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DATE \& TIME: February 25, $2022 \cdot 8: 00$ AM - 10:00 AM

## REMOTE ACCESS:

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MEETING ID\#: 7321058840 PASSWORD (if requested): WCCTAC2020

## Shelter-In-Place Order and Teleconference

The Contra Costa County Health Officer issued an order directing residents to shelter in place, due to COVID-19. The order limits activity, travel, and business functions to only those that are essential.

## Remote Participation Only

As a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, including the County Health Officer and Governor's directives for everyone to shelter in place, there will be no physical location for the Board Meeting. Board members will attend via teleconference and members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and participate remotely.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, Board members: Chris Kelley, Norma Martinez-Rubin, Rita Xavier, Tom Butt, Demnlus Johnson, Eduardo Martinez, Paul Fadelli, John Gioia, Jovanka Beckles, Maureen Powers, and Lateefah Simon may be attending this meeting via teleconference, as may WCCTAC Alternate Board Members. Any votes conducted during the teleconferencing session will be conducted by roll call.

The public may observe and address the WCCTAC Board in the following ways:

## Remote Viewing/Listening

Webinar:
To observe the meeting by video conference, utilizing the Zoom platform, please click on this link (same link as shown above) to join the webinar at the noticed meeting time: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7321058840?pwd=c1dMVjJydlBoYk0yYWVVZVlmWHZ4Zz09

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## Public Comment via Teleconference

Members of the public may address the Board during the initial public comment portion of the meeting or during the comment period for agenda items.

Participants may use the chat function on Zoom or physically raise their hands to indicate if they wish to speak on a particular item.

Written Comment (accepted until the start of the meeting, unless otherwise noted on the meeting agenda). Public comments received by 5:00 p.m. on the evening before the Board meeting date will be provided to the WCCTAC Board and heard before Board action. Comments may be submitted by email to vjenkins@wcctac.org.

Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to vjenkins@wcctac.org at any time prior to closure of the public comment portion of the item(s) under consideration. All written comments will be included in the record.

Reading of Public Comments: WCCTAC staff will read aloud email comments received during the meeting that include the subject line "FOR THE RECORD" as well as the item number for comment, provided that the reading shall not exceed three (3) minutes, or such other time as the Board may provide.

1. Call to Order and Board Member Roll Call. (Demnlus Johnson - Chair)
2. Public Comment. The public is welcome to address the Board on any item that is not listed on the agenda.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Minutes of January 28, 2022 Board Meeting. (Attachment; Recommended Action: Approve).
4. Monthly Update on WCCTAC Activities. (Attachment; Information only).
5. Financial Reports. The reports show the Agency's revenues and expenses for January 2022. (Attachment; Information only).
6. Payment of Invoices over $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 0 0 0}$. None (No attachment; Information only).
7. AB 361 Resolution to Continue Teleconferenced Meetings. $A B 361$ allows the Board to continue meeting virtually during a State of Emergency upon the Board making certain findings that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety as attendees. Resolution No 22-04 provides the necessary findings for the Board of Directors and TAC to continue meeting virtually. (Attachment; Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-04)
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Performance of the Executive Director. Per the direction of the WCCTAC Board Chair, approval would establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review the performance of the Executive Director with potential labor negotiations. While there have been informal performance reviews in the intervening years, the last formal review process involving an Ad Hoc Committee concluded in May 2018. Previous Ad Hoc Subcommittees have consisted of the Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and previous Board Chair. Consistent with past practice, staff recommends the same composition for this Ad Hoc Committee. (No Attachment; Recommended Action: Form an Ad Hoc Subcommittee consisting of Chair Johnson, Vice-Chair Fadelli, and Director Kelley to review the performance of the Executive Director and return to the full Board for discussion).

