59,843,520	These project funds would prioritize the San Pablo Dam Road/I-80 and Central Avenue/I-80 interchange projects. Other eligible projects include: Pinole Valley Road/I-80 eastbound on-ramp lengthening, Pinole Valley Rd widening at the I-80 on-ramps, and the State Route 4/Willow Avenue eastbound on-and off-ramp project.
Major Roads, Bridges, Grade Separations, Intersections	0.0%	2.5%	\$13,600,800	These project funds would be spent on major road improvements, bridges, rail safety/quiet zone improvements, and intersections/grade separations (including any combination of roadway, rail, bike-ped pathway).
High Capacity Transit Improvements	N/A	10.0%	\$54,403,200	These project funds would support the development, advancement, or implementation of high capacity transit improvements in West County. Examples could include, but are not limited to: A BART extension, Bus Rapid Transit, improvements to Rapid Bus corridors, expanded or new express bus service, improvements to passenger rail service, new or innovate rail services, and ferry service.
Hercules Intermodal Transit Center (ITC)	1.7%	2.0%	\$10,880,640	These project funds would be spend on improvments related to the Hercules Intermodal Transit Center.
BART (Station, Capacity, Safety, Reliability, and Other Improvements)	3.3%	8.0%	\$43,522,560	These project funds would be dedicated to capital improvements and not operations.  The specific eligibility requirements are TBD, but the focus should be on improvements that clearly and directly benefit West Contra Costa.
Local Maintenance				
Local Streets and Sidewalks (Maintenance, Improvements, and Complete Streets)	20.7%	28.0%	\$152,328,960	These program funds would be returned to local jursidictions (based on a formula TBD) and could be used for any transportation purpose. At least 15% of these funds (or 4.5% of West County's share of the measure) would need to be spent on bicycle, pedestrian or complete streets improvements. A mimum of 5% of these funds (or 0.6% of West County's share of the measure) would need to be spent in Priority Development Area (PDAs).
Richmond Parkway Maintenance	3.5%	2.5%	\$13,600,800	These program funds would be available annually to offset the operations and maintenance cost of the Richmond Parkway which are currently borne by the City of Richmond and the County.

Continued from Page 1	Current Measure J (West County)	New TEP Proposal %	New TEP Proposal \$	Notes
Programs				
Transportation for Livable Communities	7.1%	N/A	\$0	This program was replaced by a Complete Streets addition which is incorporated above into the Streets and Roads category.
Safe Routes to School	0.0%	1.0%	\$5,440,320	These program funds could supplement the County's Safe Routes to School planning and outreach program in West Contra Costa. They could also be used for capital improvements to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to schools with the concurrance of local jurisdictions and WCCTAC.
Ped, Bike, Trails	0.7%	5.0%	\$27,201,600	These project funds would support pedestrian, bicycle and trail facilities. Unlike Measure J, there would not be a special carve-out for the EBRPD, although they could still compete for funding.
Ferry Service in West County	9.9%	5.0%	\$27,201,600	These funds could be used either for capital improvement or ongoing operations. Half of these funds are intended for Richmond and the other half for Hercules.
Bus Service Improvements	30.2%	10.0%	\$54,403,200	These program funds could be used for either capital or operations. 50% of the funds would need to be spent on improvements in Priority Development Areas. Other program details TBD.
Student Bus Pass Program	3.2%	5.0%	\$27,201,600	These program funds would expand the student bus pass program in two ways. First, passes would be available to middle school students. Secondly, passes would be available to students (high school and middle school) regardless of income level.
Transportation for Seniors & People with Disabilities	10.6%	5.0%	\$27,201,600	These program funds could be used for either capital or operations.
Clean Transportation	N/A	2.0%	\$10,880,640	These programs funds could be used for programs or small-scale projects that have an air quality or GHG reduction benefit. Potential examples include: car-sharing, bike-sharing, electric vehicle infrastructure, alternative fuel vehicles, and non-motorized (bike and ped) improvements. More specific program details TBD.
No Displacement from Priority Development Area	N/A	2.0%	\$10,880,640	These funds could be used for the development, preservation or operation of housing affordable to lower-income households, to ensure that high-propensity transit riders can live near transit stops.
Commute Alternatives (TDM)	1.1%	0.5%	\$2,720,160	These program funds would promote alternatives to commuting in SOVs. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to: park and ride facilities, carpooling, vanpooling, transit incentives, bicycle and pedestrian facilities (including sidewalks, lockers, racks, etc.), Guaranteed Ride Home, congestion mitigation programs, and employer outreach.
Subregional Transportation Needs	1.3%	0.5%	\$2,720,160	These program funds could be used for any project or program identified in the expenditure plan.
Total	100.0%	100.0%	\$544,032,000	



TO: WCCTAC Board DATE: July 24, 2015

FR: Leah Greenblat, Project Manager

**RE:** Regional Transportation Plan Update

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

Review and approve forwarding draft final project lists to CCTA.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

On May 8, 2015, CCTA announced its plans for developing project lists for inclusion in MTC's 2017 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). They also requested that Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs) submit three different, but related, lists of projects for the RTP update by July 24, 2015. The Board reviewed and provided input on the preliminary lists at its June 26, 2015 meeting. Subsequently the WCCTAC TAC has developed draft final lists, attached. These lists are based on the lists the Board previously reviewed, but now include the detailed information required by the CCTA and MTC.

Having a project in the RTP does not provide any funding, but instead allows projects to seek federal and state funding. Generally, RTP projects are projects that are capacity increasing. Moreover, not every project needs to be listed individually on these project lists and can be incorporated within general program categories of projects. Examples include intersection improvements of less than ¼ mile in length, safety and security projects, multimodal streetscape improvements less than ¼ mile in length, and new bike and pedestrian facilities.

The "Committed" list includes projects that are fully-funded and have - or will have shortly - their NEPA/CEQA environmental clearance. The "Financially-Constrained" list contains projects that are expected to request future state and federal funds during the next few years. The number of projects included by WCCTAC on the Financially-Constrained list is limited to a total of \$480 million, or WCCTAC's estimated share of the RTP. MTC also has general program categories of projects within the Financially Constrained list for which specific projects are not required to be specifically identified. Projects that fit under these program categories do not count against the Financially Constrained list limit of \$480 million. For clarity, we have developed an additional list called "Financially Constrained Grouped Programmatic Categories of Projects" so that these types of projects may be tracked.

Lastly, the "Vision" list includes projects that should be considered for future funding but are not included in the Financially Constrained RTP. The Vision list is not an MTC-mandated list, but is maintained by the CCTA to plan for its future funding needs. CCTA has also requested that each RTPC include projects it wants considered in the new transportation sales tax expenditure plan in the RTP lists.

The WCCTAC TAC has now met on four occasions to update these draft lists. Member agencies' staffs have provided updated information regarding: project descriptions, cost estimates, estimated year of construction, funding already secured, and needed funding. They have also proposed: adding new project to the list, moving projects from one list to another, or deleting project because the jurisdiction no longer supports the project or because it has already been completed.

### Attachments:

a. Draft final project lists

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	1	Contra Costa	240364	ССТА	ССТА	Paratransit programs in Contra Costa	?	227.0	2027	Measure J	(2021)	(200.7)	*/		, , , ,		(iiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii	
	2	Contra Costa	240365	ССТА	ССТА	TLC/Streetscape projects in Contra Costa	?	146.0	2027	Measure J								
	3	Contra Costa	240367	ССТА	ССТА	Contra Costa Safe Routes to Schools including bus passes	?	45.0	2027	Measure J								
	38	Contra Costa	22610	WCCTAC	ССТА	Widen, and extend and improve major streets and bridges, grade separation, crossing improvements and interchanges in west Contra Costa County	32.0	45.0	2020	Local			45.0			2020	45.0	catch all keep. \$ the same.
	39	Contra Costa	22611	WCCTAC	WCCTAC	West County low-income student bus pass program	15.5	32.0	2026	Measure J: \$32			32.0			2026	32.0	Hisham says to k because effects a quality, reduces s drivers
	44	Contra Costa	230129	WCCTAC	WestCAT	Expand WestCAT service	13.0	13.0	2013	Local	1.0	1.6	1.6	2017	ongoing		local	Project changed, reduced.
	48	Contra Costa	230293	WCCTAC	Richmond	Provide transportation improvements on the east side of the Richmond BART station to accommodate redevelopment for a transit village.	11.0	11.0	2012	CMAQ: \$3.9, RM2: \$.75, TFCA: \$0.6, STMP: \$12.7	14.9		14.9	2015	2016	2015	CMAQ \$3.78; RCRA \$4.8; Lifeline \$1.5; Meas. J \$3.02; RM2 \$0.75; TFCA \$0.6; EPA \$0.45	
	49	Contra Costa	230542	WCCTAC	Pinole	Close a bicycle/pedestrian gap on San Pablo Avenue by upgrading the existing bridge or constructing new dedicated bicycle/pedestrian bridge.	0.9	0.9	2013	Local	1.0	1.1	1.0	2016	2016	2016	Livable Cities Measure J	
	52	Contra Costa	94048	WCCTAC	ССТА	Non-capacity increasing improvements to interchanges and parallel arterials along I-80	20.6	23.0	2020	Local			23.0			2020	local	Hisham says san #38, keep fund same as befo
	53	Contra Costa	240624	WCCTAC	WCCTAC	I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) Project Operations and Maintenance - Contra Costa Arterial Portion	3.0	3.0	2012	RM2 Savings: \$2, Other Local \$1			3.0			2022	All Measure J	Hisham says ke same as before. did change
	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	BART	El Cerrito del Norte Station Modernization Phase 1	\$21.74		2017	Prop 1B \$10; Measure J \$9 million; \$2.737 Prop 1B (Lifeline)		21.74	21.74	2016	2018	2017	Prop 1B \$10; Measure J \$9 million; \$2.737 Prop 1B (Lifeline)	
	New	Contra Costa	22122	WCCTAC	WETA	Implement Richmond Ferry service from Richmond to San Francisco (boats and terminal)	50.0	53.0	2022	Measure J: \$1		53	53	2016	2017	2016		#38 Moved from Financially Constrained L
	New	Contra Costa	240706	WCCTAC	AC Transit	Expansion Buses to support improved transit service (CC County)	4.6	5	2015	none	6.6	6.9	7.1	2017	2024	2019	6.9 mMTC Core Capacity	#41 moved fr Financially Constrained
	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	San Pablo	San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets (San Pablo & Richmond)	6.5	3.7	2016	OBAG \$5.9 \$.615 San Pablo \$.615 Richmond	6.947162	7.2	7.1	2016	2017	2016	OBAG \$5.9 \$.615 San Pablo \$.615 Richmond	
	New	Contra Costa	21210	WCCTAC	Hercules	Regional Capitol Corridor train station in Hercules - Phase 2 "Path to Transit" - Extend John Muir Parkway & Bayfront Blvd						14.6	14	2015	2016	2016	STIP-PTA: \$4.1, SAFETEA-LU: \$0.7 LOCAL: \$4.7, EBRPD: \$0.6	Out To Bid , Requesting J Measure J Appropriatio
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4	0	Contra Costa	21225	CCTA	CCTA	Improve regional and local pedestrian and bicycle system, including constructing overcrossings, expanding sidewalks, and expanding facilities	70	97	2025	Measure J and others: \$57	40	(20214)	(202) 4)	(1024)	- Opt	<i>ک</i> ې		Sources and amounts,	corgany	
5	0	Contra Costa	240074	ALL	BART	BART Stations, Parking and Access (station modernization, TOD infrastructure, system capacity, access, parking, etc.)	92.0	127.0	2020	None	127									
6	1	Contra Costa	230693	ССТА	ССТА	Local Streets and roads maitenance	3558	4932	2025	4299	644									
7						Subtotal														
9	39	Contra Costa	22355	WCCTAC	ССТА	Modify I-80/Central Avenue interchange	22.4	25	2016	Measure J: \$11.5, WCCTAC Fees: \$7.1, Earmark: \$2.6	3.8	24	25	26	2018	2020	2019	Measure J: \$11.5, WCCTAC Fees: \$7.1, Earmark: \$2.9, STIP \$2	2.5	assumes WCCTAC fees are available
10	40	Contra Costa	22360	WCCTAC	San Pablo/CCTA	Reconstruct I-80/San Pablo Dam Road interchange and modify adjacent interchanges including the reconstruction of the Riverside Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing	94.1	114	2016	Measure J: \$7.6, WCCTAC Fees: \$7.1, Local: \$3, STIP: \$5, RM2 Savings: \$7M.	84.3	118	119	120	2018	2020	2019	Measure J: \$12, WCCTAC Fees: \$7.1, Local: \$3, STIP: \$24, RM2 Savings: \$8, ATP: \$2.	64	assumes WCCTAC fees are available
14	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	AC Transit	Additional projected technology upgrades including off board fare payment, upgrades to computer storage, upgrades to scheduling system and promotion of electronic fare media usage.						22 (whole cost)	2.8	3.1	2017	2027	2022	0	3.1	\$ 2.8 =Contra Costa's share of \$23.5 mill.
15	44	Contra Costa	230196	WCCTAC	AC Transit	Transit Prefential Enhancements (TPM) in CC County (includes SPDR, McDonald, Cutting, other Arterials) Project includes signal improvements, stop construction and bulb construction on West Contra Costa routes such as Cutting Boulevard, 23rd Street, and other routes, in conjunction with the relevant cities.	17.4	19	2015	Other: \$13	6	1.5	1.6	1.7	2018	2020	2019	none	1.5	TBD
16	45	Contra Costa	21134	WCCTAC	AC Transit	Construct enhancements to San Pablo Rapid Service, including real-time info, queue jump lanes, buses and onboard equipment, and passenger amenities.	17.4	19	2015	Other: \$13	6	20.0	21.3	22.3	2018	2020	2019	None	22.3	Retain Project. It represents possible shor term improvement proj on the San Pablo corridor, with possible greater long term improvements represented by the Visio project.
20	46	Contra Costa	230123	WCCTAC	WestCAT	Expand existing WestCAT maintenance facility (includes land purchase)	5.9	6.1	2013	Measure J: \$1	5.1	3	3.5	3.25	2016	2019	2018	Measure J: \$1	2.5	
26	49	Contra Costa	240640	WCCTAC	Richmond	Ferry Service - Landside Improvements (parking expansion)	19	21	2013	RCRA: \$2M	19	21	_		2020	2022	2021		24.5	RCRA funds no longer available
39	56	Contra Costa	230131	WCCTAC	WestCAT	Lynx service Expansion	6	8.0	2025	None	8	6	6.3	6.5	2018	2022	2020	none	6.5	
40	57	Contra Costa	230218	WCCTAC	El Cerrito	Del Norte Area TOD - Phase 1 Street Improvements	25	30.4	2020	None	30.4	10.0	10.7	11.4	2019	2021	2020	3.13 WCCTAC STMP	6.9	Split into Phases - See below
41	57a	Contra Costa	230218	WCCTAC	El Cerrito	Del Norte Area TOD - Phase 2 Other Infrastructure & Parking Improvements						21.0	22.4	24.5	2020	2022	2021	3.74 WCCTAC STMP	17.3	
42	58	Contra Costa	240637	WCCTAC	Richmond	23rd Street Streetscape including conversion of 22nd and 23rd to two way operation	12	15.0	2020	None	15	13			2020	2020	2020	none	15	
13	60	Contra Costa	240649	WCCTAC	Hercules	Regional Rail Station in Hercules Phase 7 - Parking Structure	30.0	34.9	2021	None	34.9		17.0	17.0	2017	2018	2017	None	17	

