



**TO: WCCTAC-TAC**

**DATE: September 2, 2009**

**FR: John Rudolph**

**RE: Summary of August 27, 2009 WCCTAC-TAC Meeting**

1. AC Transit Service Plan Changes: Nathan Landau, AC Transit, provided an overview of proposed changes in West County and a schedule of community workshops and public hearings, attached. A subcommittee of WCCTAC will evaluate the proposed changes on Monday August 31 in preparation for the Board's deliberations at its September 11 meeting.

2. Point Molate Casino Resort DEIS/EIR: The TAC discussed the following issues. The Board will review draft comments at its September 11 meeting.

*A. Regulatory framework.* The 2009 Update to the West County Action Plan is the current adopted plan and should be used by project sponsors, including Upstream.

*B. Affected routes of regional significance.* The DEIS/EIR should include analysis of more intersections and areas, especially I-80 and Central Avenue, than are currently included.

*C. 2007 West County Casino Traffic Study.* While the 2007 study includes information that will be useful in preparing comments on the DEIS/EIR, there is not a one-to-one correspondence between the analytical framework of the study and Pt. Molate.

*D. Ferries.* The Pt. Molate project appears to add an additional ferry system to Richmond. What if any discussions have occurred with the Water Emergency Transportation Authority? What will be the impacts on planned ferry service in Marina Bay and Hercules?

*E. Other transit.* Bus circulation and loading at Del Norte and Richmond BART stations, and the proposed shuttle, must be included in the DEIS/EIR.

*F. Impacts on STMP.* How does this project affect the projects on the STMP list? Do we need to add more or different projects to STMP as a result of this project?

*G. Trip Generation.* Land use intensity in report does not match study areas in DEIS/EIR. Trip generation rates for the gaming component are derived from six sources, but four of these six are in non-urban areas, and one of the remaining two is for the Scotts Valley Casino project, which has not been approved. Trip generation rates for gaming components of the project alternatives are applied to non-gaming components of all alternatives, even those which do not provide gaming. While the developer may not have settled on a gaming type, there needs to be acknowledgement that different types of gaming have different rates of trip generation.

*H. Transportation Demand Management.* The methodology for counting trip reduction through TDM measures needs clarification.

*I. Background conditions.* The background assumed in alternatives A through C is 2010, but development will take at least three years.

*J. Construction.* There should be a separate trip generation analysis for construction scenarios associated with the alternatives.

*K. Bicycle and pedestrian access.* Bicycle and pedestrian access from the Richmond San Rafael Bridge and through the Bay Trail should be addressed.

*L. Western Drive and ramps.* From I-580 WB, what are the plans to improve the ramp to Western Drive? From I-580 EB, what are the plans to improve capacity on Tewksbury Street and Castro Street?

*M. Lower intensity alternative.* Is there an alternative that would fulfill the needs of the tribe and the city and have fewer environmental impacts?

*N. Fee credits.* One idea Richmond may consider is to ask the developer to build a facility and then reimburse the developer over time through reductions in fees.

3. City of Richmond General Plan Update: Richmond staff clarified that this is a preliminary draft. The complete draft with companion DEIR is expected in October 2009.

4. West County Action Plan Update: 23<sup>rd</sup> Street MTSO: CCTA staff noted that the intent of the Implementation Guide is to provide flexibility in the review of GPAs. WCCTAC staff noted that this flexibility may provide different interpretations of the balance between the “key objectives” for a route of regional significance and the specified quantitative MTSO. Staff will follow up and report back to the TAC.

5. Street WISE: Shannon Ladner-Beasley, County Health Services, distributed promotional material related to the Street Smarts safety campaign and bumper stickers for posting on city vehicles – “*If You See Kids, Slow Down.*”

6. I-80 ICM Project: Next meeting date for ICM CSMP/TAC is September 23 at 9:30 a.m. at ACCMA, 1333 Broadway Suite 220, Oakland.

7. Transportation Demand Management Programs: Linda Young announced changes in WestCAT Lynx service for Friday September 4 when the Bay Bridge will be closed.

8. Adjournment until October 8.

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

- Thursday October 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday November 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

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

- Friday September 11, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.