



MEETING SUMMARY

El Cerrito TO: WCCTAC-TAC and INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: JOHN RUDOLPH, WCCTAC JR
DATE: NOVEMBER 13TH, 2008
RE: SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 13TH TAC MEETING

Hercules Designation of Fitzgerald Drive as Route of Regional Significance: The TAC reviewed the criteria for designating a Route of Regional Significance in the West County Action Plan, in the context of a request by the City of Pinole to have WCCTAC consider adding Fitzgerald Drive as a Route of Regional Significance. Given that such designation includes an obligation to participate in cooperative regional planning, and does not include additional funding, the City of Pinole is re-evaluating its request. WCCTAC staff will continue to work with Pinole staff on this matter, and will keep the TAC updated.

Pinole

Richmond

Inclusion of "W-BART" in West County Action Plan: Based on a request from the City of Pinole for a status report on wBART, WCCTAC staff summarized the recent history of wBART. In the negotiations in the years 2002 and 2003 leading up to the reauthorization of Measure C/J, wBART, while feasible, was too expensive to implement within the context of other proposed projects and programs in West County Measure J. A 2003 Feasibility Study funded by a consortium of interests, including WCCTAC, is available on the WCCTAC website under TAC Minutes, October 2008. Page 18 of the West County Action Plan states that an Area-wide Action is "Support and ... increased transit service funding for, but not limited to ... short- and long-term service improvement options such as a wBART extension, light rail, additional commuter rail, or additional express buses in the I-80 corridor." The TAC reviewed this language and agreed by consensus that the Action Plan contains adequate reference to wBART.

San Pablo

Contra Costa
County

AC Transit

MTSOs on State Route 4: Central County (TRANSPAC) has proposed an MTSO of Delay Index 5.0 for a supersegment of State Route 4, based primarily on existing bottlenecks east of Route 242. West County has proposed an MTSO of LOS E or better on all segments of SR4 in West County. The TAC discussed the potential impacts to West County of the proposed less stringent standards in Central County's Action Plan. WCCTAC staff recommended that we request Central County to refer to West County's MTSO in their Action Plan, so as to ensure that developers are aware of the more stringent standard against which traffic impacts will be evaluated. The TAC agreed.

BART

WestCAT

MTSOs for San Pablo Dam Road: Lamorinda proposed an MTSO of Delay Index 2.0 for San Pablo Dam Road. West County proposed an MTSO of LOS E or better at all signalized intersections along San Pablo Dam Road. The TAC agreed that the discrepancy between Delay Index 2.0 and LOS E was negligible, and that potential

impacts on West County were minor, so that no comments on Lamorinda's Action Plan are warranted.

Updates:

- The ICM TAC held its kick-off meeting immediately following the WCCTAC-TAC.
- Nancy Baer from Contra Costa Health Services explained that she and Shannon Ladner-Beasley are meeting with individual West County jurisdictions to assess walking and biking conditions and practice at all middle schools and two elementary schools in West County, as part of the West Contra Costa Safe Routes To School Program (WCC SRTS). The WCCTAC-TAC will be a forum within which the WCC SRTS Program can discuss findings. A description of the WCC SRTS program is attached to this summary.
- An Administrative Draft EIS/EIR for the Point Molate Mixed-Use Tribal Destination Resort and Casino has been released on a limited basis by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the City of Richmond. The Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians is the project sponsor, through Point Molate Upstream LLC (www.pointmolateresort.com). WCCTAC staff outlined the potential scope of the proposed Point Molate Resort and Casino – elements include up to 280,000 s.f. casino, 300,000 s.f. retail, 2 hotels (800 and 329 rooms), 3,000-seat entertainment facility, 5,000 s.f. ferry terminal, and 1,100 homes. The timeline for release of a public draft EIS/EIR is unknown.
- The TAC reviewed the results of the recent competition for limited Lifeline Transportation Program funding. Of the \$8,013,510 available county-wide, West County programs received \$4,362,497. Congratulations to staff and elected officials who participated in submitting and evaluating LTP applications.
- Christina Atienza notified the TAC of the Governor's proposed cuts to the State Transit Assistance Program.
- Christina Atienza notified that TAC she intends to propose a series of steps to address STMP at the December 5th 2008 WCCTAC Board meeting. Project costs have changed, and receipts to the STMP have been slower than originally expected.
- Christina Atienza notified the TAC that CCTA is evaluating proposed changes to the Growth Management Program, and will keep the TAC apprised.
- Nathan Landau remarked that the last election was "good for transit" generally – the high-speed rail bond passed, Measure VV passed, Sonoma and Marin passed SMART, and from Los Angeles to Seattle, transit measures won. With these hopeful thoughts in mind, the TAC agreed that Yes We Can, and adjourned until December 11th.

The next **regular WCCTAC-TAC meetings** will be:
Thursday December 11th at 9:00 am

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SIGN-IN SHEET - Voluntary - November 13th, 2008**

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The West Contra Costa Safe Routes to School Program

Caltrans has awarded \$500,000 over the next 4 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.

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