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45	New	Contra Costa	230321	WCCTAC	Hercules	Regional Rail Station in Hercules Phase 4 - Fuel oil and fiber optic line relocations						17.1	18.3	17.9	2016	2016	2016	none	17.9	City submitted a TIGER grant application for \$16.8M. Qualfies for \$13M in subregional traffic mitigation funding
46	New	Contra Costa	230321	WCCTAC	Hercules	Regional Rail Station in Hercules Phase 5 - Track/signal work including railroad bridge and station retaining walls, rail station						34.4	36.8	36.8	2017	2018	2017	None	36.8	City submitted a TIGER grant application for \$10.3M.
47	New	Contra Costa	230321	WCCTAC	Hercules	Regional Rail Station in Hercules Phase 6 - Transit loop, promenade, civic plaza, and trail completion						9.4	10	10	2017	2018	2017	None	10	
48	New	Contra Costa	230321	WCCTAC	Hercules/WETA/WCC TAC	Regional Ferry Service in Hercules - Landside infrastructure improvements including wharf, docking facility, terminal building and expanding waterside of rail station building						32.7	35	37.4	2020	2021	2020	Measure J: \$30.5	6.9	50% of Measure J 22B
50	New	Contra Costa	21210	WCCTAC	Hercules	Regional Rail Station in Hercules Phase 3 - Bay Trail west segment							3.6	3.5	2016	2016	2016	Gas Tax: \$0.9, OBAG: \$2.6	2.6	Need to Confirm Project Qualifies for OBAG
51	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	WCCTAC	Complete Streets							15	15	2017	2040	2029	None	15	General category for WCCTAC
52	New	Contra Costa	"240646"	WCCTAC	San Pablo	Wildcat Creek Trail Construction	\$3.5	Part of Programm atic Category	2018	local	0.1	3.8	4.1		2017	2019	2018	100k City General Fund	4	#53 Moved from Vision and updated. Add to TEP
54	New	Contra Costa	"230196"	WCCTAC	AC Transit	Enhanced Operating Programs (More Service)	80.0	97.3	2020	None	97.3								35	#62 Moved from Vision List. Reduced to \$35 for 5 yrs of funding. Awaiting additional updated info.
55	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	WCCTAC	West County High Capacity Transit Study Implementation Ph. 1 Environmental, Engineering & Implementation							20		2017	2022	2020	none	14.5	Remainder in Vision
59	New	Contra Costa	240648	WCCTAC	Richmond	Cutting/Carlson grade crossing improvements at UPRR grade crossing COMMENT: project is being implemented in 3 phases	19	23.1	2020	None		8			2015	2019	2017	\$1.9 Sec 130, \$0.5 Measure J	6.00	#50 moved from Vision List to be added to general category for grac Xing/grade separation improvements
60	New	Contra Costa	230229	WCCTAC	Pinole	Widen Pinole Valley Road Ramps at I-80 on ramps (E&N) and Extend Pinole Valley Rd eastbound on-ramp.											2019	Measure J	10	#64 from Vision list and updated by Pinole
61	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	Hercules	San Pablo Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing at Sycamore Avenue						3.3	3.5	3.5	3.5	2018	2017	none	3.5	On Safe Route to School
64	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	San Pablo	Construct Complete Streets Plans on San Pablo Avenue from border with Richmond	11.5			None	11.5	12.3	13.1	13.1	2017	2018	2018	none	13.1	over 1/4 mile
65	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	San Pablo	Construct Complete Streets Plan on Rumrill from Chesley to San Pablo Avenue	10.3			None	10.3	11	11.7	11.7	2016	2017	2017	Possibly \$4 ATP	11.7	over 1/4 mile
69	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	El Cerrito	San Pablo Avenue CycleTrack, Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements						7.4	7.7	8.1	2018	2020	2019		8.1	El Cerrito Project, breaking out from #48 Vision List. El Cerrito requested to be on Financially constrained. More than 1/4 mile

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70	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	AC Transit/ Richmond	New West County Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility Phase 1: Planning, remediation, land acquistion, and environmental for the rRelocation of D3 bus facility and redevelopment of exisiting site as transit oriented development. Site acquistion, site prep, site planning, design							30.0					none	30	how ready is this project? Land discussions happening now.
71	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	County	Appian Way Complete Streets Project						16	17.2	23.7	2019	2020	2020	Local \$0.5	23.2	County submitted STIP app for project
72	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	County	San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Project						12	12.9	13.9	2020	2020	2020	Local: \$0.1	13.8	
73	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	County	Fred Jackson Way First Mile/Last Mile Connection						4.5	4.7	5.0	2018	2018	2018	Local: \$0.1	4.9	
74	New	Contra Costa		Countywide	County	Bike/Pedestrian Network completion						\$1M annually			2017	2040	2029	Local: \$0.1	0.9	
75	New	Contra Costa		Countywide	County	Upgrade infrastructure in PDA's to prepare for targeted growth.						\$1M annually			2017	2040	2029	Local: \$0.1	0.9	
76	New	Contra Costa		WCCTAC	Hercules	Install Pedestrian Sidewalk on Willow Avenue from Palm Avenue to the Hercules Transit Center						0.4	0.4	0.4	2017	2017	2017	None	0.4	
77	New/43a	Contra Costa	22358	WCCTAC	CCTA?/Hercules	I-80/SR4 Interchange Ramp Improvements consisting of new SR4 eastbound offramp and onramps at Willow north of Palm and removal of Willow loop ramps connecting to I-80 and SR4								27.7	2019	2022	2021	none	27.7	Moved from Vision List.
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Expansion-New Bike/Ped Facilities: New and extended bike and ped facilities (less than 1/4 mile)															
2. System Management- signal coordination, ITS, etc.															
3. System Management-Safety and security: railroad/highway crossings and warning devices; hazardous location or feature; HSIP, SRTS,															
	New	Contra Costa	TBD	WCCTAC	San Pablo	San Pablo Creek at San Pablo Avenue Bridge Replacement	9	9.6	9.6	2017	2018	2018	HBP \$8.2	1.4	Moved to Program Category from Project
	New	Contra Costa	TBD	WCCTAC	San Pablo	San Pablo Creek at Giant Hwy Bridge Rehabilitation	1.4	1.5	1.5	2016	2017	2017	HBP \$1.2	0.3	Moved to Program Category from Project
	New	Contra Costa	TBD	WCCTAC	El Cerrito	Wildcat Drive Repair	2.5	2.7	2.8	2020	2020	2020	none		Not funded, but will seek hazard elimina other funding sources
	62	Contra Costa	240656	WCCTAC	San Pablo	Church Lane Bridge Widening at San Pablo Creek	0.52	0.55	0.6	2020	2020	2020	none	0.6	One side of bridge does not have a sidev
	New	Contra Costa	TBD	WCCTAC	San Pablo	Realignment of San Pablo Avenue intersection with 23rd Street and Road 20	5	5.3	5.3	2017	2018	2018	none	5.3	Moved to Program Category #3. possibl
	New	Contra Costa	TBD	WCCTAC	Richmond	Richmond Parkway Upgrades: pavement and signal upgrades, install video detection and safety upgrades along the Richmond Parkway		4.96					none	4.96	Conceptual engineering complete.
<ol> <li>System Management-Travel Demand Management: car and bike share, alt. fuel vehicles, parking programs, marketing and outreach, etc.</li> </ol>															
5. System Management- Intersection Improvements															
6. System Management- Multimodal Streetscape Improvements: minor bike/ped facility gap closure; ADA compliance, streetscape improvements, minor road diet (less than 1/4 mile)															
	New	Contra Costa	TBD	WCCTAC	County	Upgrade infrastructure in PDA's to prepare for targeted growth.	\$1M annually						Local: \$0.4	3.6	
13. Preservation/Rehabilitation: pavement resurfacing and/or rehab, emergency repair,															
	New	Contra Costa	TBD	WCCTAC	Richmond	Note: local streets and roads maintenance, Richmond needs an additional \$4mill. annually to maintain existing PCI	4 annually*23 years=\$92							92	
4: Operations-Routine Operations and Maintenace: patching and pothole repair, signal ops, lighting, transit preventative maintenance															
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Bike Parking (Lockers and stations)															
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3 <b>No</b>	_	<b>TP ID</b> 2371	Subregion CCTA	Sponsor CCTA	Project Description Park & Ride Lots for the support of Regional Express Bus Service	Cost (2011 \$) 16.5	YOE (\$)	Mid Yr of Construction 2020	Funding Shortfal	Fund  Sources/Amounts none	Updated Cost (2014 \$)		Updated Cost (YOE \$)		End Year of Construction/O ps	Mid Yr of Construction	Updated Funding Shortfall	Fund Sources/Amounts	Amnt. Of Funding Needed	Notes
63					5					none										
64 41		0655	WCCTAC	Richmond	Richmond CyberTran I-80/SR4 Interchange Ramp Improvements consisting of a new I-80 Eastbound Offramp at	41	50.0	2020	50	none	50			2020	2023	2021	50		4	
69 43b		2358	WCCTAC	CCTA?/Hercules	Sycamore				-	1			15.0	2019	2022	2021	15	none	\$15	Original project now phased.
70 43c	223	2358	WCCTAC	CCTA?/Hercules	I-80/SR4 Interchange Ramp Improvements including SR4 westbound I-80 ramp replacement.								25.0	2019	2022	2021	25	none	\$15	Original project now phased.
71 44	225	2516	WCCTAC	Capitol Corridor JPA	Capitol Corridor Regional Rail Service (West Contra Costa and Solano counties)	70	94.9	2025	94.9	none						2025		none	\$95	\$94.9=placeholder
45 72	940	4050	WCCTAC	ССТА	Upgrade State Route 4 to full freeway from I-80 to Cummings Skyway (Phase 2)	75	101.7	2025	101.7	none						2030			101.7	Per Hisham keep same as 2013 exce mid year
78 New			WCCTAC	WCCTAC & Others TBD	West County High Capacity Transit Study Implementation Ph. 2						475.5			2017	2040	2029	475.5	none	475.5	
80 47	230	0283	WCCTAC	Richmond	Grade Separation @Atlas/Giant	26	31.6	2020	31.6		40		45.6	2024	2027	2025	45.6	none	45.6	
81 48	230	0401	WCCTAC	WCCTAC	Construct bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly improvements along San Pablo Avenue from El Cerrito to Crockett to support transit-oriented development.	6.8	8.3	2020	8.3	none			8.3			2020		none	\$8	
New 83			WCCTAC	El Cerrito	Active Transportation Plan Improvements (Bicycle & Ped) thru 2035						34	35.5	44	2020	2035	2027			35.5	
84 New			WCCTAC	El Cerrito	Ohlone Greenway Master Plan Improvements						2.8	2.9	3	2020	2024	2022			2.9	Nia ad as a sandahilad as a isah
85 New			WCCTAC	El Cerrito	Access Modifications						6	6.3	8	2020	2035	2027			6.3	Need more detailed project description
49	230	0528	WCCTAC	County	Cummings Skyway Truck Lane Extension	<del>1.8</del>					15	16.2	22.3	2030	2030	2030	22.3	none	22.3	County submitted this project as a Vision Project but previously requested it be moved to Constraine list. Check which list it belongs on ar possibly remove from constrained lis
90 51	240	0639	WCCTAC	Richmond	Macdonald Avenue Streetscape	16	19.5	2020	19.5	RCRA: \$0.33M	17	19	19.3	2017	2019	2018	19.3	RCRA funds no longer available	19.3	,
91 52	240	0645	WCCTAC	Richmond	Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects COMMENT: item only includes 5-7 yr time horizon of projects. Need far exceeds 25.5m	16	19.5	2020	19.5	CMAQ: \$0.6, TFCA: \$0.75, RCRA: \$0.08	25.5			2017	2023	2020		10m, various sources	29.1	
94 54	240	0658	WCCTAC	Caltrans	I-80 CSMP Improvements	30	36.5	2020	36.5	none			36.5			2020			36.5	Need more detail description. \$36.5=placeholder
55 95	240	0030	WCCTAC	BART	Expansion Vehicles purchase 225 additional vehicle to accommodate future ridership	71.3	86.7	2020	86.7	none	86.7			2017	2023	2020			98.8	BART is updating its projects
56 96	240	.0069	WCCTAC	BART	Security projects necessary to improve or enhance BART patron and system security	13.3	16.2	2020	16.2	none	16.2			2017	2040	2020			18.5	BART is updating its projects
57 97	240	0070	WCCTAC	BAKI	BART System Capacity Investments include train control mods, traction power upgrade, 3rd rail feeder cables, improved ventilation, etc.	12.0	14.6	2020	14.6	none	14.6			2017	2040	2020			16.6	BART is updating its projects
59 98	240	0071	WCCTAC	BART	Station Access – Combines smart growth/TOD, transit connectivity, bicycle, pedestrian, signage, parking (except at Lafayette and Orinda BART), and other access modes to meet growing ridership demand	52.7	64.1	2020	64.1	none	64.1			2017	2030	2020			73	BART is updating its projects
New	NE	IEW	WCCTAC	AC Transit	San Pablo-Macdonald Transit Corridor Improvements						220.0	270.0	270.0	2023	2025	2027	270.0	none	22	\$22 mill represents 10% of cost and CCC's portion
109 65	240	0647	WCCTAC	Pinole	Multimodal Streetscape Improvements, San Pablo Ave, Pinole Valley Rd, Appian Way	4.5	5.5	2020	5.5	none			5.5			2020	5.5	none	5.5	
111 NEW	TE	ГВО	WCCTAC	Richmond	Completion of Richmond Greenway, including acquisition of R/W for west segment and completion of connector through/over 23rd Street						13	15		2017	2025	2020		None.	15	
112 NEW	TE	ГВО	WCCTAC	Richmond	Multimodal Intelligent Transportation System/Signal Improvements						8	10		2020	2030	2025		None.	10	
	TE	ГВО	WCCTAC	Richmond	Bus shelters and transit stop improvements				1		3	4		2017	2022	2020		None.	4	
113 NEW 114 NEW	т.	ГВО	WCCTAC	Richmond	The Yellow Brick Road in Richmond's Iron Triangle				†	1	18	20		2017	2025	2021		None.	20	
	т	ГВD	WCCTAC	Richmond	South Shoreline Area Connectivity Improvements, including roadway and interchange				<del> </del>					2017	2022	2020		None.		
115 NEW	+ -	+			reconfiguration, rail improvements, and freeway crossings				+	+	15.3	17.1		1			1	AC Transit General	17.1	
New 117	TE	ГBD	WCCTAC	AC Transit	East Bay Paratransit Service							4.6		FY 2016				Fund, Alamenda Measure BB	1.9	
New	230	0127	WCCTAC	WestCAT	Construct new satellite WestCAT maintenance facility (includes land purchase)	8.2	11.1	2025	11.1	None	11	11.1	11.7	2025	2028	2027	11.7	none	11.7	#54 moved from Constrained list

