



**TO: WCCTAC-TAC**

**DATE: June 12, 2009**

**FR: John Rudolph**

**RE: Summary of June 11, 2009 WCCTAC-TAC Meeting**

1. Funding Opportunities:

(A) *Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T)*. The TAC achieved consensus on top-priority West County capital and planning grant applications to SR2T, with the understanding that individual jurisdictions may apply to this grant program and depend on letters of support from WCCTAC and other West County agencies for their application packets. The top-priority SR2T capital project is the bike/ped improvement project between Nevin Ave and the Richmond BART and Civic Center: Richmond will be the project sponsor. The top-priority SR2T planning project is region-wide bike/ped wayfinding signage to West County BART stations and transit centers: El Cerrito, Richmond, and WCCTAC will collaborate on this application, with potential cooperation from Trails for Richmond Action Committee (TRAC) and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC).

(B) *New Freedom*. Staff presented information pertaining to this grant. More information is available at MTC's web site and through a workshop to be held at MTC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Fishbowl Conference Room at 1:00 p.m. on June 25, 2009.

(C) *Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA), Regional Fund*. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has not yet released the Call For Projects for the FY 2009/10 Regional Fund. Potential projects include shuttle services in Hercules between the North Shore Business Park and the relocated Transit Center, and in Richmond's Marina Bay neighborhood.

2. Draft Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (CBPP): In the course of reviewing the draft CBPP, CCTA staff and consultants (A) outlined chapters and appendices; (B) requested detailed corrections to the Plan's maps from staff (contact Brooke at [b.dubose@fehrandpeers.com](mailto:b.dubose@fehrandpeers.com)); and (C) responded to the TAC's suggestions, such as (i) making the Plan easier to access through CCTA's web site, (ii) putting maps on the 511 Contra Costa web site ([www.511contracosta.org](http://www.511contracosta.org)), (iii) linking the CBPP maps on CCTA's web site to cities' bicycle and pedestrian plans, (iv) distributing information about forthcoming community workshops (June 22, 25, 29) so that the Authority hears from a wide swath of citizens, especially pedestrians, and (v) considering future bike/ped improvements in areas such as North Richmond, which is adding new residents through its Specific Plan and new streets through its Truck Route Plan.

3. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Plan and Form-Based Code (FBC): Richmond staff (A) presented an overview of the City's plan to improve 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between Bissell and Costa Avenues, (B) announced forthcoming community workshops on June 15-18 at 450 Civic Center Plaza, and (C) reviewed the tenets of Form-Based Code, which refines rather than supplants traditional zoning ordinances. Among other topics, the TAC discussed how trip generation rates might be calculated for mixed-use projects, the reciprocal relationships among transportation and land use in the contexts of SB 375 and FBC, and the potential impacts of changes to the 2010 update to the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM), so that bicycle, pedestrian, and transit trips are considered in calculating Level of Service on Routes of Regional Significance.

4. Safe Routes To School: County Health Services staff announced that they have met with administrators from all target schools (elementary and middle), have distributed a survey to students and their parents, and are working with schools to devise ways to increase opportunities for students' safe daily walking to school, so that students get more exercise and congestion decreases around drop-off points.

5. Update on Strategies for First Measure J Bond Issues: CCTA staff have determined that instead of the approximately \$300 million bond issuance, only \$200 million is needed for the next two years due to the influx of ARRA funds and other factors. The Authority has approved a strategy whereby the bond will be issued either entirely as a variable rate demand bond (VRDB), or half as a VRDB and the other half as short-term note, depending on the cost of liquidity.

6. BART Library Services: BART staff announced a new program beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday June 16 at Del Norte Station. Located outside of the station's paid area will be an electric book vending machine/drop off facility for free use by anyone with a Contra Costa County library card. The machine will be stocked with 400 titles. Books borrowed from the machine must be returned to the machine's drop off slot.

7. Update on HOT Lanes: WCCTAC suggested three amendments to AB 744 (Torrico), the enabling legislation for MTC's proposed Bay Area HOT Lane network; these amendments, which specify increased attention to local needs, allowance for gaps in the network where detailed studies have suggested no net benefit, and dedication of 50% of revenues to transit, have not been incorporated into the bill so far. WCCTAC leadership is continuing to pursue these amendments in the Senate.

8. Adjournment: The TAC adjourned until July 09.

The next **regular WCCTAC-TAC meeting** will be: Thursday July 09 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The next **regular WCCTAC Board meeting** will be: Friday June 26 2009 at 8:00 a.m.