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9. One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) Program: Policy Framework for Contra Costa County. CCTA is proposing a framework for OBAG 3 which focuses on two project types: 1) Active Transportation and Safety - Projects of Countywide Significance (ATS-PCS) program; and 2) Countywide Smart Signals project. CCTA staff will review and discuss this proposed framework with the Board. CCTA staff presented this proposed framework to the WCCTAC TAC at its February 10, 2022 meeting. A letter to CCTA staff summarizing the TAC's feedback is attached. (John Hoang, CCTA staff; Attachments; Recommended Action: Provide Comments as Needed).
10. Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) and New Measure X Funding. In March 2021, the CCTA and County Board of Supervisors approved the Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) which outlines ways to improve transportation for older adults, persons with disabilities, and veterans. The ATSP was developed in consultation with elected officials, non-profit advocates, users of the system, and planning/operations staff. In November 2021, the County Board of Supervisors BOS awarded \$1.4 million in Measure X (2020) funding to the implementation of recommendations from the ATSP. The ATSP Task Force will provide oversight for the initial implementation phase. (John Cunningham, Contra Costa County staff; Attachment; Recommended Action: Information Only).
11. West County Travel Training Program Staff is seeking Board authorization to re-start the Travel Training program in May 2022 and continue it until October 2022, at a minimum. Staff will provide a presentation with detail on what the program would involve. No new funding allocation by the Board would be required. Staff is also seeking Board input on the longer-term direction of the program. (Joanna Pallock and Janet Bilbas, WCCTAC staff, Attachment, Recommended Action: 1) Authorize staff to re-start the Travel Training Program 2) Provide input on longer-term direction).

## STANDING ITEMS

12. Board and Staff Comments.
a. Board Member Comments, Conference/Meeting Reports (AB 1234

Requirement), and Announcements
b. Report from CCTA Representatives (Directors Kelley \& Butt)
c. Executive Director's Report
13. General Information Items.
a. Letter to CCTA Executive Director with January 28, 2022 Summary of Board Actions
b. Acronym List
14. Adjourn. The next regular meeting is on March 25, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held remotely (see next agenda for details)

- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you need special assistance to participate in the WCCTAC Board meeting, or if you need a copy of the agenda and/or agenda packet materials in an alternative format, please contact Valerie Jenkins at 510.210.5930 prior to the meeting.
- If you have special transportation requirements and would like to attend the meeting, please call the phone number above at least 48 hours in advance to make arrangements.
- Handouts provided at the meeting are available upon request and may also be viewed at WCCTAC's offices.
- Please refrain from wearing scented products to the meeting, as there may be attendees susceptible to environmental illnesses. Please also put cellular phones on silent mode during the meeting.
- A meeting sign-in sheet will be circulated at the meeting. Sign-in is optional.


# West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Board of Directors Meeting Meeting Minutes January 28, 2022 

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Kelley, Chair (Hercules); Demnlus Johnson III, Vice-Chair Richmond; Eduardo Martinez (Richmond); Rita Xavier (San Pablo); Paul Fadelli (El Cerrito); Tom Butt (Richmond); John Gioia (CCC); Maureen Powers (WestCAT); Jovanka Beckles (AC Transit), Norma Martinez-Rubin (Pinole),

STAFF PRESENT: John Nemeth, Joanna Pallock, Leah Greenblat, Coire Reilly, Kris Kokotaylo (Legal Counsel)

ACTIONS LISTED BY: Valerie Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order: 8:00am
Public Comment: None

## Item \#3 Election of Officers

a. CCTA Representative (even year term)

Nomination of Chair Chris Kelley by Director Tom Butt; seconded by Director Rita Xavier
Yes- E. Martinez, R. Xavier, P. Fadelli, N. Martinez-Rubin, J. Gioia, C. Kelley No- None
Abstention- None
Passed unanimously
b. WCCTAC Chair

Nomination of Vice-Chair Demnlus Johnson III by Director Fadelli;; seconded by Director Tom Butt
Yes- C. Kelley, P. Fadelli, D. Johnson III, J. Beckles, T. Butt, M. Powers, R. Xavier, E. Martinez, N. Martinez-Rubin, J. Beckles
No- None
Abstention- None
Passed unanimously
c. WCCTAC Vice-Chair

Nomination of Director Paul Fadelli by Director Gioia; seconded by Vice-Chair Demnlus Johnson III
Yes- C. Kelley, P. Fadelli, D. Johnson III, J. Beckles, T. Butt, M. Powers, R. Xavier, E. Martinez, N. Martinez-Rubin, J. Beckles
No- None
Abstention- None
Passed unanimously

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Director Martinez seconded by Director Xavier.
Yes- C. Kelley, P. Fadelli, D. Johnson III, J. Beckles, T. Butt, M. Powers, R. Xavier, E. Martinez, N. Martinez-Rubin, J. Beckles