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New/4 8 121	TBD	WCCTAC	WCCTAC/San Pablo	Construct bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly improvements along San Pablo Avenue from border at Richmond to current San Pablo Complete Streets boundary	10.0	12.2	2020	12.2	none	10.7	11.4	12.2	2020	2021	2020	0.0	none	12.2	
New 122	TBD	WCCTAC	WCCTAC	Develop new and expanded park-n-ride lots at key locations.						30.0		30.0	2017	2025	2022			30	
New	TBD	WCCTAC	WCCTAC	Implementation of Recommendations from CCTA's SRTS Assessment						58.3+318			2017	2040	2029	376.3	none	376.3	52 schools in WCCTAC of 217 schools in County =24%. % of \$242.8 (tot. cap costs)=\$58.3 mill. Plus \$13.8 for annual share of program costs for 23 yrs =\$318
New 124	TBD	WCCTAC	WCCTAC	Fund study to identify feasiblity of bike facilities on Richmond Parkway and for improving Bay Trail crossing at Wildcat Creek.						0.5			2018	2020	2019			0.5	
New 125	TBD	WCCTAC	WCCTAC	Construct gap closure non-motorized projects on Bay Trail and Richmond and Ohlone Greenways						25.0			2018	2025	2022			25	
New	TBD	WCCTAC	WCCTAC	Install new technologies to reduce SOV and increase existing capacity. TDM Capital Infrastructure" which will include improvements such as: a. Park and Ride real time changeable signage; b. Other technology enhancements for ridesharing and transit						20.0	20.0		2017	2025	2022			20	
New	TBD	WCCTAC	San Pablo	Construct Complete Streets Plans on San Pablo Avenue from border with Richmond						12.3								12.3	
127 New	TBD	WCCTAC	San Pablo	Construct Complete Streets Plan on Rumrill from Chesley to San Pablo Avenue						5.3							1.3	4	
129 New	TBD	WCCTAC	San Pablo	Realignment of San Pablo Avenue intersection with 23rd Street and Road 20						5								5	
130 New	TBD	WCCTAC	San Pablo	San Pablo Creek at San Pablo Avenue Bridge Replacement						9								8	
131 New	TBD	WCCTAC	San Pablo	San Pablo Creek at Giant Hwy Bridge Rehabilitation						1.4								1.2	
47 133	230318	WCCTAC	County	Extend North Richmond truck route along Soto Street from Market Avenue to Parr Boulevard	18.5					18.5	20	27.6	2030	2030	2030	27.6	none	27.6	County submitted New project as No. 47. Unclear what to do with original project
New	TBD	WCCTAC	Hercules	Install Pedestrian Sidewalk on Sycamore Ave on Path To Hercules Transit Center - Creekside Center Drive to Willow Avenue						0.5	0.5	0.5	2018	2018	2018	0.0	none	0.5	
New	TBD	WCCTAC	Hercules	Install Pedestrian Walkway on San Pablo Avenue from John Muir Parkway to Sycamore Avenue						0.6	0.6	0.6	2018	2018	2018	0.0	none	0.6	
138 New	TBD	WCCTAC	Hercules	Install Palm Avenue Pedestrian Sidewalk from Willow to Sycamore						1.4	1.5	1.5	2018	2018	2018	0.0	none	1.5	
140 New	TBD	WCCTAC	County	Pitt Way Extension						4.4	5.3	7.3	2030	2030	2030	7.3	none	7.3	
141 New	TBD	WCCTAC	County	Complete Bay Trail							10	10	2022	2022	2022		none	10	County submitted, need more info.
142 New	TBD	WCCTAC	Richmond	Complete Bay Trail portion in Richmond  New West County Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility Phase 2: Relocation of D3 bus facility							6	_	2017	2022	2020	6		6	
New 143	TBD	WCCTAC		New West County Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility Phase 2: Relocation of D3 bus facility and redevelopment of exisiting site as transit oriented development. Site acquistion, site prep, site planning, design							63.0	63.0	2021	2025	2023	none		63	
48 144	230613	WCCTAC	WETA/Hercules/WCCTAC	Purchase ferry for service between Hercules and San Francisco	50	53.4	2022	49	Other: 4	50	53	59	2021	2022	2022	59	None	59	Moved to Vision List. Discussed with WETA on June 23. To purchase & build boat.
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147					1082.7	1308.7		972.7									WCCTAC Subtotal	\$ 1,892.00	
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TO: WCCTAC Board DATE: June 24, 2015

FR: Leah Greenblat, Project Manager

**RE:** West County High Capacity Transit Study Update

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

Provide comments on consultant presentation and draft Technical Memos #2 (Goals and Objectives), #3 (Communications and Outreach Plan), and #4 (Summary of Prior Studies)

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Following a formal Request for Proposals selection process, WCCTAC selected Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) to serve as the lead consult for the West County High Capacity Transit Study. Rebecca Kohlstrand from PB serves as the study's Project Manager and leads a team of consultants. Ms. Kohlstrand will present the work to date and solicit feedback at the July Board meeting.

Key work items to date include the development of draft technical memos related to the study's:

- goals and objectives;
- communications and outreach plan;
- summary of prior studies;
- existing and proposed transportation network; and
- existing and future land use

The WCCTAC TAC, as well as a Study Management Group composed of the transit operators and CCTA staff, reviewed earlier drafts of these documents. The consultant incorporated comments from both groups into the latest draft documents provided to the Board. Ms. Kohlstrand will present the last two items on the bulleted list above at the Board meeting; however those draft technical memos are still being revised.

Upcoming work items include preparation for public outreach events, travel market analysis, and development of conceptual alternatives. Information on these topics will be the subject of future presentations to the Board.

#### Attachments:

- a. Tech Memo #2
- b. Tech Memo #3
- c. Tech Memo #4



## **West Contra Costa High-Capacity Study**

# Revised Draft Technical Memorandum #2 Goals and Objectives

June 2015



With

Kimley-Horn

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### **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

ABAG Association of Bay Area Governments

AC Transit Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

BART Bay Area Rapid Transit

BRT bus rapid transit

CCTA Contra Costa County Transportation Authority

HCT high-capacity transit

I-580 Interstate 580

I-80 Interstate 80

I-880 Interstate 880

I-980 Interstate 980

LRT light rail transit

MTC Metropolitan Transportation Commission

RTPC Regional Transportation Planning Committee

WCCTA Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT)

WCCTAC West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee

### 1 INTRODUCTION

The West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) recognizes the need to strategically respond to increasing traffic congestion and address future transit demand in the West County sub-region. The Interstate 80 (I-80) corridor is the primary interregional commute corridor through western Contra Costa County and is regarded as one of the most congested corridors in the San Francisco Bay Area. Travelers from within Contra Costa County and neighboring areas use this stretch of I-80 in West County to access both local and regional destinations, including destinations in Alameda and San Francisco counties as well as the Peninsula and South Bay to Sacramento and beyond. Traffic is routinely congested during peak commute hours in both directions, as well as during off-peak hours and weekends. Preliminary estimates indicate that work trips on the I-80 corridor are expected to increase by approximately 23 percent by 2040.¹ Additionally, the University of California plans to develop its site at the Richmond Field Station adjacent to Interstate 580 (I-580).

In an effort to reduce congestion and plan for future growth, WCCTAC is conducting the West County High-Capacity Transit Study to analyze multimodal high-capacity transit options and the associated costs and funding opportunities for the corridor. High-capacity transit (HCT) provides substantially higher levels of passenger capacity with typically fewer stops, higher speeds and more frequent service than community-based or local public bus services. This Goals and Objectives Technical Memorandum for the West County HCT Study will guide the study's development and assessment of potential HCT investments.

### 1.1 Background

WCCTAC is one of four regional transportation planning committees (RTPC) in Contra Costa County. The agency is charged with assessing the transportation needs of the West Contra Costa region, coordinating the actions of its members, and making policy and funding decisions regarding transportation issues. WCCTAC is governed by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the following member agencies: the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo; Contra Costa County; and the transit providers AC Transit, BART, and WestCAT. This study supports WCCTAC's vision of providing leadership, vision, and public policy development to create a comprehensive and cohesive transportation program that responds to the communities' present and future needs.

### 1.2 Study Area Context

West Contra Costa County is a distinctive sub-region within the Bay Area set between the San Francisco Bay and the East Bay hills. I-80, the primary vehicular route running north-south

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kittelson 2015, based on Contra Costa County Travel Demand Model

through this sub-region, has major regional significance to Bay Area commuters, and is considered one of the most congested freeway corridors in the region. San Pablo Avenue is a major arterial that runs parallel and functions as a possible alternative to I-80. It links each jurisdiction in West Contra Costa and is a key commercial thoroughfare for the sub-region. Interstate 580 (I-580), running perpendicular to I-80, connects travelers west to and from Marin County across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to I-80, and continues east through Alameda County and beyond.

The study area extends along the I-80 corridor, encompassing West Contra Costa County from the southern boundary at the Alameda County line north to the Carquinez Bridge and Solano County line. It essentially encompasses the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Superdistrict 20, which includes the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo as well as the unincorporated communities of Crockett, El Sobrante, and Rodeo. Figure 1 displays a map of the core study area, which includes I-80 and I-580, Highway 4, as well as major surface streets including San Pablo Avenue and Richmond Parkway. The West County HCT Study will also include analysis of travel markets to the west of the study area along I-580, south along I-80 to Alameda County and the Bay Bridge, east along Highway 4, and north along I-80 across the Carquinez Bridge to Solano County.

CROCKETT RODEO 4 HERCULES PINOLE **EL SOBRANTE** SAN FL CERRITO MAP KEY STUDY AREA CAPITOL CORRIDOR/ AMTRAK **CONTRA COSTA** COUNTY STATIONS ALAMEDA FERRY ROUTES COUNTY LINE 24

Figure 1. Study Area

### 1.3 Study Purpose

The purpose of this study is to identify and evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of HCT options in west Contra Costa County for WCCTAC's consideration. This will require understanding existing travel markets and future demand for HCT in the area as part of the larger regional transit network, identifying and evaluating HCT options, and assessing the costs and potential funding sources for these options. Central to the study purpose is providing WCCTAC with the analyses necessary to determine and advance the most promising HCT alternative(s). The study will consider multimodal transit options including, but not limited to: freeway-based express bus, bus rapid transit (BRT), light rail transit (LRT), extension of BART service, commuter rail improvements, and ferry service. Study findings will guide future planning, investment priorities and funding efforts for WCCTAC.

### 1.4 The Need for High-Capacity Transit Improvements

Within west Contra Costa, the I-80 corridor is routinely congested during peak commute hours, often in both directions, with the AM southbound (also known as the westbound) direction being the more primary commute. Severe congestion is also present during off-peak hours and weekends. While some trips originate or terminate within west Contra Costa County, much of the traffic results from trips to and from destinations outside the sub-county region that are just passing through (WCCTAC, 2014). High traffic volumes and congestion within the area restricts mobility for local residents, negatively impacts goods movement and commercial enterprises, and contributes to local pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

HCT improvements in West County are needed to address increasingly unreliable travel times for transit trips made on the area's congested roadways and insufficient transit capacity to meet the demands of current and future travel within and through the area. Existing transit in West County, including AC Transit, WestCat and BART, is heavily utilized but directly serves a limited number of local residents and workplaces. Extending the reach of HCT would increase the number of regional travel options for West County and beyond.

### 2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of this study are informed by a review of relevant past studies, West County and countywide transportation goals and the need to address existing and future transportation problems. A multitude of studies were conducted in the past 20 years in an effort to address increasing congestion on the I-80 corridor. These studies include MTC's I-80 Corridor Study (1996) and Regional Rail Plan (2007), several studies from BART exploring extensions in West Contra Costa County, as well as other studies from WCCTAC, CCTA and countywide transit providers. These studies have consistent themes in highlighting the need to improve mobility in the corridor through convenient and reliable transit service, provide

alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles, encourage sustainable transit-oriented development, and reduce environmental impacts with respect to maintaining the quality of life in local communities.

In addition to past studies relevant to the I-80 corridor, a review of long-range plans, action plans, and vision plans from regional authorities was conducted to inform and establish a level of consistency when defining the goals and objectives specific to this study. Among these was the West County Action Plan for Routes of Regional Significance, which identifies ten overarching goals that guide West County's transportation planning efforts. One of these goals is to improve and expand high-capacity transit, a long-standing policy goal of WCCTAC that provides the groundwork for the West County HCT study.

Also important in the formation of this study's goals and objectives were the vision and goals set out in Contra Costa County Transportation Authority's (CCTA) 2014 Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Part of the vision includes the integration of all modes of transportation to meet the diverse needs of Contra Costa. CCTA's goals to realize this vision include supporting the efficient, safe, and reliable movement of people and goods using all available travel modes and expanding safe, convenient and affordable alternatives to the single-occupant vehicle.

The goals and objectives specific to this study are outlined as follows:

### Goal 1: Increase transit ridership by providing efficient, frequent, and reliable service

- Objective 1a: Improve high-capacity transit service, travel times, and connections.
- Objective 1b: Improve access to transit hubs by all modes of transportation and increase the total number of trips taken by transit.

### Goal 2: Improve connections between transit systems and services

- Objective 2a: Connect communities in the corridor to the regional transit network and other regional centers.
- Objective2b: Provide user-friendly connections between regional and local transit services.

### Goal 3: Expand transit in competitive corridors to new and underserved travel markets

 Objective 3a: Identify opportunities to match transit improvements with unmet and anticipated future needs in local, regional, and inter-regional markets.

### Goal 4: Preserve and enhance the environment and maintain a high quality of life

Objective 4a: Avoid impacts to existing natural and cultural resources in the corridor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> West County Action Plan for Routes of Regional Significance, WCCTAC, 2014.

- Objective 4b: Improve air quality and decrease greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the reliance on single-occupant vehicles.
- Objective 4c: Reduce transportation energy demand (per vehicle mile of travel) by increasing the use of high-capacity transit.
- Objective 4d: Take into account risks related to sea level rise and the effects of climate change in the location and design of transit facilities.

### **Goal 5: Support sustainable urban growth**

- Objective 5a: Support economic and transit-oriented development in the corridor to advance the regional Sustainable Communities Strategies and Priority Development Area policie that support them.
- Objective 5b: Support development of compact, mixed-use, and sustainable communities that can be served effectively by transit.

### Goal 6: Provide equitable access for residents and businesses

- Objective 6a: Improve transit access to jobs, housing, education, and other regional resources for a broad cross-section of socio-economic groups, ethnicities, and household types, especially for transit-dependent populations.
- Objective 6b: Preserve mobility of people and goods throughout the corridor.

### **Goal 7: Make efficient use of public financial resources**

- Objective 7a: Identify high-capacity transit investments that are cost-effective.
- Objective 7b: Identify potential funding opportunities for needed transit investments, such as an extension of Contra Costa County's Measure J.
- Objective 7c: Seek public input on proposed transit investments.

These goals and objectives will serve as the framework for the study's development and evaluation of long-term HCT improvements.



# DRAFT TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 3.1 Strategic Communications and Outreach Plan



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#### 1 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN

#### 1.1 Purpose and Goal

Strategic communications will facilitate public input during the West County High-Capacity Transit Study to strengthen its recommendations and help achieve broad regional support for the final proposed set of projects. The purpose of this Strategic Communications and Outreach Plan is to provide a communications "blueprint" for the activities that will educate and inform the public about the West County High-Capacity Transit Study, and help garner broad public input during the Study's development.

#### 1.2 Approach

The communications activities will entail a multi-pronged approach to educating the public about the purpose of the West County High-Capacity Transit Study, as well as to soliciting public input at key milestones of its development:

- During the assessment phase, to understand what the public sees as transportation issues and where they would like to focus investments;
- To assist in the refinement of alternatives; and
- To provide feedback on the final recommendation for a transit investment.

As part of this multi-pronged approach, we will leverage the existing communications channels of partner agencies (through the Study Management Group), the WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee, and members of the WCCTAC Board of Directors to broaden the scope of our outreach activities and to help ensure public input from a broad cross section of West County constituents. Coordination with these entities will also help to ensure clear, uniform, and consistent communications. We will also communicate directly with cities and community organizations throughout the process.

The communications activities are timed to coordinate with and leverage outreach activities by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) concurrent countywide Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), in order to maximize West County public participation and to ensure that these activities are complementary rather than competitive. Additionally, public input opportunities will be scheduled ahead of WCCTAC Board meetings so that an accurate summary of "what we heard" (public input) can be reported to the WCCTAC Board and inform their decisions regarding the Study.

## 1.3 Messaging

Below is an overview of the key messaging that will educate the public about the Study and to solicit public input.

#### 1.3.1 Conceptual Messaging and Project Boilerplate

As a first step, the PB communications team will develop conceptual messages that will be used to help educate and inform the public about the purpose and goals of the Study, as well as to identify project boundaries, the development process and opportunities for public input, and other key Study parameters. This will become the "boilerplate" message about the Study that is applied to all informational and outreach materials, including the Study's dedicated website, fact sheets, eblasts, the online survey, and public notice materials.

