

WCCTAC

West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee

TO: WCCTAC Board

DATE: October 28, 2016

FR: John Nemeth, Executive Director

RE: Monthly Update on WCCTAC Activities – October 2016

COMPLETED: Riverside Pedestrian Overcrossing

As part of the San Pablo Dam Road Interchange project, the new Riverside Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC) has been completed and is planned to open on October 24, 2016. The old pedestrian overcrossing is set for removal starting October 29th. To facilitate the demolition, a full freeway closure is planned from 11 pm on October 29th to 7 am on October 30th. A press release will be issued for these activities. Weather permitting, the new on-ramp at El Portal will open by the end of the year.

I-80 Smart Corridor Ribbon Cutting



On September 22th, representatives Caltrans, CCTA, ACTC, WCCTAC and other organizations gathered in Emeryville for the official I-80 Smart Corridor ribbon cutting. WCCTAC Directors Tom Butt and Sherry McCoy both spoke and explained that, while we cannot build more freeways in the I-80 corridor, we can use technology to improve safety and traffic flow.

Complete Streets, Rodeo to Crockett



On September 29th, community members gathered in Crockett to review three potential roadway improvement scenarios for San Pablo Avenue between Rodeo to Crockett. The meeting was the second public workshop for a complete streets planning effort being led by the County. Two scenarios would reduce the road from four lanes to three, one with a striped bike lane on either side and another with a wider, protected path on one side. Another scenario would leave the roadway with 4 lanes, and add bike lanes through the acquisition of additional right-of-way.

Consultants Selected for Senior and Disabled Accessible Transportation Study

After approval of a scope of work by the WCCTAC Board in June, 2016, staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Needs Assessment Study of Measure J- funded services for Seniors and People with Disabilities. WCCTAC received three proposals in August and invited all three teams to interview on the afternoon of September 23rd. The Nelson/Nygaard Team offered the most expertise and knowledge of the area. With Board approval, a contract not to exceed \$75,000 will be signed in October. Work should begin in November.

Adapting to Rising Tides Final Report

The Contra Costa County Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) Project, led by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), provides support, guidance, tools, and information to help agencies and organizations understand, communicate, and begin to address complex climate change issues. The program recently released a final report that identified community assets and natural resources that are most at risk to climate impacts from sea level rise (SLR) and storm surges.



The report presents a broad assessment of Contra Costa County's shoreline exposure to flooding or inundation from sea level rise scenarios of 0 to 66 inches and extreme tide events from the 1-year to the 500-year. The analyses presented in this report show that, as sea levels rise, shoreline assets will become increasingly exposed to extreme tide levels and will no longer provide the same level of flood protection that they do today.

For more information, click here: [http://www.adaptingtorisingtides.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Contra-Costa ART Final Report web 2016.03.08.pdf](http://www.adaptingtorisingtides.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Contra-Costa_ART_Final_Report_web_2016.03.08.pdf)

Point Pinole Festival

On October 1st WCCTAC TDM staff provided an informational table at the North Richmond Shore Open Space Alliance's Point Pinole Festival. The event attracted nearly 1,600 West County residents who enjoyed music, vendors, and entertainment.

WCCTAC partnered with the East Bay Regional Parks Foundation to offer residents who were on bicycles free bicycle bells, reflectors, and water bottles. Staff also promoted the "Share Our Trail" campaign which educates park patrons about trail etiquette and how to use trails courteously and safely. Mayor Tom Butt and Supervisor John Gioia made appearances and spoke about the valuable impact local parks have on our community. Mayor Tom Butt also proclaimed that the first Saturday in October will be celebrated as "Bay Day" which promotes education surrounding the preservation and protection of shoreline throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.



TDM- 511 Contra Costa Strategic Plan Update



The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) plans to release an RFP in the near future to develop a Strategic Plan for the 511 Contra Costa Program. The strategic plan will evaluate existing services, as well as the service delivery model, industry best practices, and emerging projects and programs. The selected consultant will consider ways in which 511

Contra Costa can better utilize emerging technologies. The plan will make recommendations regarding: the potential elimination of existing programs, addition of new programs, more efficient delivery of services, and improved outreach techniques and marketing. The WCCTAC Board will be updated on the progress of the strategic plan and the schedule for delivery.

Our Very Own WCCTAC Star

Congratulations to WCCTAC's own Danelle Carey for being chosen as a recipient of the national TDM Leader's 40 under 40 Award. The 2016 Inaugural Association of Commuter Transportation TDM Forum, held in Boston in October received nominations from all over the country. The top 40 emerging leaders in the TDM field are selected by a panel of their peers. Danelle was in good company with the other up and coming TDM Leaders from companies like Google, Apple, Nike, and agencies such as Arlington County Commuter Services, Downtown Fort Lauderdale TMA, and City of Austin Transportation Department. Congrats Danelle and thanks for putting WCCTAC on the map of great TDM agencies!



Fleet of the Future *Test Train Open House*

Sunday, Oct. 30 11am–4pm El Cerrito del Norte BART Station

**First 200 visitors each day will receive a commemorative toy train while supplies last.*

Future Features

Based on input from over 35,000 customers, new train cars will be:

Quieter: micro-plug doors will help seal out noise and a new tapered wheel shape will provide a quieter ride

Cooler: cooling systems will distribute air directly from the ceilings, making it more comfortable for standees on hot days

Comfortable: padded seats will have lumbar support and will be covered with wipeable fabric for ease of cleaning

Easy to use: routes will be color coded like the BART system map, and next stop information will be readily available via automated announcements and digital screens

