



TO: WCCTAC-TAC

DATE: December 15, 2008

FR: John Rudolph

RE: Summary of December 11th WCCTAC-TAC Meeting

1. Federal Stimulus Package and Prospective Project Earmarks for Federal Reauthorization Act Legislation: Matt Kelly and Hisham Noemi, CCTA, presented information pertaining to (a) the unknown but anticipated federal stimulus package and (b) potential earmarks in the federal transportation reauthorization act. TAC members were requested to (1) review the list of Contra Costa County projects compiled by CCTA, which could be used as a basis for developing recommendations for the stimulus package; and (2) submit to CCTA by January 5th 2009 a list of potential candidate projects for federal earmarks. The TAC discussed that submittal of candidate earmark projects to CCTA for prioritization is a new process, and some members expressed concern over how this would tie in to their own agency's efforts. Despite the uncertainty of the process, WCCTAC staff encouraged West County agencies to submit their projects by the deadline to ensure that they become part of the upcoming discussions. Hisham indicated that the Excel spreadsheet CCTA is asking local jurisdictions to use in submitting earmark requests is due to CCTA by January 5th 2009 (attention Jack Hall, jhall@ccta.net, 925.256.4743).

2. Hercules New Town Center: Steve Lawton, Hercules, provided an update. The TAC briefly discussed the need to ensure that EIRs are not only consistent with CEQA but also with the Growth Management Program and West County Action Plan.

3. San Pablo Dam Road / I-80 Interchange Project: Hisham Noemi presented an overview and status update, including a description of problems, treatments, and alternatives.

4. Interstate 80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project: Staff noted that the agenda for the I-80 ICM TAC was included in the WCCTAC-TAC packet.

5. Street WISE / West Contra Costa Safe Routes To School: Shannon Ladner-Beasley, Contra Costa Health Services Department, presented an update. A kick-off meeting of the West County SRTS Coalition will be held in West County on the morning of February 25th 2009 at a time and location to be specified soon.

6. Postponed: Several updates were postponed until a future TAC meeting: these include the I-80 ICM Project, potential changes to the Growth Management Program, and a review of MTC's "Cost to Sustain Traffic Operations Systems" Project.

The next **regular WCCTAC-TAC meeting** will be: Thursday January 15th at 9:00 am