# 1.3.2 Messaging to Educate, Encourage Public Participation, and Focus Public Input

Detailed messaging will serve as a method of educating the public further about the Study. It will be designed to spur public understanding about West County transportation and to motivate broad public participation in the process of helping to identify a set of potential transit investments. Variations of this messaging will be used in discussions with key stakeholders (see Section 1.4), in introductory remarks at public workshops, at the telephone town hall, and at other public forums. It may also be used in electronic and print materials.

Below are preliminary messaging concepts.

#### 1.3.2.1 To educate

Providing context about the current and projected conditions for transit in West County will explain why WCCTAC is developing a plan for future high-capacity transit investments:

- A key element of West County congestion is the I-80 corridor, which is already at capacity.
   Travel forecasting shows congestion will increase along this corridor as well as other parts of
   West County. Since options for widening freeways and roadways are extremely limited, reducing travel times and accommodating future growth require more efficient use of the freeways, roadways, and other transportation facilities in the Study area.
- Transit especially transit that can move large numbers of people is key to addressing the
  congestion. High-capacity transit which includes services such as express buses, ferries, BART,
  Amtrak, or Santa Clara County's light rail provides substantially higher levels of passenger
  capacity with typically fewer stops, higher speeds, and/or more frequent service than local
  public bus services.
- Historically, there has not been enough investment in transit to keep up with demand or future growth. The Study is being conducted to plan for projected growth West County and reduce its impacts on congestion.

#### 1.3.2.2 To encourage public participation

To help encourage broad public participation, the messaging will explain the longer-term desired outcomes and why public input is important:

This Study will identify, from a set of possible projects, one final proposal (set of projects) that
may be included in the 2016 Contra Costa County Sales Tax Measure. Since transit choices are
made within the context of limited resources, WCCTAC needs public input to ensure that the
highest-impact project will make it to the ballot.

#### 1.3.2.3 To help focus and obtain meaningful public input

The public will be asked to provide input on these kinds of questions through the telephone town hall, online survey, and at public meetings:

- What kind of high-capacity transit improvements would you like to see in West County?
- How can WCCTAC and project partners make transit more convenient for you?
- Where do you need to get to that current commuter transit doesn't serve?
- How do we account for future changes in land use?

#### 1.4 Direct Stakeholder Outreach

The purpose of stakeholder outreach is to inform key decision makers and community leaders about the purpose and benefit of the Study and to identify key issues and concerns early on in the process. For this reason, the PB communications team will reach out to five city managers in West County, their staff, and WCCTAC TAC members early in the Study development process, to request these groups' participation in the Study and identify key issues, concerns, and desired Study outcomes. Additionally, we will enlist their support in sharing project information with their own networks and constituencies and promoting public participation at public meetings, in online surveys, and in the telephone town hall. During the meetings, we will also inquire about interest groups that they recommend speaking with in order to confirm and augment the list of stakeholders, including with any groups that could help garner public participation and input in the Study.

The resulting list of stakeholders will be brought to the WCCTAC TAC for review and approval prior to any public meetings. With WCCTAC approval, the expanded stakeholder list may include neighborhood organizations, environmental organizations, transportation advocacy organizations, multi-cultural communities, and others.

## 1.5 Key Considerations

We anticipate several potential Study communications challenges. It will therefore be important to balance communications about the purpose and benefits of the Study with communications underlining the realities of potential project costs, timelines for implementation, and other key factors. During the public involvement process, the PB communications team will also need to clearly explain how the proposed alternatives were screened, and the list of potential projects narrowed, to engender public understanding and acceptance as the development of the Study progresses.

## 1.5.1 Study Communications Challenges

• A large geographic area means not all West County commuters can be served by one transportation mode. Historically, there has been a lack of consensus in West County about the

priorities for transit investment. The identified proposal (which could be a suite of projects) may be controversial.

- Communications must clearly outline the variety of options and define their diverse costs and benefits so as to minimize public confusion and/or concern about the multiplicity of options.
- It will be important to demonstrate that there will be tangible outcomes from the Study.
- Solutions to congestion within the Study area will need to account for both through travel and travel that begins or ends in West Contra Costa County.
- Study alternatives will need to be coordinated and consistent with local jurisdictions' transportation planning efforts.
  - Richmond leaders are concerned with a possible BART extension reducing service to the Richmond BART station.
  - o Hercules leaders have their own plans for ferry and rail service.

#### 1.5.2 Other Challenges

- A large geographic area presents challenges in getting the word out.
- The concurrent TEP process and implementation of the ICM project could confuse the public.

#### 1.6 Key Target Audiences

Target audiences for the Study's strategic communications and outreach are listed below. Communications to all audiences will include the request that audiences share information about the Study with their own networks and/or constituents.

- WCCTAC TAC, WCCTAC Board, Study Management Group
- CCTA staff and decision-makers
- Elected officials and policy makers
- City Managers and staff in cities in the Study area
- Commuters in West County
- Concerned citizens, grassroots and interest groups, and residents within West County who are not commuters
- Existing and potential transit riders

## 1.7 Key Communications Tools

The following outreach tools will serve to (a) inform the public about the Study, (b) receive public input regarding the Study alternatives, (c) report back out to the public on input received, so as to maintain a high level of public awareness. The tools are listed in approximate chronological order.

- Project fact sheets
  - One fact sheet will be developed in advance of each round of meetings, for a total of two fact sheets. The fact sheets will provide an overview of the Study goals, boundaries, and public input process, briefly describe the different transportation modes to be considered, and include an update of the study's status or progress.

o Both fact sheets will include project boilerplate, as described earlier.

#### Project website

The project webpage will be a single page with information similar to the fact sheets. In addition to being mailed/distributed through partner agencies and other channels, meeting notices and meeting materials will be posted here. The website will also host two separate online surveys in conjunction with the two rounds of public workshops. Additional content can also be made available for download from the site, such as technical memos or maps.

#### • Direct outreach to key stakeholders

- Early in the Study timeline, the communications team will coordinate in-person meetings with City Managers and staff, including Public Works, Planning and Traffic Engineers, in one meeting with each City El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo and one meeting with representatives of unincorporated areas in coordination with Supervisor Goia's office, for six total meetings. The meetings will provide information about the project, approach, timeline, etc. A preliminary list of community stakeholders will be reviewed before each meeting and refined based on input received.
- The communications team will coordinate outreach activities with the City staff outlined above as well as 511 Contra Costa, AC Transit, BART, Caltrans, Capitol Corridor, WestCAT. These organizations will also provide input on the preliminary list of community stakeholders and an inventory of agency communications tools for reaching transit riders, shuttle services, and other target audiences. These communications tools may include flyers for transit/transit stations, electronic sign announcements at transit stations (if appropriate and supported by partner agencies), cards for buses, and other communications vehicles.

#### • Eblasts/press releases, newsletter updates, and social media posts

- o Eblasts and social media and newsletter posts will be used to get the word out about the Study and notify the public of upcoming opportunities to provide input (including online methods). Pre-written materials will be provided to WCCTAC Board and TAC members and partner agencies for review and redistribution through all channels available to them.
- The communications team will also send a press release announcing each meeting to local news outlets no later than one week in advance.
- Quarterly eblasts (and occasional updates directly to elected officials and key agency staff) regarding Study details/progress and preliminary conclusions will be sent to maintain public interest in between the rounds of public meetings.
- All eblasts will be coordinated with the TEP outreach process.

#### Direct mailer notice of Telephone Town Hall

 CCTA will cover the cost of a direct mailer to 50,000 households in West County that include registered voters. The notice will include the Study boilerplate described above, and the WCCTAC logo, emphasizing WCCTAC's role as a partner in the Telephone Town Hall.

#### 1.7.1 Communications Tools to Obtain Public Input

- Telephone Town Hall in partnership with CCTA September 2015
  - To launch the public outreach process for WCCTAC's Study and introduce the public to its purpose and objectives, the PB communications team will support WCCTAC with the co-hosting of a joint Telephone Town Hall meeting with CCTA. The PB communications team will provide logistical support and script development, and will facilitate a dry run of the event.
  - o The majority (approximately 40 minutes) of this 60-minute call-in meeting would be led by WCCTAC (with moderation by CCTA and messaging points provided by the communications team). WCCTAC would provide a brief introduction to their agency and the Study (scripted by the PB communications team in consultation with WCCTAC staff) and briefly present the high-level list of possible transit projects to be studied.
  - Call-in participants would be invited to ask questions about the Study and to participate
    in a series of short polls during the call, which would include multiple choice questions.

    Questions would be answered by either an elected official or WCCTAC staff, at WCCTAC
    discretion. (See detailed outline of Telephone Town Hall for more information.)
  - o In the remaining time, the meeting moderator could thank the public for their input and suggestions, then segue into a high-level discussion, led by CCTA, of realistic financial constraints, priorities, and the TEP.
  - O The collaborative town hall would allow for greater public participation and place the West County High-Capacity Transit Study in the context of expanding transportation investments in Contra Costa County, encouraging voters to associate the Study with real outcomes and remain engaged throughout the Study timeline. Messaging about upcoming opportunities for public input, including public meetings, online surveys, and other mechanisms, would be included at the end of the meeting.
  - Standard vendor capabilities include performing real-time polling (multiple-choice questions), capturing and screening participant questions, capturing statistics/reporting, taping of the session (depending on vendor cost), etc. The vendor cost would be split between WCCTAC and CCTA.
- First round of meetings (two locations) October/mid-November 2015
  - The first round topic will be the preliminary list of alternatives, travel market analysis, and Study process. Both the preliminary list of four preferred alternatives, as well as the full list of eight alternatives, will be presented for public discussion.
  - The meeting format will be a hybrid open-house format, with presentation and then opportunity for participants to ask questions of project team members at displays of different modes. "Dot voting" and/or a written survey will provide an opportunity for interactive public input on both the public's preferred alternatives as well as the public's assessment of the preliminary list.

- Meeting notices will include messaging that communicates, and makes relevant to people, the value of their participation: i.e., how their participation can change how people get around West County. The PB communications team will draft a meeting plan that includes proposed stations (and content for each), the desired message or outcome for each station, and any hands-on or interactive activities to stimulate discussion and dialogue between members of the public and the project team.
- Informational materials will include the project fact sheet, outlining Study goals, boundaries, and overview of the development process/future opportunities for public input.

#### Second round of meetings (two locations) – January 2016

- The second round of meetings will focus on a rigorous analysis of the four preferred alternatives and determination of the final proposal (set of projects) that will be carried forward.
- The meeting will have an open-house component at the beginning, but will follow a traditional format with a presentation and public Q&A. A written survey will be distributed and collected to provide an opportunity for input on the selection of the preferred alternative.
- The second round of meetings will be held prior to the January 29, 2016, WCCTAC Board meeting so that the identified final proposal can be reported-out and submitted for approval in a timely manner.
- See note on meeting plan under first round of meetings, above. The meeting plan will be adjusted slightly based on the Study needs and WCCTAC priorities at that time.

#### Online surveys

- For each round of meetings, we will solicit input on preferred transportation modes and (potential) alternatives. Participants will rank their top three transportation preferences, and provide pros/cons of each mode, via the SurveyMonkey platform.
- The online surveys will be similar to the written surveys available at the public meetings and will be online concurrently with the public meetings, so as to reach those who are not able to attend the meetings in person.
- o WCCTAC staff will review draft survey questions.

#### Social media survey

- A social media channel(s) identified by the WCCTAC Study Management
   Group/TAC/WCCTAC Board will host a simple question about the alternatives and invite responses via social media.
- Personal effort required to answer such a survey is very low, increasing the chances that people who do not (a) attend the town hall/meetings, or (b) answer the online survey, will provide input. While certain data, such as demographics, are not captured by a one-question survey, the intention is to capture a wide snapshot of what transit services are most desirable to meet travel needs among the followers of the identified social media channel(s). The consultants will compile the answers and provide them to the technical team and WCCTAC for consideration.

#### Translation and Interpretation

- o BART will provide translation and interpretation services for the project. All written materials to be translated will be provided to BART two weeks in advance of needing receipt of the translation. BART will be notified at least 72 hours in advance of any public meetings to provide interpretation services.
- Languages for materials to be translated into are Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

## 1.8 Preliminary Timeline of Communications and Outreach Activities

To be provided separately.



## **West Contra Costa High-Capacity Transit Study**

# Revised Draft Technical Memorandum #4 Summary and Evaluation of Prior Studies

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## **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

AC Transit Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

Alameda CTC Alameda County Transportation Commission

AT&SF Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway

BART Bay Area Rapid Transit

BNSF Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

BRT Bus Rapid Transit

Caltrans California Department of Transportation

CCTA Contra Costa Transportation Authority

CCJPA Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

COA Comprehensive Operations Analysis

CTP Comprehensive Transportation Plan

DMU Diesel Multiple Unit

EIR Environmental Impact Review

HOV High Occupancy Vehicle

I-80 Interstate 80

LOS Level of Service

LRT Light Rail Transit

MTC Metropolitan Transportation Commission

PDA Priority Development Area

RM Regional Measure

ROW Right-of-way

RTP Regional Transportation Plan

SRTP Short-Range Transit Plan

TOD Transit-Oriented Development

TSP Transit Signal Priority

TSP Transit Sustainability Project

UPRR Union Pacific Railroad

WestCAT Western Contra Costa Transit Authority Transit Service

WCCTA Western Contra Costa Transit Authority

WCCTAC West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee

WETA Water Emergency Transportation Authority

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 West Contra Costa County Transportation Setting

West Contra Costa County is a sub-region located in the Bay Area between the San Francisco Bay and the East Bay hills. It contains a mixture of residential and commercial development, with some notable heavy industrial land use. The study area is identified in Figure 1. The primary vehicular route through the County is Interstate 80 (I-80), which runs from the Carquinez Bridge to the Alameda County line and is considered one of the most congested corridors in the San Francisco Bay Area. San Pablo Avenue is the major arterial that runs north-south, parallel to I-80. It serves as an alternative to I-80 and is a major linkage of jurisdictions in West Contra Costa County. I-580 connects to I-80 in Richmond and provides an east-west connection between West Contra Costa County and Marin and Sonoma counties. Highway 4 (John Muir Parkway) provides an east-west connection into East Contra Costa County from Hercules to Concord and Pittsburg.

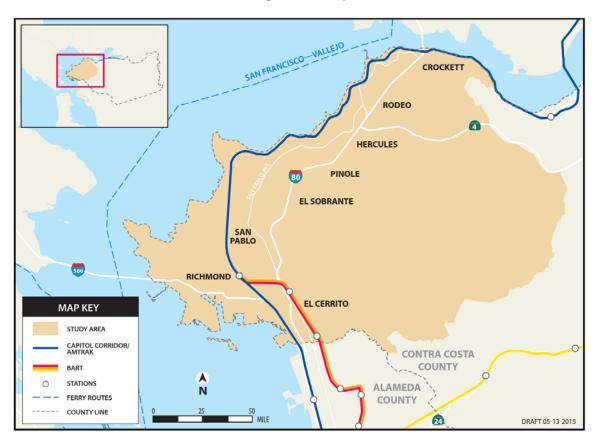


Figure 1: Study Area

Source: Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2015

West Contra Costa County is also served by several transit operators, including:

- Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) provides numerous local and express bus services in West County and a Rapid bus service on San Pablo Avenue. San Pablo Avenue and MacDonald Avenue are the two main corridors served by AC Transit in West County.<sup>1</sup>
- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) serves the southern portion of West Contra Costa County (West County) via the Richmond line. There are three BART stations in West County: El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito del Norte, and Richmond. The El Cerrito del Norte station has the highest ridership of all BART stations in Contra Costa County and, due to its proximity to I-80, serves as a major transit center providing connections from various bus services to BART. AC Transit, Golden Gate Transit, Fairfield-Suisun Transit, Soltrans, Vallejo Transit, and WestCAT all provide connections to BART at the El Cerrito del Norte BART station. Golden Gate Transit also provides a connection to the Richmond BART/Amtrak station.
- The Capitol Corridor (Amtrak) commuter service runs from Auburn to San Jose and stops at the Richmond BART station in West Contra Costa. The City of Hercules is pursuing another potential stop location at a proposed intermodal transit center along the Capitol Corridor. The Capitol Corridor service operates on the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way.
- The Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT) provides local bus service to the northern portion of West County to Crockett, Rodeo, Hercules, Pinole, and parts of El Sobrante. WestCAT also provides express bus service connecting Pinole and Hercules to the El Cerrito del Norte BART station and San Francisco.
- WETA is working with the City of Richmond to construct a new ferry terminal at the southern point of Ford Peninsula on the Richmond waterfront. The site is approximately 1.5 miles from downtown Richmond. Ferry service is expected to be operational by 2017.<sup>2</sup>

## 1.2 Study Purpose

The purpose of the West Contra Costa High Capacity Transit Study is to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of improving high capacity transit service in the West Contra Costa County travel corridor, which includes I-80, San Pablo Avenue, and Capitol Corridor service on the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WCCTAC, High Capacity Transit Study RFP, Available: http://www.wcctac.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/12/FINAL-RFP3.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> WCCTAC, High Capacity Transit Study RFP, Available: http://www.wcctac.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/FINAL-RFP3.pdf

Union Pacific railroad, extending from the Alameda County line to the vicinity of the Carquinez Bridge. This will require understanding travel markets and the demand for high-capacity transit in the corridor as part of the larger regional transit network, identifying the high capacity transit options in West Contra Costa County, and understanding the costs and potential funding sources for these options.

