




MEETING SUMMARY

El Cerrito

TO: WCCTAC-TAC and INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: JOHN RUDOLPH, WCCTAC 
DATE: OCTOBER 16TH, 2008
RE: SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 16TH TAC MEETING

Hercules

Hilltop/I-80 Overcrossing Project:

- Laura Hameister (286-7250) from Caltrans District 4 Project Management described some of the activities related to utility relocation at the Hilltop/I-80 Overcrossing. Laura is working with City of Richmond and Hilltop Mall officials to find an appropriate date for demolition that does not conflict with holiday shopping.

Pinole

“W-BART” Update:

- Deidre Heitman explained the history of W BART – feasible but expensive (\$500M+). A copy of the 2003 I-80 Rail Feasibility Study is available on WCCTAC’s website (under Oct 2008 TAC Minutes). Through Measures C and J, West County decided to invest mostly in programs.

Richmond

West County Action Plan Update:

- At the request of the City of Pinole, the TAC considered including Fitzgerald Drive among Routes of Regional Significance in the West County Action Plan that is planned to go to the WCCTAC Board on October 31st. WCCTAC and CCTA staff will work with City of Pinole staff to amend the section on Appian Way to describe MTSOs and other actions to be taken with respect to Fitzgerald Drive.

San Pablo

I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project:

- John Hemiup (350-2332) from ACCMA distributed a revised Organizational Chart for the I-80 ICM (attached). The org chart includes a PAC, an Executive Steering Committee, a Leadership Team, and a TAC. A work plan for the ICM TAC will be forthcoming next week from the CMA. Jurisdictions are asked to consider which persons in their agencies are best suited for membership in the ICM TAC. One possible time and place of the ICM TAC meetings might be immediately following regular WCCTAC TAC meetings in City of San Pablo Council Chambers, or in the new El Cerrito City Hall. John Hemiup will begin meeting next week one-on-one with jurisdictions to discuss TLSP (arterial and transit improvements).

Contra Costa
County

AC Transit

BART

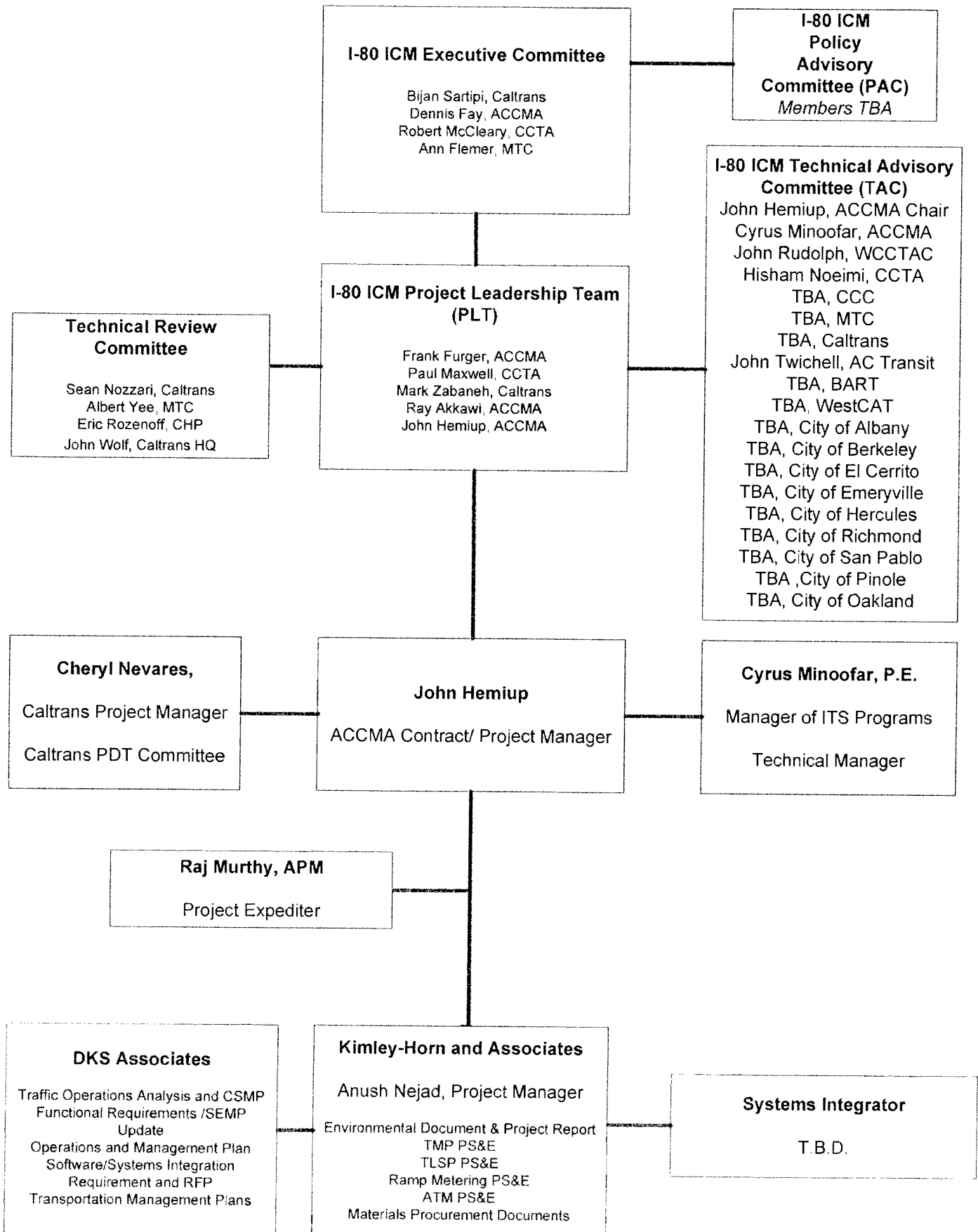
Federal Safe Routes to Schools:

- Shannon Ladner-Beasley presented a summary of a \$500,000 grant Contra Costa Health Services and WCCTAC received from Caltrans for Federal Safe Routes to Schools (attached). Members of the WCCTAC TAC are asked to assist Shannon and Nancy Baer in administering the grant by helping to organize walk audits, and to participate in two to four coalition workshops per year.

WestCAT

The next **regular TAC meeting** will be Thursday November 13th at 9:00 am.
The next **WCCTAC Board meeting** will be Friday October 31st at 7:30 am.

I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) Organizational Chart (Draft)



The West Contra Costa Safe Routes to School Program

Caltrans has awarded \$500,000 over the next 3-years to implement the West Contra Costa Safe Routes to School (WCC SRTS) program. The program will consist of Engineering, Encouragement and Educational activities in 7 Middle Schools and 2 Elementary Schools. Participating schools include:

Adams Middle School	Crespi Junior High School
Helms Middle School	Hercules Middle/High School
Lavonya De Jean Middle School	Pinole Middle School
Portola/Castro Junior High	Lincoln and Nystrom Elementary Schools (Richmond)

An initial Walk Audit/Walkability Workshop will help determine environmental obstacles and identify safe routes for walking and bicycling. Educational and encouragement activities will consist of classroom education, walking events, Bicycle Safety Certification Training, the Street Smarts Traffic Safety Education Campaign, and a variety of contests and other incentives. "Champions" and teams at each school will help coordinate school site activities with technical assistance from staff. These activities will be complemented by additional engineering and enforcement activities conducted by local jurisdictions.

The probable lead agency for the project is the Contra Costa Public Works Department (CCPW). Primary project activities will be planned, conducted, and evaluated by Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) in partnership with local schools and the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC). Contracts will be established with Cycles of Change for Bicycle Safety Certification Training, and with West Contra Costa Unified School District for the purchase of substitute teacher time.

The WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will serve as an advisory team and its members will act as liaison's to their respective jurisdiction. WCCTAC and CCHS will jointly initiate the WCC SRTS Coalition, which will engage a variety of stakeholders in generating volunteer support for SRTS activities, help integrate them into related school and community activities, and undertake fundraising to supplement and sustain this effort beyond the Caltrans funding. A summary of project activities includes:

- Walk Audits/Walkability Workshops to assess the walking environment around schools
- Focus Groups to help determine which SRTS activities are likely to be the most successful
- Meetings with teacher and parent groups to address safety concerns and get input
- Assemblies to introduce SRTS concepts and program to students
- Tabling/Outreach contacts to disseminate SRTS messages and materials
- On-Site Technical Assistance with Champions to help schools conduct their own activities
- Classroom Pedestrian Educational Presentations (Middle School)
- Classroom Pedestrian and Bicycle Education Sessions (Elementary School)
- Walking Events at each school
- Bicycle Safety Certification Training Sessions, on the road training by Cycles of Change, for selected middle schools

The WCC SRTS project is consistent with the 2008 WCCTAC Action Plan currently being finalized by WCCTAC staff and Board. This application supports two Action Plan objectives, one relating to prioritizing grant-seeking for Safe Routes to Schools projects, and the other relating to conducting detailed assessment of the walking and bicycling environment around West County schools. In Action Plan discussions at the WCCTAC TAC during 2007 and early 2008, CCHS was identified by local jurisdictions as one of the responsible agencies for the SRTS components. CCHS obvious capacity for assessment, outreach and coordination, along with their demonstrated competence in previous transportation planning projects was an important factor in WCCTAC's interest in partnering with them on this proposal.

For further information, please contact Nancy Baer at 925-313-6837 or nbaer@hsd.cccounty.us, or Shannon Ladner-Beasley 925-313-6913 or sladner-beasley@hsd.cccounty.us.