



**TO: WCCTAC-TAC**

**DATE: July 10, 2009**

**FR: John Rudolph**

**RE: Summary of July 9, 2009 WCCTAC-TAC Meeting**

1. Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T): The TAC discussed WCCTAC's application for a SR2T grant to develop and implement a Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Signage Plan. The City of Albany will be participating as well. WCCTAC staff will forward a template letter of support. The application is due to TransForm by August 12, 2009, and will be presented to the WCCTAC Board on July 31, 2009.

2. City of San Pablo General Plan Update: Avanindra Gungapuram, City of San Pablo Planning Manager, presented an overview of outreach efforts and alternative plans, with a discussion about the concept and potential benefits of "self-mitigating" general plans. At their July 20, 2009 meetings, the City's Planning Commission and City Council are expected to determine a preferred alternative for environmental review.

3. AC Transit Proposed Service Plan Changes: Deferring a comprehensive discussion of AC Transit's proposed service plan changes until after the meeting among WCCTAC staff and AC Transit staff on July 23, 2009, the TAC discussed briefly with AC Transit staff the process for reviewing the changes proposed in the June 24, 2009 AC Transit GM Memo. This process may include a public hearing tentatively scheduled for September 9, 2009 before the AC Transit Board of Directors, and implementation of proposed changes in 2010. The TAC encouraged WCCTAC's involvement in MTC's Transit Sustainability Study.

4. East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW Local Grant Program: EBRPD staff reviewed Measure WW, which includes \$125 million for local agencies and \$375 million for regional projects. Allocations of local grants are made on the basis of population. Applications must include, among other items, (1) an authorizing council resolution, (2) execution of a master contract, (3) CEQA clearance at time of application, and (4) land tenure of at least 25 years.

5. Draft Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (CBPP): The WCCTAC Board had extensive comments on the Draft CBPP which will be integrated with comments from the TAC, staff, and community workshops and provided to the Board in a draft comment letter, to be forwarded to CCTA for consideration before adoption of the Final Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in late 2009.

6. Measure J Bond Financing Program: CCTA staff presented an overview of changes to CCTA's Measure J bond financing program in light of the economic downturn and the federal stimulus program. CCTA now expects to issue \$200 million in bonds in 2009, \$100 million in 2011, \$150 million in 2012, and possibly a fourth bond for eBART thereafter. At this time, the Authority has decided to stay with the forward interest rate swap due to the high cost of terminating the agreement.

7. CCTA 2009 Draft Congestion Management Program (CMP): CCTA staff outlined deliverables related to the CMP, including discussion at the July 15, 2009 Authority meeting and development of a draft in August 2009, with discussion at the September 2009 TAC meeting.

8. Transportation Demand Management Programs: Staff (1) reviewed a model TDM ordinance for jurisdictions to use in implementing local TDM programs, (2) announced ride-matching services available through 511.org in the event that BART workers go on strike, (3) announced publication of 511 Contra Costa's annual review, and (4) announced that the Call For Projects from the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Regional Fund would occur soon. Preliminarily, the City of Hercules staff said that Hercules would apply to the Regional Fund for a shuttle service connecting businesses to its Transit Center, and EBRPD staff said the District would apply for funds for trails construction.

9. Street WISE / Safe Routes to School: The Street WISE program encourages local agencies to post its bumper stickers on city vehicles: "If You See Kids, Slow Down." The Safe Routes to School program has no announcements during the summer months when schools are not in session.

10. Update on AB 744 (Torrico) – Regional Express/HOT Lanes: Staff gave an update on the July 7, 2009 hearing of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, in which staff and others expressed opposition to the bill. The Committee hearing has been carried over to July 14, 2009. The legislative analysis of the bill is available here: [http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab\\_0701-0750/ab\\_744\\_cfa\\_20090706\\_112754\\_sen\\_comm.html](http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0701-0750/ab_744_cfa_20090706_112754_sen_comm.html).

11. Update on I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project: Staff announced that there will be a meeting of the Project Leadership Team during the week of July 20, 2009, and that future TAC and CSMP meetings will be announced as information arrives.

12. West County Action Plan Update: Staff announced that the Board is expected to adopt the Action Plan at its regular July meeting.

The next **regular WCCTAC-TAC meeting** will be:

- Thursday September 10 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The next **WCCTAC Board meetings** will be:

- Monday July 13 2009 at 8:00 a.m. (Special Meeting for HOT Lanes)
- Friday July 31 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
- Friday September 25 2009 at 8:00 a.m.