For over thirty years, the region has been studying the opportunities for introducing high capacity transit in West Contra Costa County owing to growing congestion on I-80. The potential for a BART extension has been studied every decade and consideration has also been given to new commuter rail service, expansion of Capitol Corridor service, express bus, and new ferry service. Each of these studies has shown the potential for capturing additional transit ridership and during the past twenty years, Capitol Corridor service has been expanded, new express bus services introduced, and ferry service to Vallejo initiated. With the exception of a study conducted by MTC in the mid 90's, little consideration has been given to the integration of transit services and how modal options can complement each other to improve transit ridership and maximize linkages throughout the county.

The investments that have been made have not kept pace with demand as travel in the study area and the I-80 corridor has steadily grown. Congestion, as that experienced on I-80, is a positive indicator of the region's desirability and economic prosperity. It is evident that people want to live, work, and raise their families in the area. However, due to latent demand for travel, the ability to reduce congestion is limited. As such, the goal of the study is not to "end" congestion, but to assess current conditions, identify future travel markets, and develop feasible alternatives that optimize existing resources. The study will focus on how to most effectively capture a larger share of the market on transit so as to reduce the impacts of growth.

The purpose of this study then is to look at these evaluations to gain an understanding of what has been considered in the past and to take a fresh look at multi-modal solutions to increase high-capacity transit in the West Contra Costa travel corridor.

High capacity transit is defined as a service or system that provides substantially higher levels of passenger capacity, speed, and service frequency as compared to community-based or local bus services. Transit options that will be evaluated as part of this study include: freeway-based express bus, bus rapid transit, and/or light rail, extension of BART service, commuter rail improvements, and ferry service expansion.

## 1.3 Purpose of this Technical Memorandum

The purpose of this technical memorandum is to summarize and evaluate prior studies that have been undertaken to address congestion in the west county study area. The information collected as part of this technical memorandum will be used to inform subsequent tasks.

The following studies were reviewed:

- AC Transit Major Corridors Study, ongoing
- AC Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis, ongoing
- BART West Contra Costa Extension Study, 1983
- BART West Contra Costa Extension Alignment Study, 1992
- BART Contra Costa-Solano Rail Feasibility Study, 2003
- BART Vision Plan, 2014
- Capitol Corridor Business Plan, 2014
- Capitol Corridor Vision Plan, 2014
- Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (CCTA) Ferry Feasibility Study, 2014
- CCTA Express Bus Study, 2001
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) I-80 Corridor Study, 1996
- MTC Regional Rail Plan, 2007
- WestCAT Short Range Transit Plan, 2013
- West Contra Costa County Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) Additional
   West County Train Station Site Evaluation, 1999
- In addition, a review of the General Plans of the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, and Richmond was conducted, along with a number of additional plans that fall within the study area.

#### 2 REVIEW OF PRIOR STUDIES

The following section provides a brief description of each study and summarizes issues and findings that are relevant to the High Capacity Transit Study.

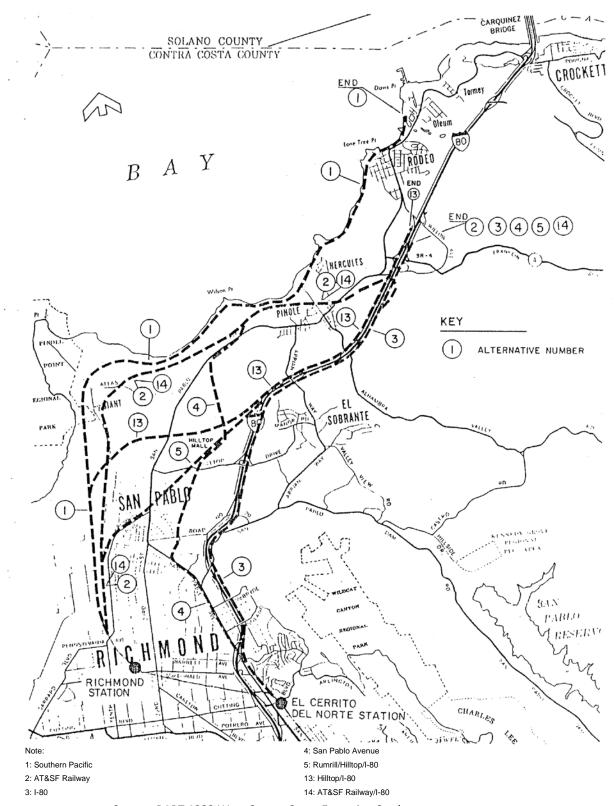
## 2.1 BART West Contra Costa Extension Study, 1983

The first regional study to evaluate options for high capacity transit was the 1983 BART West Contra Costa Extension Study. This study evaluated 15 alternatives to extend BART's Richmond line into northwest Contra Costa County and was the first time that the BART Board looked at the feasibility of extending BART service further north in Western Contra Costa County. The study looked at alignment options and station sites connecting via the Richmond or El Cerrito del Norte BART stations.

From the original 15 alternatives, seven were advanced as being the most promising. Figure 2 shows the seven alignments the study considered the most viable and recommended be advanced for consideration. The seven alternatives included:

• **Southern Pacific:** Extension directly north from Richmond BART station within the Southern Pacific ROW and following the bayfront with the potential for four stations. This alternative would require considerable amounts of aerial structures to avoid

Figure 2: 1983 BART West Contra Costa Extension Study Alternatives for Consideration



Source: BART 1983 West Contra Costa Extension Study

- conflicts with utilities and spur tracks. At a total distance of 9.9 miles, this was the longest alternative by one mile.
- Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway (AT&SF): Extension directly north from Richmond BART station using the existing AT&SF ROW. This alternative would require additional ROW acquisition and dislocation of existing structures. This alternative included three stations.
- Interstate-80: Extension from El Cerrito del Norte BART station with the alignment paralleling the eastern side of I-80. Three potential stations were identified. This alternative would require extensive earth cuts and fill, aerial structures, some tunneling and construction of a new yard. Under this alternative train speeds would be limited due to the grades along the alignment. This alternative also involved design complexities due to crossing the Hayward Fault on an aerial structure.
- San Pablo Avenue: Extension from El Cerrito del Norte BART station with an aerial structure down the median of San Pablo Boulevard and four potential stations. Considered the most expensive of the seven alternatives, this option would require extensive tunneling near Hilltop Mall, aerial structures, and a new yard.
- Rumrill/Hilltop/I-80: Extension directly north from Richmond BART station with an aerial structure in the median of Rumrill Boulevard and extensive tunneling near Hilltop Mall. This alternative would result in four potential stations and had the shortest alignment length.
- **Hilltop/I-80:** Extension directly north from Richmond BART station requiring earth cuts and fills and some tunneling with four potential stations. This alternative would conflict with the I-80 high occupancy vehicle (HOV) Lane Project.
- AT&SF Railway/I-80: Extension directly north from Richmond BART station using the
  existing AT&SF ROW with additional ROW acquisition and dislocation of existing
  structures. This alternative would offer potential stations at three locations and would
  require construction of a new yard.

#### Key findings of the study included:

The vicinity of I-80 and State Route 4 was identified as a logical northern terminus. This
area had sufficient undeveloped and relatively flat land for construction of a BART
station and end-of-the-line train storage track, and future flexibility for BART extension
to the north or east.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A BART park-and-ride facility has been developed at this location.

- Extension north from the Richmond BART station was considered more advantageous than extension from the El Cerrito del Norte station, due to requirements for a new yard at the El Cerrito del Norte station.
- Extensions further north to either Crockett or Cummings Skyway were not considered to be advantageous when considering the added capital and operating costs versus the added ridership.
- Depending on the alternative, projected farebox recovery ranged from 23 to 43 percent.
- A shuttle service with passengers transferring at the end of the extension would result
  in substantial cost savings (\$2 million per year in 1983 dollars), but would have reduced
  patronage as compared to through service.
- Trade-offs exist for capital costs initially invested and patronage or total benefit.

Following the completion of the 1983 study, a preferred alignment from the existing Richmond BART station through the City of San Pablo, under the Hilltop Mall area, and along the western side of I-80 to the vicinity of the City of Crockett was adopted by the BART Board of Directors.<sup>4</sup>

#### 2.2 BART West Contra Costa Extension Alignment Study, 1992

The 1992 West Contra Costa Extension Alignment Study evaluated potential rail transit alternatives within the I-80 corridor for transit alignments and station sites in West Contra Costa County and limited portions of Solano County. The 1992 study reexamined the feasibility of rail extensions previously identified in the 1983 West Contra Costa Alignment Study and was initiated due to major changes in land use, population, and growing travel demand in the region. BART was also interested in undertaking a more detailed analysis of the alignments that were evaluated in the 1983 study and in assessing the potential for light rail transit (LRT) as an alternative to conventional BART technology. Initial screening for the 1992 study evaluated six grade-separated heavy rail alignments, three corridor-long LRT alignments, and two existing railroads for commuter rail service.

The initial screening found:

- Southern Pacific and AT&SF railroad alignments were determined unsuitable for highspeed heavy rail transit, such as BART, due to the curvature of the ROW in West Contra Costa County
- Building LRT along San Pablo Avenue would require additional ROW and major reconstruction

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> BART, West Contra Costa Extension Alignment Study, 1992

From the initial study, four heavy rail alternatives that would allow for an extension of BART trackage and a potential future extension into Solano County across the Carquinez Strait were advanced (see Figure 3).

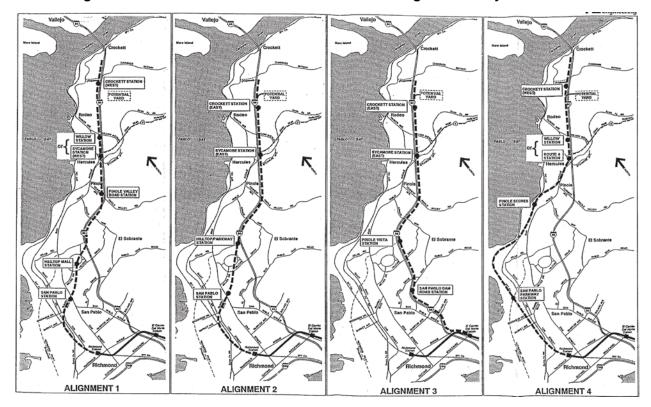


Figure 3: 1992 BART West Contra Costa Extension Alignment Study Alternatives

Source: BART 1992 West Contra Costa Extension Alignment Study

The study found that for the four alternatives:

- Alignment 1 ranked moderate for travel measures (e.g., passenger numbers, travel time, relief of I-80, tight curves, and staging) category, but poorly in terms of cost and impact.
- Alignment 2 had the highest ranking for travel measures and moderate relative capital costs.
- Alignment 3 ranked moderate for travel measures, and cost and impact.
- Alignment 4 ranked low for travel measures and moderate in terms of cost and impact.
   Alignment 4 was also found to be the least costly of the four alternatives.

Major findings of the study included:

- A BART extension could generate significant patronage
- Due to the rolling terrain in the study corridor all alternatives would require significant amounts of guideway on structures to maintain acceptable grades.

- Screening studies identified two principal corridor routes:
  - > Along the San Pablo Bay shore (route of the Southern Pacific Railroad mainline)
  - > Along I-80
- Operation of commuter rail such as LRT may be an interim approach to providing heavy rail transit in the corridor and may help develop a market for rail transit. The analysis found that extending the LRT to the northern portion of the corridor would result in longer travel times and, thus, make LRT less effective than a standard commuter rail facility.

The study did not recommend a preferred alternative but provided information about the options for a new rail alignment within the I-80 corridor and outlined the next steps to take to further advance the development of a transit solution for this corridor.

#### 2.3 MTC I-80 Corridor Study, 1996

The MTC I-80 Corridor Study was undertaken as a joint effort between Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano counties, MTC, Caltrans, and multiple transit agencies providing service in the I-80 corridor. The I-80 Corridor Study advanced a long-term strategy and investment plan to improve mobility within the I-80 Corridor, which continued to be one of the most heavily, traveled corridors with the greatest number of congested segments in the Bay Area. It looked not only at integrated transportation solutions, but also a framework for integrating land use and transportation projects in the corridor. The study corridor for this study extended from downtown Oakland to the Solano/Yolo county line near Davis.

The worst congestion levels in the corridor at that time, as today, occurred between the Bay Bridge and Pinole Valley Road in Contra Costa County. In addition, trucks constituted between 7 to 12 percent or more of daily traffic volumes in the heavily traveled parts of the corridor.

The study analyzed 10 project alternatives that were designed to capture the full range of improvements for the corridor:

- Alternative 1 Projects in the 1994 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Alternative 2 Ramp metering in Alameda County and Contra Costa County portions of the I-80 corridor.
- Alternative 3 Express bus service improvements within and from Solano County and HOV extension through Vallejo.
- **Alternative 4** Commuter rail service from Dixon to Oakland with feeder service to the rail stations and a West Oakland intermodal station connection to BART.

- Alternative 5 HOV lanes and a high level of express bus service throughout the corridor and light rail service on San Pablo Avenue in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.
- Alternative 6 High level of commuter rail service. Light rail service would be implemented on San Pablo Avenue and HOV lanes would be implemented throughout Fairfield and Vacaville.
- Alternative 7 High levels of express bus service and high levels of commuter rail service.
- Alternative 8 BART extension to Vallejo.
- Alternative 9 Major express bus service from Solano County, in addition to the
  expansion of AC Transit express bus service between Contra Costa and Alameda
  counties and San Francisco.
- Alternative 10 BART extension to Hercules and RTP projects.

Express bus and commuter rail services, combined with a staged extension of the I-80 HOV lane, offered a cost-effective and financially feasible strategy for providing rapid transit, increasing transit ridership, and managing congestion in the corridor. Although express bus and commuter rail improvements do not attract as many new riders as a BART extension, they are more cost-effective than a BART extension alternative to address the demand for high quality transit service in the corridor.

Based on the alternatives analysis, the study recommended several transit service improvements:

- Operate ferry service between Vallejo and San Francisco (three/four roundtrips during peak periods)
- Operate express bus service throughout the corridor on the HOV network, providing direct service into San Francisco and connecting with BART in the I-80 and I-680 corridors.
- Provide three daily commute period roundtrips on the Capitol Corridor rail service between Sacramento and the greater Bay Area.
- Improve access to and within the Richmond and El Cerrito del Norte BART stations to accommodate increased feeder and express buses serving these stations—and rely on BART's current plans to increase its capacity by reducing headways.

