

**West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes: July 26, 2013**

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**Members Present:** Janet Abelson, Chair (El Cerrito); Tom Butt Vice-Chair (Richmond), Sherry McCoy (Hercules); Aleida Andrino-Chavez (WestCAT); Cecilia Valdez (San Pablo); Zakhary Mallett (BART); Courtland Boozé (Richmond); Jael Myrick (Richmond); Roy Swearingen (Pinole).

**Staff Present:** Jerry Bradshaw, Joanna Pallock, Valerie Jenkins, Linda Young; Jennifer Faught, Legal Counsel; Hisham Noemi, CCTA staff

**Location:** San Pablo Council Chambers, 13831 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94806

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**1. Call to Order and Self-Introductions – Chair Janet Abelson**

**2. Public Comment.** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION:** *Director Butt* moved to ADOPT items 4-9; seconded by *Director McCoy*; passed unanimously. The minutes enclosed in the July 26 packet were from May 2013 instead of June 2013. Minutes for the June and July meetings will be enclosed in the September packet. No minutes were approved.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 3. Minutes (pulled)**
- 4. Monthly Program and Projects Status Report.**
- 5. Financial Report for June 2013.**
- 6. Payment of Invoices over \$10,000.**
- 7. Executive Director Recruitment.**
- 8. STIP Project Application Concurrence.**
- 9. CalPERS Resolution of Intention.**

The Board recognized *Linda Young's* 11 years of service to the WCCTAC Board as the TDM Program Manager. Linda will be retiring in the Fall.

**MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEM**

**10. Countywide Strategic Plan Update.**

**ACTION:** *Director Butt* moved to adopt staff recommendation with one change to move \$1 million from Operations and Maintenance under the I-80 ICM projects and split it into two pots of \$500,000 each; one pot for the Richmond Ferry Landside Improvements and

one pot for the El Cerrito I-80 Central Interchange in the out years. Seconded by *Director Myrick*. Five votes in favor. Four votes against. Zero abstentions.

**DISCUSSION:** *Executive Director Bradshaw* presented an overview of the Countywide Strategic Plan (CSP) at the June meeting. The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) approved the framework for the development of the Update on May 1<sup>st</sup>, in which each RTPC has been asked for a recommendation for how to allocate an additional \$17 million for Measure J Projects in West County. Today, *ED Bradshaw* presented the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation to the Board. The following chart was used to explain each project’s current capacity and suggested allocations in the near term and out term years:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Near Term</u>	<u>Out Years</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hercules ITC	2.4	2.4	0	2.4
San Pablo Dam Rd Interchange	9.7	5.0	0	5.0
Central Ave Interchange		0	2.3	2.3
I-80 ICM Operations		0	1.0	1.0
Richmond Parkway	5.2	1.2	0.3	1.5
BART Access, Parking & Other	4.8	0	4.8	4.8
Add'l Bus Transit Enhancements	0.2	0	0	0
TOTAL	22.3	8.6	8.4	17.0

*Chair Abelson* asked about what the Richmond Parkway project entailed.

*ED Bradshaw* explained that this project addresses updating the street lighting system to discourage copper wire theft and converting the lights LED technology. Any copper wire theft leaves large sections of the roadway without lighting which results in a safety issue.

*Director Booze* asked about the O&M proposed allocation and which project would use that money. He asked if the money originally discussed was for jobs in the City of Richmond. *Chair Abelson* clarified that who does the work is not the main issue; the issue is whether to support O&M costs on I-80 ICM. She reminded the Board that they agreed in the past that the cities would not pay maintenance.

*Hisham* responded that CCTA has fronted \$2 million. But that may not be enough money. It would cover about 15 years. The suggestion is to set aside some money in case estimates are wrong. If it is not needed it can be reallocated. *Chair Abelson* stated it stills feel like WCCTAC is paying for O&M.

*ED Bradshaw* explained that funds beyond the 15 years is a placeholder if needed down the line as a reserve. But, it does take away funds from cities. It is hard to know what the future of the I-80 ICM costs will be.

*Director Butt* does not support the I-80 ICM project but if it has to be done, let Caltrans pay for it. He asked *ED Bradshaw* where he would move the money. *ED Bradshaw* stated he would place it on the El Cerrito Central Ave. project.

