



**TO:** WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee

**DATE:** Oct 6, 2011

**FR:** John Rudolph JR

**RE:** Summary Notes of Sept 8, 2011 WCCTAC-TAC Meeting

1. Meeting Notes from July 7 accepted.

2. I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project: John Hemiup, Raj Murthy, and Ray Akkawi, ACTC, provided status reports on key deliverables and milestones, consistent with material in the agenda packet. Revised System Integrator RFP expected to be released by end of September. With respect to TOS Project #3, Rosendin Electric's DVBE is out of business; work has slowed; will resume soon. Steiny and Co. has been awarded contract for TLSP Project #6; work expected to start late Sept. CTC amenable if Richmond Parkway Transit Center does not proceed. O&M MOU and O&M Plan moving ahead together, but they are separate; the former higher-level, the latter more technical.

Staff reviewed a hand-out enumerating key comments from west County technical staff and the WCCTAC ad-hoc subcommittee for the ICM (Janet Abelson from El Cerrito, and Genoveva Calloway from San Pablo). Staff will ask for TSP at all ramps, including those in Ala Co, that provide for bus access to the freeway, and ask that inordinate delay not be introduced at west County ramps that currently have underutilized capacity.

After several west County technical meetings, two operations meetings, and several meetings of the ad-hoc subcommittee, the key comments will be shaped into a letter to be sent to Caltrans within a day or two. Staff asked agencies to provide comments on the letter directly to Caltrans with a copy to WCCTAC staff. The MOU will not be taken to the WCCTAC Board on Sept 30; rather, staff will wait for the project team and Caltrans to review the letter and respond, and strive to achieve a meeting of the minds on the MOU before the MOU is presented to WCCTAC.

3. San Pablo Avenue Smart Corridors Program Status: Staff reviewed costs breakdown per agency and program (ICM and Smart Corridors), as well as a poll of agencies' use of Smart Corridors' equipment, consistent with materials in the agenda packet. The TAC considered whether WCCTAC should maintain participation in the program or exercise provisions in the agreement to suspend participation until the ICM is rolled out in 2015. The TAC asked ACTC if costs may be higher to restart if the subregion suspends participation, and indicated that the cameras associated with the ICM are expected to be useful. ACTC will research fixed and startup costs and report back to the TAC. Mr. Hemiup noted that all are being upgraded as part of the I-80 ICM project, but that O&M costs for the upgraded Smart Corridors equipment are not included in Attachment A of the draft MOU.

4. West Contra Costa Subregional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program: The TAC preliminarily reviewed the list of eleven projects in the STMP list, then decided that staff would send out a revised project fact sheet template in an effort to gather updated information, including costs, other fund sources, readiness, year of expenditure, etc. Also, staff will review the ordinances and

ascertain how the jurisdictions are collecting the fees. Updates to the STMP will be in lock-step with the Measure J Strategic Plan, which is updated every two years, most recently in 2011.

5. Anticipated TLC and PBTF Call for Projects: The Authority expects to announce a call for projects in late September. Staff asked the TAC preliminarily to identify potential project applications for the first five-year cycle. Each jurisdiction expressed an interest in applying to both fund sources with small, medium, and large projects in mind. Agencies with projects such as an eroding shale hill that may be eligible for funding from sources other than TLC and PBTF should forward relevant information to staff as soon as possible. A TLC evaluation panel consisting of one technical representative from each agency in WCCTAC will be established to review west County applications. Panelists will be expected to evaluate all applications except their own.

6. Potential Hercules-Rodeo-Crockett Community Based Transportation Plan: Staff asked if the TAC on behalf of Hercules, County, and WestCAT would support a WCCTAC led effort to engage a consultant to administer a \$60,000 Community Based Transportation Plan. BART staff suggested that this is an opportunity to look at ways of delivering transit to low-density communities, and that such plans are useful when applying for funding. WestCAT staff said residents in the study area who connect to BART via WestCAT would benefit, and the plan would help WestCAT in applying for future Lifeline grants. Pinole and San Pablo staff said that the staff time involved in administering a \$60,000 grant may outweigh the grant, given that agencies have had their staffs substantially reduced in recent years. The County expressed support. Other agencies asked for more information at the next TAC meeting.

7. 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Candidate Projects: Staff reviewed the item in the TAC packet, highlighting the two west County projects – Hercules ITC and San Pablo Dam Road/I-80 Interchange – among the four selected projects, and explained the scoring process at the TCC.

8. OneBayArea Grant: BART staff noted the lengthy discussion at the Technical Coordinating Committee, and staff noted the lengthy discussion at the Planning Committee, concerning CCTA's letter to MTC and ABAG about this large grant opportunity and the potentially burdensome eligibility requirements associated with it. Staff asked agencies to "test" the guidelines with their own projects in mind, and follow up with staff within a week, and to forward comments that may already have sent to CCTA or MTC. Staff noted the size of this grant, and asked agencies to look carefully at the details.

9. New BART General Manager: BART staff announced that Grace Crunican had been installed as the new GM.

10. Adjournment until October 13, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

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

- Oct 13 at 9:00 a.m. • Nov 17 at 9:00 a.m.

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

- Oct 28 at 8:00 a.m. • Dec 9 at 8:00 a.m.