 Maintain and expand the feeder bus network to bring people to corridor rail stations and provide local bus service to operate between corridor communities.<sup>5</sup>

The complete I-80 Corridor Investment Plan, as recommended by this study, is outlined in Figure 4.

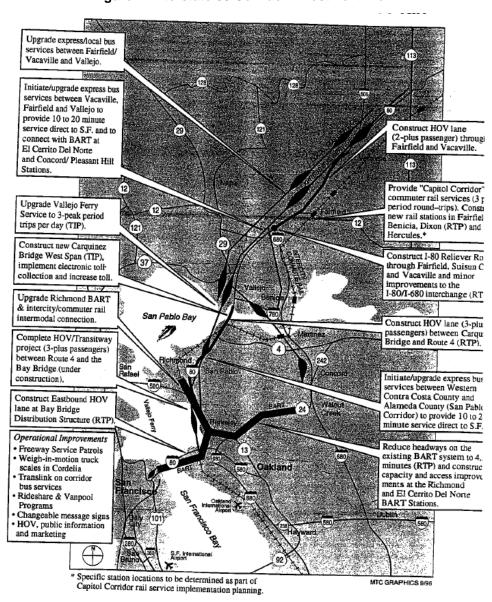


Figure 4: Interstate 80 Corridor Investment Plan

Source: MTC, 1996 1-80 Corridor Study

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> MTC, Interstate 80 Corridor Study Summary Report, Available: <a href="www.wcctac.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/MTC-I-80-Corridor-Study-11-20-1996.pdf">www.wcctac.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/MTC-I-80-Corridor-Study-11-20-1996.pdf</a>

Since the completion of this study, WestCAT has implemented increased feeder bus service to the El Cerrito del Norte BART station. There are also several WCCTA express bus lines that travel on the HOV lanes on the I-80 corridor, including the JX and JPX express routes, Lynx TransBay service and the Route J service. The JX provides service between the Hercules Transit Center and the El Cerrito del Norte BART station. The JPX provides service between the Hercules Transit Center, Pinole and the El Cerrito del Norte BART station. In addition, the San Francisco Bay Ferry provides year-round weekday and weekend service between Vallejo and the San Francisco Ferry Building or Pier 41 terminals.

# 2.4 WCCTAC Additional West County Train Station Site Evaluation, 1999

The 1999 Additional West County Train Station Site was undertaken by WCCTAC in response to continued concerns that previous studies and outcomes of those studies had not yet fully addressed the transportation needs of West Contra Costa County and that additional study was necessary to consider rail opportunities, specifically potential new Capitol Corridor station sites. This study evaluated two candidate Capitol Corridor Station sites, in Hercules and Rodeo to address concerns with I-80 congestion and the lack of rail transit service to West County. A previous proposal to extend BART from Richmond to the vicinity of Hilltop Mall never came to fruition due to the high cost and lack of available funding.

The proposed Hercules station site is located along San Pablo Bay and west of Refugio Creek, while the proposed Rodeo station site is located within the East Bay Regional Park District just south of John Street. The stations were evaluated based on criteria developed to conform to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) Policy on Train Station and WCCTAC requirements, which include: travel measures, site design measures, land use/environmental considerations, institutional viability, and cost measures.

The proposed station in Hercules rated higher in every category except for cost, including:

• Travel measures. The proposed Hercules station was projected to have a higher increase in population than Rodeo and the surrounding area had more development potential. Although both sites had equal automobile market share (and are located a mile or less from I-80), the Hercules site was anticipated to have a pedestrian market area more than three times larger than the expected pedestrian market in Rodeo and more existing bus service near the proposed station site. The projected ridership for Hercules was 900 passengers per month, while Rodeo was 700 passengers per month.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Western Contra Costa Transit Authority, Short Range Transit Plan, Available: http://westcat.org/administration/srtp.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> WETA, Vallejo Ferry Service, Available: https://sanfranciscobayferry.com/route/sffb/vallejo

- **Site design measures.** Although both sites met the site design requirements outlined in JPA's "Policy on Train Stations" and would have minimal traffic impacts, the Rodeo station site would require acquisition of private property. In addition, the surrounding property of the Rodeo site was mostly developed which limited expansion. In contrast, the Hercules site was then vacant and the property owner had agreed to accommodate the train station.
- Land use/environmental considerations. The proposed Hercules rail station was
  compatible with the intensity of development proposed for the surrounding region,
  Lower Refugio Valley. Hercules also had no parkland impacts (whereas the Rodeo site
  was located partially on parkland) and would not be subject to the federal Section 4(f)
  process.
- Institutional viability. The Hercules site had a greater potential to obtain state funding because of higher ridership projections, the advanced status of plans for development adjacent to the proposed site, and financial commitments from the City of Hercules. The Hercules station site also had joint development potential since the City of Hercules had completed approvals for a Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a town center project that included the train station.
- Cost measures. The Hercules site would have a higher capital costs because of necessary track modifications, while the operating costs of both sites would be about the same.<sup>8</sup>

The study recommended that the West Contra Costa train station be located at the Hercules site, illustrated in Figure 5. Since the study was completed, significant progress has been made. Preliminary studies, environmental clearance, design, and right-of-way acquisition are completed and the station is currently under construction, with an estimated completion summer 2017.<sup>9</sup>

## 2.5 CCTA Express Bus Study, 2001

The Express Bus Study undertaken by CCTA in 2001 was initiated in response to concerns regarding the ongoing difficulty of long distance transit trips in Contra Costa County. Longer distance trips required long travel times and transfers rather than a fast, single mode trip. The integration of express bus service using the HOV lane network was a viable option to explore as a way of expanding high level transit service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> WCCTAC, Additional West County Train Station Site Evaluation, Available: <a href="https://www.wcctac.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WCCTAC-Additonal-West-County-Train-Station-Site-Evaluation-5-1999.pdf">www.wcctac.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WCCTAC-Additonal-West-County-Train-Station-Site-Evaluation-5-1999.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> CCTA, Hercules Rail Station Fact Sheet, Available: <a href="www.ccta.net/">www.ccta.net/</a> resources/detail/24/2

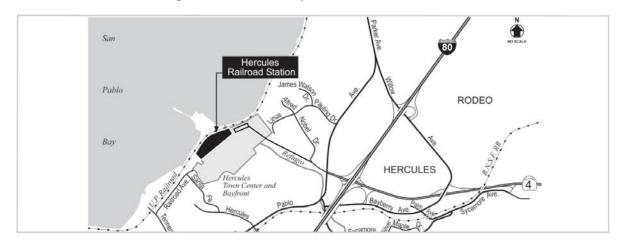


Figure 5: Hercules Capitol Corridor Station Site

Source: CCTA, Hercules Rail Station Fact Sheet

The 2001 Express Bus Study describes an integrated express bus plan for Contra Costa County and proposes several new or expanded express bus routes intended to supplement existing services. The plan describes a basic scenario, which was planned to be operational by 2007, and an enhanced scenario for 2020, which builds on the basic scenario. Figure 6 illustrates the proposed bus service in the I-80 corridor.

In the proposed basic scenario, bus operators would introduce improved services from Martinez that would also serve residents in West Contra Costa County, including:

- A new service connecting Martinez, Hercules, Pinole and El Sobrante residents with the San Francisco Transbay Transit Terminal.
- A new service operating during the commute period that would provide linkages for residents of Martinez, Hercules, Pinole and El Sobrante to West Berkeley and Emeryville.

In the enhanced scenario, several express bus services were proposed:

- A regularly scheduled, all day, frequent express bus service that would connect Vallejo
  with El Cerrito del Norte BART. This route would stop at strategic locations along the I80 corridor and the stops would be designed to allow buses to enter and exit the
  median HOV lanes with minimum delay.
- A limited stop all day service on a parallel arterial, San Pablo Avenue Key Route, which
  would also operate in this corridor. This service would be extended to connect with the
  all-day express bus services on I-80. The San Pablo Avenue Key Route would be
  extended on San Pablo Avenue north of the Hilltop area, ending at the Hercules transfer
  point.

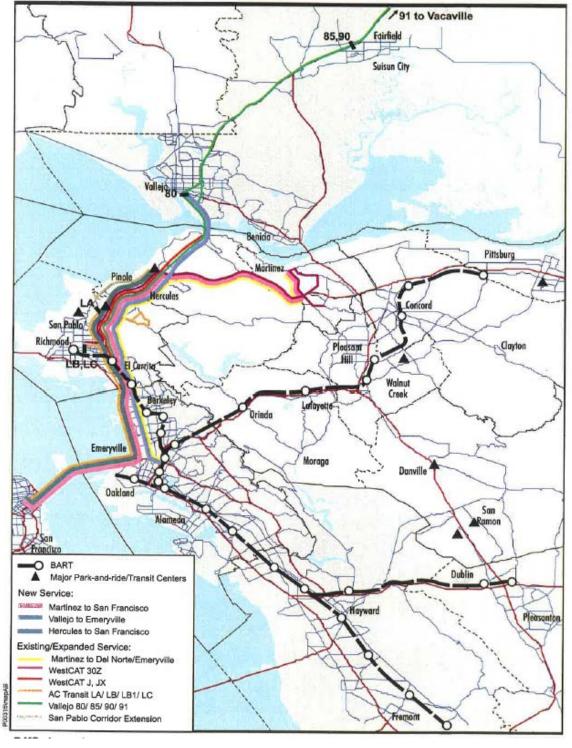


Figure 6: Proposed Bus Service

Source: DKS Associates, 2001, Contra Costa Express Bus Study

 All-day services would be expanded by commuter express services that would operate during peak hours, providing linkages from Martinez, the Pinole/Hercules area, and Solano County communities to areas such as Berkeley/Emeryville and the Transbay Transit Terminal.

These proposed express bus services cannot be successful without complimentary infrastructure investments. The opening of the HOV lane on I-80 increased the popularity of park-and-ride lots significantly, which subsequently created a shortage of spaces. In the enhanced scenario, a major parking expansion is proposed at Hilltop/Richmond Parkway and the Hercules areas. In addition, HOV ramps at El Cerrito del Norte heading to and from the north and at Richmond Parkway headed to and from the south are also proposed for the enhanced scenario. These ramps would increase the reliability of travel times for buses.

In order to implement a successful express bus system, the study provided guidance on how to implement the recommendations discussed above:

- Form an express bus working group to address institutional issues.
- Develop a common bus stop design to establish a connected, coordinated transit system throughout the county.
- Integrate with local jurisdiction planning and project development.
- Develop a pro-active funding plan that outlines the amount of funding necessary to implement the integrated express bus program in the event funding opportunities arise.
- Gain field insights (including the opportunities and challenges associated with express bus operations) by riding express buses.<sup>10</sup>

Currently there are express bus services in West County that were implemented to serve the markets noted above, though not all of the recommended measures have been put in place. The LYNX bus provides service to the San Francisco Transbay Transit Center from the Hercules Transit Center. Connections to the LYNX bus are provided at the Transit Center via the 30Z from Martinez, and the J, JX, and JPX, which operate on San Pablo Avenue or I-80. The J, JX, and the JPX also provide direct connections to the El Cerrito del Norte BART station. From Vallejo the 80 provides all day service to the El Cerrito del Norte BART station. Limited stop service (the J line) is in place on San Pablo Avenue connecting from the Hilltop Mall to the Hercules Transit Center. To date, there are no direct express bus services to the West Berkeley and Emeryville area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> CCTA, Contra Costa Express Bus Study, Available: <a href="http://ccta.net/\_resources/detail/50/1">http://ccta.net/\_resources/detail/50/1</a>

#### 2.6 BART Contra Costa-Solano Rail Feasibility Study, 2003

The BART Contra Costa-Solano Rail Feasibility Study was undertaken to look once again at options for providing congestion relief from the "unrelenting" congestion on I-80 and to address projected growth. The study evaluated options for operating passenger rail on existing railroad rights of way to provide a commute alternative along the I-80 corridor for residents of Solano and Contra Costa counties. The study examined a short-term option (integration of commuter rail service serving the Bay Area trips with intercity service along the existing Capitol Corridor route from Solano County using the Capitol Corridor vehicles) and long-term options (local passenger rail service from Hercules to Richmond along either the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) or the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF) right of way using railroad diesel multiple unit [DMU] technology). <sup>11</sup> For the 2003 study, it was assumed that both the short- and long-term options would connect with the Richmond BART station.

The 2003 BART study found that the I-80 corridor will be severely congested during peak hours. The 2003 study also found that existing and future conditions would include:

- Population and employment growth in the I-80 corridor.
- Commute trends existing at the time of the study would likely continue.
- Investment in highway and transit systems may not meet population and employment growth.
- Congestion on I-80 may worsen.
- Rail assets exist that may provide alternatives for commuters (though these assets will require infrastructure and capacity improvements to be used for passenger service).

The 2003 study found that station sites with the best potential for transit-oriented development (TOD) were Market Avenue (on both UPRR and BNSF alignments), Richmond Parkway (both alignments), Montara Bay, Pinole Shores, Tennent Avenue, and a proposed Hercules Capitol Corridor station. The 2003 study found three viable alignments in the West Contra Costa area:

- Alternative 1: Railroad DMU technology on the BNSF alignment between the Richmond BART station and a proposed new Hercules Transit Center east of I-80.
- Alternative 2: Railroad DMU technology on the UP alignment between Richmond BART station and the proposed Hercules Capitol Corridor Station.
- Alternative 7: Same alignment as Alternative 2 but using "light" DMU technology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> A DMU is a self-propelled, diesel-powered rail passenger car arranged either for independent operation or for simultaneous operation with other similar cars, when connected to form a train.

Figure 7: 2003 Potential DMU Extensions and Stations Vallejo **UP DMU Route** MAGAZINE STREET **BNSF DMU Route** STATION DMU Route to Vallejo **HERCULES TRANSIT** 780 Benicia Pinole Martinez Hercules 4 Pablo TRANSIT CENTER BART/AMTRAK RICHMOND STATION Richmond Εĺ Cerrrito (123 Orinda

Figure 7 shows the potential alignment and station locations identified in the 2003 study.

Source: BART 2003 Contra Costa-Solano Rail Feasibility Study

The 2003 study presented the following findings related to the long-term rail study:

- Ridership projections from Richmond to Hercules demonstrate a viable service.
- A possible extension of rail service to Vallejo could have a positive impact in the reduction of congestion.
- The study corridor shows strong TOD potential and local jurisdictions willing to develop along TOD principles.
- DMU options provide lower cost rail alternatives with a substantial level of service for West Contra Costa County residents.<sup>12</sup>

To date, no extension of the eastern segment of the Richmond BART line has occurred. The current BART Vision Plan outlined below, still identifies the potential for a future BART extension in this corridor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> BART, Contra Costa-Solano Rail Feasibility Study, 2003

### 2.7 MTC Regional Rail Plan, 2007

The purpose of the 2007 Regional Rail Plan was to develop a new comprehensive vision for a Bay Area regional rail network; a task that had not been undertaken in over half a century. This study encompassed the entire region and identified rail connections to a statewide network, including the planned California High-Speed Rail network. The intent was to identify a region-wide system of rail improvements and expansions to guide investment decisions; create a safe, fast, reliable, and integrated passenger and rail network to address the projected growth in transportation demand; and enhance economic vitality of Northern California, while minimizing the impact on the environment. The Regional Rail Plan identified two alternatives for regional rail without high-speed rail to address congestion in the I-80 Corridor:

- Alternative 1 Developed the UPRR/Capitol Corridor line between Oakland and
  Sacramento with a range of capacity and operational improvements and recommended
  a BART extension to North Hercules. This alternative expanded the UPRR/Capitol
  Corridor line from three to four main tracks. The BNSF freight line, which currently
  connects to the UPRR line in Richmond, opposes passenger traffic since this line is a
  critical freight connection to the Port of Oakland.
- Alternative 2 Provided separate passenger-only tracks within the UPRR right-of-way to support the operation of lightweight passenger equipment. This alternative also revised the alignment north of Hercules to follow the I-80 corridor across a new Carquinez Bridge at Vallejo, and continue on to reconnect with the UPRR line near Cordelia.