Richmond staff member *Alan Wolkin*, addressed the Board and stated that the funds could be used on Richmond Parkway lighting, and also the Richmond landside ferry improvements.

*Director Booze* asked if funds are available for the Richmond BART Station for safety and lighting. *Alan Wolkin* stated that this would be covered but that improved LED lighting could be improved and use these funds. *Director Booze* would like to place that money now in the amount of \$200,000.

*ED Bradshaw* stated that the funds are not available until 2020. This project cannot be funded with these funds now.

*Director Booze* asked for an explanation on how the funds are collected and interest earned. *ED Bradshaw* responded and explained the calculation.

*Director Valdez* asked about the \$200,000 for transit to be used on Richmond Parkway. *ED Bradshaw* stated that it cannot be used for another category.

*Director McCoy* asked if the LED lights are covered and *ED Bradshaw* stated that it is.

*Chair Abelson* asked about the \$17 million and the \$22 million number on the chart. *ED Bradshaw* explained that if all the requests were met, it would be \$22 million. *Chair Abelson* asked if \$17 million is all that exists. *ED Bradshaw* stated that that is correct.

*Director Myrick* stated that he wants to make it clear that Richmond does not want to spend money on the O&M on the I-80 ICM.

*Director McCoy* asked if there is any problem moving \$1 million. *ED Bradshaw* explained that it can be applied to the out years and yes it can be revisited later in 2017.

*Director Swearingen* stated that when the O&M ends, the cities will have to pay for O&M. So in 15-20 years, the cities will need funds to cover the unfunded O&M.

A motion was made by *Director Butt* and second by *Director Myrick* to accept TAC recommendations and move the O&M allocation of one million dollars into two separate projects of \$500,000 each for Richmond Ferry Landside Improvements and for the El Cerrito I-80 Central Interchange project, both in out years .

Discussion continued. *Director Swearingen* stated that a portion of these funds belongs to Pinole. This vote means giving the Pinole share to Richmond.

*Chair Abelson* asked if the obligation is still on the Measure J list. *ED Bradshaw* stated that is correct.

*Hisham* explained that funding is for 10-15 years.

*Chair Abelson* asked if this means the funds are taken from Pinole. *Director Swearingen* repeated the intent of the money which means every city has to share in the O&M costs. Street maintenance will not be paid in the out years. He stated that the money is a cushion and Pinole does not want to send the funds someplace else.

*Director Butt* stated these are not street maintenance funds. *Hisham* explained that it is used for cameras and technology.

*Director Booze* explained that the costs were for cameras, lights etc.

*Chair Abelson* is not sure the system will still be in place in 15 years.

*ED Bradshaw* asked *Hisham* if funds stop flowing in 2034 at end of Measure J? *Hisham* stated yes. Any other O&M money from Measure J cannot be used after life of Measure J.

Vote held. See ACTION above.

## **STANDING ITEMS**

### **11. Correspondence/Other Information**

#### **1. Incoming**

June 21, 2013, from CCTA, Items Approved by the Authority on June 19<sup>th</sup> (attachments included).

#### **b. Outgoing**

July 8, 2013, to CCTA, Meeting summary of the June WCCTAC Board meeting.

#### **c. Workshops/Conferences/Events**

Regional Public Workshop and Open House for the 2013 Update to the AB 32 Scoping Plan, Tuesday, July 30, 2013, 9:30 – 4:30, Hotel Nikko Carmel and Monterey Rooms, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 222 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA. Sponsored by BAAQMD, CalEPA - Air Resources Board (flyer attached)

#### **d. Summary and Minutes of recent Technical Advisory Committee meetings**

- Meeting of June 13, 2013

#### **e. Acronym List**

**12. Board and Staff Comments**

- Board Member Comments, Conference/Meeting Reports (AB 1234 Requirement), and Announcements
- Report of CCTA Representatives (*Directors Abelson & Butt*)
- Executive Director's Report – *ED Bradshaw* reposted that the fallout from the PERS notice has resulted in some changes at the staff level. WCCTAC has hired a part time finance person to assist with the transition. The plans include staying at the City of San Pablo offices as well as having support for billing/invoice support from the City's Finance Department. He will keep the Board posted as the process evolves.

**13. Other Business**

- 14. Adjourn.** Next meeting is Friday, September 27, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.
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