The plan recommended Alternative 1 as more favorable, with potential for local passenger services on the expanded UPRR line. Implementation of separate passenger-only tracks for lightweight equipment in Alternative 2 conflicts with UPRR policies and the long-range plan for the Capitol Corridor, whereas Alternative 1 is able to yield significant service improvements using standard equipment shared with freight.

Although the cost of the BART extension to North Hercules would make the total cost of Alternative 1 similar to Alternative 2, the shared operation of freight trackage and expansion to four tracks would provide enough track capacity to provide overlay services such as wBART, which would operate on conventional rail.<sup>13</sup>

## 2.8 WestCAT Short Range Transit Plan, 2013

The 2013 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) is a planning tool to guide WCCTA's future investments and to maintain and develop its transit services. SRTP's are updated on a regular basis and are done within the context of longer range more comprehensive plans. The SRTP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> MTC, San Francisco Bay Area Regional Rail Plan, Available: <a href="http://www.mtc.ca.gov/library/pub/25533\_1.pdf">http://www.mtc.ca.gov/library/pub/25533\_1.pdf</a>

recognized that I-80 is the most congested freeway in the San Francisco Bay Area and emphasized the need to explore more cost-effective and cost-efficient modes of travel that would divert traffic on I-80 and relieve congestion, which it noted would be more economical than a BART extension.

Several existing initiatives that are focused on congestion relief include:

- HOV lanes I-80 has HOV lanes in place and there are several WestCAT express bus services and local routes that utilize the HOV lanes, including the JX express bus service and the Route J service, which both travel between the Hercules Transit Center and the El Cerrito del Norte BART station. The HOV lanes create significant potential for express bus or bus-only right-of-way.
- Increase in bus service to BART stations. In response to growing congestion on I-80, WCCTA implemented increased feeder bus service in 2004 to the El Cerrito del Norte BART station and ridership has increased by over 50 percent since then.
- I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project. Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project is an intelligent transportation system project that is currently underway to address congestion issues within this corridor. The project recommends metering lights on all on-ramps in the WWCTA service area to increase mobility and improve traffic flow.
- WestCAT LYNX. WestCAT LYNX is a Transbay service that was implemented in September 2005 and provides service between Rodeo/Hercules and the Financial District in San Francisco on weekdays only during commute hours. The transbay service was implemented as a result of two studies, the Contra Costa Express Bus Study and the Bay Area Regional Express Bus Study. In 2010, WCCTA added limited midday service to this route to address the implementation of a charge for crossing the Bay Bridge in a carpool, and for riders who needed to return from San Francisco during the day.<sup>14</sup>

## 2.9 BART Vision Plan, 2014

The BART Vision Plan is intended to be a comprehensive look at the next round of BART investments for the region weighing improvements to the existing core system, state of good repair, and potential new service extensions. The 2014 Vision Plan is currently under development and scheduled to go to the BART Board at the end of May 2015. The purpose of the plan is to engage the public and stakeholders and advise the BART Board regarding future

Western Contra Costa Transit Authority, Short Range Transit Plan, Available: <a href="http://westcat.org/administration/srtp.html">http://westcat.org/administration/srtp.html</a>

investments to the BART system. The five critical elements to the future BART system as presented to the Board in June 2014 are:

- Big 3 Essential Investments
  - o Railcars
  - Hayward Maintenance Complex
  - o Train Control System Modernization
- State of Good Repair
- Capacity
- Stations Program
- Expansion,
  - o Infill stations
  - New corridors

The following potential projects in the West Contra Costa County area were presented to the BART Board in June, 2014. Figures 8 to 10 identify the location of these potential projects:



Figure 8: Possible Future Study Corridor for Eastshore DMU

Source: BART 2014. BART Vision Update Presentation to the BART Board

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Figure 9: wBART Possible Future Study Corridor

Source: BART 2014. BART Vision Update Presentation to the BART Board

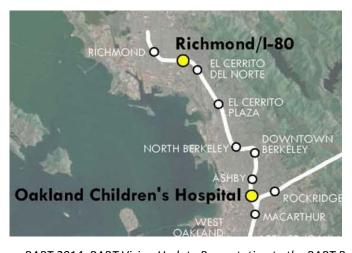


Figure 10: Possible Future Infill Station Study

Source: BART 2014. BART Vision Update Presentation to the BART Board

- Eastshore/Capitol Corridor Overlay Extending DMU service from Lake Merritt BART station to Richmond BART station along the east bay shoreline and continuing north to Hercules
- wBART extending along the I-80 corridor from the Richmond BART station to Hercules
- Infill Station at Richmond/I-80

# 2.10 Capitol Corridor Vision Plan Update, 2014

The Capitol Corridor Vision Plan is the initial mapping of the long-term investment strategy to transform the Capitol Corridor into a modern electrified railroad built to international standards

and capable of top speeds of 150 miles per hour. The Vision Plan focuses on both short-term and long-term improvements and extends beyond the limits of West Contra Costa County.

In the short term, the Vision Plan is focused on service-expansion projects the agency has been pursuing since 2005. These projects, which include rail infrastructure improvements to facilitate increasing the number of round trips between Oakland and San Jose from seven to eleven trips, would be under construction or completed in the next 10 years.

In the long-term, major capital investments have been identified for further study. The section of the Capitol Corridor from Richmond to Suisun/Fairfield is one of the most challenging areas to speed up transit times and protect from sea-level rise due to the indirect route and the large number of curves that slow trains significantly through this part of the corridor. Figure 11 shows proposed alternatives for improving this portion of the corridor. From the existing alignment on the UPRR, the alignment would join the BNSF Stockton Subdivision just north of the City of Richmond to provide for a more direct route to the north. Three alternative alignments in the northern segment include:

SAN Vallejo PABLO High Bridges BAY **Existing Alignment** Straightened As Feasible Benicio Port Costa Strait Hercule Franklin Canyon Tunnel/SR 4 Route Richmond Alignments Join in **Existing ROW** 20 Berkeley

Figure 11: Alternatives for Improvement along the Capitol Corridor in West Contra Costa County

Source: Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority 2014 Vision plan Update Final Version

• Improve Existing Alignment Alternative – This alternative would reconnect with the existing UPRR ROW just north of the City of Hercules. Under this alternative curves would be flattened and raised to protect against rising water levels using cut and cover

- engineering methods. This alternative is one of the least expensive because it requires no tunneling or ROW acquisition, but could require significant time and money to analyze and mitigate potential environmental impacts and to secure permits.
- Franklin Canyon Tunnels Alternative This alternative would follow the BNSF alignment, turning inland at Hercules to follow Highway 4 in Franklin Canyon via a 1.3 mile tunnel. This alignment would include a station at the Hercules Transit Center, rather than the Hercules New Town Center. After following Highway 4 for nearly two miles, the alignment would enter another 2.7 mile tunnel before reconnecting with the existing alignment in Martinez. To reach a high-level crossing running parallel to the Benicia-Martinez Bridge, the route would rise for 1.9 miles through Martinez on an elevated guideway in the existing right-of-way. On the north side of the Carquinez Strait, the route would tunnel under I-680 to rejoin the existing right-of-way.
- Vallejo Alternative -This alternative would follow the BNSF Stockton Subdivision for 4.5 miles before transitioning to an elevated or at grade alignment down the center of the I-80 right-of-way through Vallejo and the Jameson and American canyons. This alternative would connect back to the existing alignment in Suisun City via the California Northern right-of-way. This alternative would require a complete reconstruction of a segment of I-80. Another Vallejo alternative would pass through the heart of the city via an existing, extremely constrained rail right-of-way. Both of these options are viewed as unlikely for reasons of both cost and impact.

The most promising alignment for a new, more reliable high-level crossing of the Carquinez Strait appears to be parallel to the existing crossing, between the twin spans of the Benicia-Martinez (I-680) auto bridge. A new bridge could connect at its southern end to the existing alignment, rather than along a new I-80 alignment through Vallejo as required for the Vallejo alternative.<sup>15</sup>

## 2.11 CCTA Ferry Feasibility Study, 2014

The purpose of the CCTA Ferry Feasibility Study from 2014 was to assess the financial implications of the ferry services that had been proposed over the past decade in Contra Costa County to determine which services were the most viable for implementation and to guide future investment priorities. The Financial Feasibility of Contra Costa County Ferry Service report presents a feasibility analysis of four direct service ferry lines in Contra Costa County: Richmond, Hercules, Martinez, and Antioch, to help guide future planning and investment priorities. Financial feasibility is defined as generating revenues that equal or exceed costs.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority 2014 Capitol Corridor Vision Plan Update Final Version

The Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) operates key San Francisco Bay ferry service routes and planning is underway for additional ferry service, including the routes analyzed in this study. WETA faces financial constraints associated with its key revenue source (Bay Area bridge toll funding, Regional Measure (RM) 1 and RM2) and would need to find new or increased funding sources to sustain or improve its ferry service. Policy decisions related to allocation of funding sources affect the feasibility of expanding service to Contra Costa County.

WETA targets a minimum 40 percent farebox revenue recovery ratio and Richmond is the only service that would meet this criteria. The Richmond service has strong ridership potential because the service route to San Francisco is relatively short and therefore the operating cost per passenger trip is lower compared to the other routes. During the first year of service, Richmond is projected to have more than 250,000 trips, resulting in a 45 percent farebox revenue recovery ratio. The service only requires one vessel, which reduces operating costs significantly, and the existing docking facilities and deep water access means the Richmond terminal would have relatively low capital costs. Capital costs are estimated between \$8 and \$12 million, and the purchase of two new vessels (one for daily service and one spare) is estimated to cost \$34 million.

The three other services were found to be infeasible given the WETA minimum farebox recovery target, unless each city is able to identify additional revenue (i.e., state, regional, and/or local funding) to fund operating costs not covered by the farebox revenue:

- The Hercules service was projected to have 100,600 trips during the first year of service, resulting in a farebox revenue recovery percentage of 14 percent. Initial capital costs would range from \$20 million to \$35 million and the purchase of three new vessels would cost an estimated \$51 million (two for daily service and one spare). A major constraint identified for the Hercules service is that dredging would need to occur in order for conventional floating ferry vessels to reach the Hercules ferry terminal. A two-mile channel would need to be dredged, and maintenance dredging would be required every two to three years.
- The Martinez service was projected to have 70,000 trips during the first year of service, resulting in a farebox revenue recovery percentage of 12 percent. Initial capital costs would range from \$13.6 million to \$18.9 million and the purchase of three new vessels would cost an estimated \$51 million (two for daily service and one spare).
- The Antioch service is projected to have 67,000 trips during the first year of service, resulting in a farebox revenue recovery percentage of 19 percent. Initial capital costs range from \$5.8 million to \$36.8 million and the purchase of three new vessels would cost an estimated \$51 million (two for daily service and one spare).

Service routes could be combined into an interline route that would realize operating efficiencies (reducing the number of vessels and crews required systemwide)—but the length of the trip would increase, which would subsequently affect ridership demand. For the interlined routes Martinez-Hercules, Antioch-Martinez, and Antioch-Martinez-Hercules, additional non-farebox revenue would be required since none of the services meet the WETA minimum farebox revenue recovery target.

The study recommended several areas for further analysis that have not been studied or fully evaluated as part of the report, including various vessel technologies, potential role of the ferry system as part of Contra Costa County's emergency response plan, developing infrastructure to provide transit and/or weekend/evening service, and the potential economic impacts of ferry service.<sup>16</sup>

Since completion of this study, WETA proposed to establish a new ferry route between the existing San Francisco Ferry Terminal and a new ferry terminal located on the Ford Peninsula in the City of Richmond.<sup>17</sup> The WETA Board of Directors approved a cooperative Agreement with the CCTA and the City of Richmond to provide an operating subsidy for the proposed Richmond ferry service. WETA will now begin the process of securing funding for purchase of two ferry vessels. The Richmond ferry service is expected to be fully operational by 2018.<sup>18</sup>

## 2.12 AC Transit Major Corridors Study (Ongoing)

AC Transit has undertaken an evaluation of their nine highest ridership corridors within Alameda and Contra Costa counties to determine the potential for transit priority capital investments to facilitate transit operations and improve service. The Major Corridors final report, which will include short-term (2020) and long-term (2040) recommendations, is currently under development and scheduled to be completed in 2016. The San Pablo Avenue/Macdonald Avenue corridor that serves both Alameda County and West Contra Costa County is included as part of the Major Corridors Study, and initial recommendations include Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) infrastructure improvements on this corridor, which corresponds with transit improvements proposed on San Pablo Avenue in CCTA's Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> CCTA, Financial Feasibility of Contra Costa Ferry Service, 2015-2024, Available: http://ccta.net/about/download/53a87c424d21b.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> WETA, Richmond Ferry Terminal Project, Available: <a href="http://sanfranciscobayferry.com/weta/richmond-ferry-terminal-project">http://sanfranciscobayferry.com/weta/richmond-ferry-terminal-project</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> WETA, WETA Approves Richmond Ferry Funding, Available: <a href="http://sanfranciscobayferry.com/weta-approves-richmond-ferry-funding">http://sanfranciscobayferry.com/weta-approves-richmond-ferry-funding</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> AC Transit, Staff Report: Update on Contra Costa Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Available: <a href="https://www.actransit.org/wp-content/uploads/board">www.actransit.org/wp-content/uploads/board</a> memos/14-</a>
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<a href="https://www.actransit.org/wp-content/uploads/board">261%20Contra%20Costa%20Transportation%20Plan.pdf</a>

## 2.13 AC Transit Comprehensive Operations Analysis (Ongoing)

AC Transit's Comprehensive Operations Analysis examines all of the District's routes and schedules to look for opportunities to provide more effective and efficient service for the next five years. Initial recommendations on this corridor include service in West Contra Costa County on nine AC Transit routes, including more frequent service on Lines 72 and 72M which travel on San Pablo Avenue. The COA recommendations have gone through two rounds of public meetings, and final recommendations are anticipated in fall 2015.

#### 2.14 General Plans

Six General Plans were reviewed as part of this task, however, none of the Plans made specific recommendations related to the study area. The following summarizes the six plans' Circulation Elements:

Contra Costa County General Plan, 2005-2020 (adopted 2005): The Transportation and Circulation Element of the County's General Plan makes reference to a future BART extension in West County to Hilltop Mall. It also discusses the Transit Network Plan (see Figure 12) that has the intent to establish transit corridors along the county's freeways and lay the foundation for a future express bus service, rail transit service, and/or HOV facilities.<sup>20</sup>

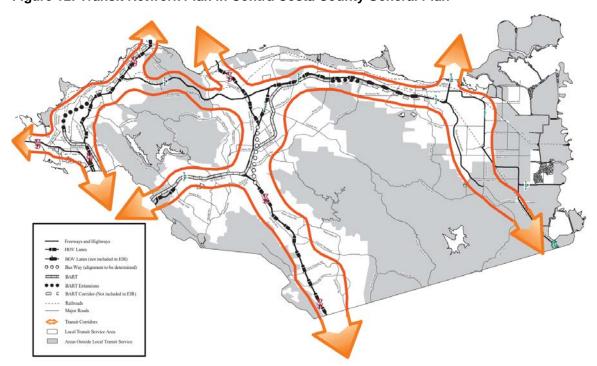


Figure 12: Transit Network Plan in Contra Costa County General Plan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Contra Costa County General Plan (2005-2020), Chapter 5, http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/4732/General-Plan

Source: Contra Costa County General Plan, 2005

- City of El Cerrito General Plan (adopted 1999): The Circulation Element of El Cerrito's
  General Plan describes the necessary services, facilities, and capital improvements to
  facilitate the movement of automobile and trucks, pedestrians, transit, bicycle, and
  emergency transportation. Significant growth is forecasted for El Cerrito arterials and
  the Circulation Element proposes several infrastructure improvements, including
  signalization and additional right-turn lanes, to attain the citywide goal of Level of
  Service (LOS) D or better.<sup>21</sup>
- City of Hercules General Plan (adopted 1998): The Circulation Element of the City of Hercules General Plan addresses the movement of people and commodities and local planning for scenic highways in the city. The Plan summarizes existing conditions related to traffic circulation, scenic routes, public transit, and other transportation facilities, establishes citywide traffic service standards for basic routes in Hercules. In addition, the Plan recommends potential circulation improvements to help alleviate some of the future congestion identified for intersections that do not meet the city's LOS goals—the main deficiency identified in Hercules is located on San Pablo Avenue.<sup>22</sup>
- City of Pinole General Plan (adopted 2010): The Circulation Element of the City of Pinole General Plan addresses regional traffic congestion, traffic impacts on neighborhoods, public transit, trails and parking by analyzing data related to existing and future conditions of the transportation system to inform the development of goals, policies and actions to address transportation needs. Pinole has identified I-80 as a route of regional significance, along with San Pablo Avenue and Appian Way. Forecasted growth in the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento region is expected to increase demand on the I-80 corridor. To address this, the city has chosen to adopt policies to enhance bicycle, pedestrian, and public transit options to increase circulation.<sup>23</sup>
- City of Richmond General Plan 2030 (adopted 2012): The Circulation Element of the City of Richmond General Plan addresses the physical circulation network in Richmond by identifying a set of goals, policies, and implementing actions to guide the management of the transportation system. Richmond uses a place-based approach to circulation planning, that is, it uses a place-based classification system (i.e., multi-use trail, residential street, neighborhood street, community activity street, community connector street, regional connector street, freeways) tailored to surrounding land use,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> City of El Cerrito, General Plan, Chapter 5: Transportation and Circulation, Available: <a href="www.el-cerrito.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=1368">www.el-cerrito.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=1368</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> City of Hercules, 1998 General Plan, Circulation Element, Available: <a href="www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=196">www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=196</a>
<sup>23</sup> City of Pinole, General Plan, Chapter 7: Circulation, Available: <a href="www.ci.pinole.ca.us/planning/docs/City">www.ci.pinole.ca.us/planning/docs/City</a> of Pinole General Plan 12.2010-Chapter7.pdf

street function, and desired character rather than the standard vehicular capacity-based hierarchy for streets (i.e., freeways, arterials, collectors, local roadways). This classification approach would enable the City to create a more balanced street environment.

A key finding from the Circulation Element is that Richmond has an extensive transportation system that provides users with a wide range of options to service diverse needs, but ongoing maintenance, safety, and efficiency improvements are needed as new development puts additional pressure on existing infrastructure.<sup>24</sup>

• City of San Pablo General Plan 2030 (adopted 2011): San Pablo's transportation planning process consists of a three pronged approach—transportation policies and programs are based on land use planning, the city's planning efforts are integrated with CCTA and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and existing roadways are improved upon on an ongoing basis to accommodate future travel demand. These three strategies ensure that the city is able to optimize the performance of its transportation system. The policies and actions identified in the Circulation Element of the General Plan incorporate complete streets principles to guide the development of a transportation network that accommodates for the needs of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles.<sup>25</sup>

### 2.15 Additional Relevant Studies

The following studies that are relevant to the study area were also reviewed. Those that examined Complete Streets were guided by the principle that streets should be designed, operated, and maintained to be safely accessed and used by all individuals on all types of modes. While there is no template for Complete Streets, tools include sidewalks, special bus lanes, bike lanes, comfortable and accessible transit stops, frequent and safe crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, narrower travel lanes, and others.<sup>26</sup>

South Richmond Transportation Connectivity Plan, City of Richmond: This in-progress
plan aims to address deficiencies in the local and regional transportation network in
South Richmond by working with the community and other stakeholders to develop
recommendations to enhance multimodal connections. The plan will focus on the
anticipated demand on the current road network, transit service, and alternative

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> City of Richmond, General Plan, Element 4: Circulation, Available: <a href="https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/8810">www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/8810</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> City of San Pablo, General Plan, Chapter 5: Circulation, Available: www.sanpabloca.gov/gp2030

National Complete Streets Coalition web page, http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/completestreets/complete-streets-fundamentals/factsheets/#benefits

- modes, such as shuttles and car-sharing.<sup>27</sup> The plan's study area includes the San Pablo Avenue/Macdonald Avenue corridor.
- San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Study, Cities of Richmond and San Pablo: The study identified and prioritized roadway modifications for multimodal access and safety on San Pablo Avenue between Hilltop Drive to the north and Rivers Street to the south. Proposed changes consist of continuous bicycle lanes through intersections, enhanced crosswalks, new corner bulb-outs, and increased signage. These proposed changes are located in the San Pablo Avenue/Macdonald Avenue corridor.
- Livable Corridors Project, City of Richmond: The Livable Corridors Project focuses on three commercial corridors in the city, including Macdonald Avenue and San Pablo Avenue between the San Pablo/Richmond border and Macdonald Avenue. A draft memorandum (May 2012) recommended three alternatives be further evaluated: four lanes with median, four lanes with Class III, "green super sharrows" or four lanes with Class II bicycle lanes. The green super sharrows could present conflicts between bicyclists and buses. The draft memo also evaluated road diet alternatives on San Pablo Avenue but did not recommend them because of impacts to traffic and transit. The project also considered converting travel lanes on Macdonald Avenue west of Harbor Way into public space, wider sidewalks, and improved transit stops.<sup>29</sup>
- San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, City of San Pablo: Adopted in 2011, this specific plan identifies an informal transit hub next to Contra Costa College off of San Pablo Avenue, with multiple bus lines stopping between Rumrill Boulevard and El Portal Drive. The plan contains policies to work with AC Transit and West CAT to establish a station of consolidated bus stops to one location with station amenities.<sup>30</sup>
- San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan and Complete Streets, City of El Cerrito and Richmond: This Specific Plan for San Pablo Avenue includes parcels in both El Cerrito and Richmond with the length of San Pablo Avenue from Baxter Creek Gateway Park near the intersection of San Pablo and Macdonald Avenues in the north to the City of El Cerrito's border with the City of Albany. This plan does not reduce the throughput of San Pablo but may increase bike/bus conflicts. The El Cerrito City Council adopted the EIR in September 2014.<sup>31</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> City of Richmond, South Richmond Transportation Connectivity Plan web page, www.ci.richmond.ca.us/srtcp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Cities of San Pablo and Richmond, 2013, Final Report for the San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Study, www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/dist4/fy11-12/SanPabloFinalReport.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> City of Richmond, Livable Corridors Project web page, www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=2532

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> City of San Pablo, San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan web page, www.ci.san-pablo.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1203

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> City of El Cerrito, San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan web page, www.el-cerrito.org/index.aspx?nid=396

- Three Corridors Specific Plan, City of Pinole: The Three Corridors Specific Plan identifies
  economic and revitalization opportunities within three commercial corridors in the City
  of Pinole that are designated as Priority Development Areas (PDAs): San Pablo Avenue,
  Pinole Valley Road, and Appian Way. To support these economic and revitalization
  opportunities, the Plan identifies a set of policies to address persistent truck congestion,
  traffic calming, bicycle facilities, parking and transit issues.
- Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), Contra Costa Transportation
   Authority (CCTA): Last updated in 2009, the CTP identifies projects, programs, and
   policies to be funded through the county's sales tax. Several AC Transit projects are
   included in CCTA's 2014 update of the CTP, including those exclusively within Contra
   Costa County and those which would be implemented as District-wide projects or
   programs. These projects cover both capital and operational needs, such as vehicle
   replacement and security, information system upgrades, and regional express bus
   service.

### 3 CONCLUSION

Numerous studies have identified the need to relieve congestion in West Contra Costa County and have proposed strategies to provide this relief; while implementation for some projects are moving forward from a few of these studies, such as the Richmond ferry service and express bus service expansion, most of these studies have not resulted in major transit investments.

The prior studies reviewed in this technical memorandum consider a range of transportation modes for relieving congestion in west county, including additional bus, commuter, and rail service, consolidating existing bus service, BART extensions, and ferry service, but there is little consideration given for the integration of transit services and how these modal options can complement each other to improve transit ridership and maximize linkages throughout the county. The I-80 Corridor Study prepared by MTC is the only study that attempts to capture the full range of potential improvements to the corridor by including express bus, commuter rail, light rail, and two BART extensions in its analysis of 10 project alternatives.

Although this High Capacity Transit study focuses on examining transit options, proposed express bus services cannot be successful without complimentary infrastructure investments. Multiple studies have identified the efficiencies that can result from combining express bus service and I-80 HOV lanes and ramps to provide rapid transit and manage congestion cost-effectively. The Express Bus Study prepared by CCTA proposes HOV ramps to increase the reliability of travel times for buses, in addition to the expansion of parking facilities at park-and-ride lots to address the shortage of spaces created by their increasing popularity.

Further analysis might also explore how the cost of each transit option compares to each other and to the benefits each option is anticipated to provide. A BART extension, for example, was proposed in five studies—while an extension attracts high ridership, it may cost significantly more than express bus or commuter rail improvements. The cost of options will need to be weighed against the potential gains in riders. For example, since the I-80 already has HOV lanes in place, there is significant potential for express bus or bus-only right of way on the freeway, however, if new on- and off-ramps are required, this could increase the cost of express bus services. These are important considerations for identifying the right investments.

Another area for consideration is how improvements can be phased in over time, starting with lower cost alternatives and building up transit ridership over time, to a point where the ridership benefits are more in line with the costs of a major investment.

Funding is a key gap in these studies—funding costly capital investments in a constrained funding environment is challenging. While many of the proposed investments have the potential to make large impacts on the current congestion of the I-80 corridor, a clear funding plan needs to be in place to generate the momentum for implementation.

The High Capacity Transit Study will build on these prior studies by developing a practical and feasible approach to address continued growth and congestion in the I-80 corridor cost-effectively and comprehensively and to build public consensus for a path forward.

## **4 NEXT STEPS**

The existing transportation conditions in the study area are currently being compiled and an assessment of the land use and travel demand markets undertaken. This information combined with our understanding of the past studies that have been completed or are underway, will provide the basis upon which the development of alternative investment strategies will be initiated.



TO: WCCTAC Board DATE: July 24, 2015

FR: Danelle Carey, TDM Program Manager

**RE:** WCCTAC Website Update

#### **REQUESTED ACTION**

APPROVE the updated WCCTAC website to go live.

#### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

In March 2014, WCCTAC staff began the evaluation of its existing website and identified areas for improvement. The website update project was budgeted for Fiscal Year 2015. Website consultant, Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG), was secured through an agreement in September 2014 with an estimated project cost of \$9,800.

In October 2014, discussion began with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to address the strengths and weaknesses of the current website and to create an improvement plan for the upgrade. With feedback from the TAC and staff input, the website was restructured, a new template was created, the content and organization was updated, and interactive features were added. One of the advantages of the new website is that MIG's townsquare software will allow WCCTAC staff to directly update and modify the website without MIG's assistance. This will be more cost effective and provide more thorough and timely information to the public. At present, WCCTAC must use website consultants to make changes other than uploading routine content.

At the April, 2015 TAC meeting, staff provided an overview and an alpha test of the draft version of the website. Minor adjustments were requested by the TAC and a final version of the website was prepared. The site will go live once the Board concurs.

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El Cerrito

July 6, 2015

Hercules

Mr. Randell Iwasaki, Executive Director Contra Costa Transportation Authority 2999 Oak Road, Suite 100 Walnut Creek CA 94597

Pinole

**RE: WCCTAC Board Meeting Summary** 

Dear Randy:

Richmond

The WCCTAC Board, at its June 26, 2015 meeting, took the following actions that may be of interest to CCTA:

San Pablo

- 1. Approved Letters of Concurrence for local 2016 STIP Proposals.
- 2. WCCTAC and CCTA staff gave the Board an update on the project lists for the RTP update (information only). A final adoption of the RTP list is planned for the July 24, 2015 meeting.

Contra Costa County

3. Staff presented an update on the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) development process and received feedback on draft funding categories by the WCCTAC Board (information only). Approval of a list of candidate projects and programs to forward to CCTA is planned for the July 24, 2015 meeting.

AC Transit

4. Chair McCoy and Vice-Chair Abelson were appointed to an ad-hoc subcommittee to facilitate a performance evaluation of the Executive Director.

BART

Sincerely,

WestCAT

John Nemeth
Executive Director

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cc: Danice Rosenbohm, CCTA; Lynn Overcashier, TRANSPAC; Jamar Stamps, Robert Sarmiento, TRANSPLAN; Andy Dillard, SWAT

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#### **ACRONYM LIST.** Below are acronyms frequently utilized in WCCTAC communications.

**ABAG:** Association of Bay Area Governments

**ACCMA:** Alameda Country Congestion Management Agency (now the ACTC) **ACTC:** Alameda County Transportation Commission (formerly ACCMA)

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

**APC:** Administration and Projects Committee (CCTA)

**ATP:** Active Transportation Program

**BAAQMD:** Bay Area Air Quality Management District

**BATA:** Bay Area Toll Authority

**BCDC:** Bay Conservation and Development Commission **Caltrans:** California Department of Transportation

**CCTA:** Contra Costa Transportation Authority **CEQA:** California Environmental Quality Act **CMAs:** Congestion Management Agencies

**CMAQ:** Congestion Management and Air Quality

CMIA: Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (Prop 1B bond fund)

**CMP:** Congestion Management Program

CTP: Contra Costa Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan

**CSMP:** Corridor System Management Plan **CTC:** California Transportation Commission

**CTPL:** Comprehensive Transportation Project List

**DEIR:** Draft Environmental Impact Report **EBRPD:** East Bay Regional Park District **EIR:** Environmental Impact Report **EIS:** Environmental Impact Statement

**EVP:** Emergency Vehicle Preemption (traffic signals)

**FHWA:** Federal Highway Administration **FTA:** Federal Transit Administration

FY: Fiscal Year

**HOV:** High Occupancy Vehicle Lane **ICM:** Integrated Corridor Mobility

ITC or HITC: Hercules Intermodal Transit Center

**ITS:** Intelligent Transportations System

LOS: Level of Service (traffic)

**MOU:** Memorandum of Understanding **MPO:** Metropolitan Planning Organization **MTC:** Metropolitan Transportation Commission

MTSO: Multi-Modal Transportation Service Objective

**NEPA:** National Environmental Policy Act

**O&M:** Operations and Maintenance

**OBAG:** One Bay Area Grant **PAC:** Policy Advisory Committee

**PBTF-** Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities

PC: Planning Committee (CCTA)
PDA: Priority Development Areas
PSR: Project Study Report (Caltrans)

RHNA: Regional Housing Needs Allocation (ABAG)

**RPTC:** Richmond Parkway Transit Center

RTIP: Regional Transportation Improvement Program

RTP: Regional Transportation Plan

**RTPC:** Regional Transportation Planning Committee

**SCS:** Sustainable Communities Strategy

SHPO: State Historic and Preservation Officer

**SOV:** Single Occupant Vehicle **STA:** State Transit Assistance

STARS: Sustainable Transportation Analysis & Rating System

**STIP:** State Transportation Improvement Program

**SWAT:** Regional Transportation Planning Committee for Southwest County

**TAC:** Technical Advisory Committee

TCC: Technical Coordinating Committee (CCTA)

**TDA:** Transit Development Act funds

**TDM:** Transportation Demand Management **TFCA:** Transportation Fund for Clean Air **TEP:** Transportation Expenditure Plan

**TLC:** Transportation for Livable Communities

**TOD:** Transit Oriented Development

**TRANSPAC:** Regional Transportation Planning Committee for Central County **TRANSPLAN:** Regional Transportation Planning Committee for East County

TSP: Transit Signal Priority (traffic signals and buses)

VMT: Vehicle Miles Traveled

**WCCTAC:** West County Costa Transportation Advisory Committee