No- None
Abstention- None
Motion passed unanimously

Item \#4. Approved: Minutes of December 11, 2021 Board Meeting.
Item \#5. Received: Monthly Update on WCCTAC Activities.
Item \#6. Received: Financial Reports December 2021.
Item \#7. Received: Payments for invoices over \$10,000. None
Item \#8. Adopted Resolution 22-02: STMP Funding Agreement with City of San Pablo for the San Pablo Avenue Bridge Replacement and Roadway Realignment Project Item \#9. Adopted Resolution 22-03: AB 361 Resolution to Continue Teleconferenced Meetings

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

| ITEM/DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| Item \#10 <br> Overview of the West County Action Plan <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ Update | Information Only <br> Torina Wilson, from Placeworks, provided an <br> update on the status of the West County Action <br> Plan, including background information about the <br> purpose of the Plan and its key elements. She <br> noted that CCTA staff and Placeworks have been <br> meeting with RTPC's TAC groups to gather <br> information, review the previous plan update, <br> refine goals, and develop metrics, known as <br> Regional Transportation Objectives (RTOs). She <br> mentioned that there would be a public outreach <br> component of the process. This is slated to <br> include 21 Pop-Up events around the County, as <br> well as workshops for the public to attend. The <br> WCCTAC Board expressed its desire to have input <br> into the substance of the plan as soon as feasible. |

Meeting Adjourned: 9:22am

# wcctac <br> West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee 

TO: WCCTAC Board
FR: John Nemeth, Executive Director
RE: Monthly Update on WCCTAC Activities

DATE: February 25, 2022

## San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study, Phase 2

WCCTAC is currently participating in a second phase of the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study, in partnership with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) and the CCTA. The study area is between Downtown Oakland and the Richmond Parkway. For WCCTAC, Phase 2 is focused on technical analysis specific to West County. The consultant team, led by Kimley Horn, has been collecting data and crunching numbers to prepare an evaluation of options which will be shared with the Board and TAC in the Spring. This will be followed by a public outreach process.

In Alameda County, work has focused on studying a Bus Rapid Transit demonstration project, as well as targeting some pedestrian and bicycle improvements for implementation in the near term. A very recent article in Oaklandside provided a helpful status report, particularly regarding activity in Alameda County. The article can be found at the following link:
San Pablo Avenue's massive redesign is entering a new phase (oaklandside.org)


MTC's I-80 Design Alternative Assessment (DAA)


In October 2021, staff from HDR provided an update to the WCCTAC Board on the MTC-led technical study of the I-80 corridor between the Carquinez Strait and the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza. MTC recently held a Technical Advisory Committee meeting for the DAA. WCCTAC staff was pleased to see many concepts developed in recent WCCTAC studies (West County Express Bus Implementation Plan, West Contra Costa High Capacity Transit Study) included in MTC's proposed assessment. In addition to WCCTAC staff, the TAC includes staff representatives from all the jurisdictions, transportation authorities, and transit agencies along the corridor in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. At present, MTC is developing strategies that could be applied both along the entire corridor and in site specific locations. Their next steps are to refine concepts, study traffic operational impacts, and estimate cost. MTC intends to hold another TAC meeting in July or August and WCCTAC staff will continue to advocate for future presentations to the WCCTAC Board.

## West County Action Plan for Routes of Regional Significance

Placeworks, CCTA's consultant for the Action Plan Updates, recently provided the WCCTAC Board with an overview of the elements of the draft West County Action Plan Update. Since then, the consultants have met again with the WCCTAC TAC, at the February 10 regular meeting, and will meet with them again at a February 23 special meeting.

The consultants have been focused on developing accurate maps of Routes of Regional Significance for transit, pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles. Currently, the consultants are leading the TAC through a process of refining draft goals and considering potential Regional


Transportation Objectives (RTOs). The consultants will return to the Board in the Spring to garner feedback on elements of a draft plan before forwarding the document to the Authority. WCCTAC staff has requested that the consultants return soon to receive Board feedback as early as possible in the process.

## OBAG 3 Policy Framework for County and Local Programs

MTC recently released its initial draft policy framework and program criteria for its One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3). MTC proposes that OBAG 3 direct 50\% of the funds to regional programs with the remaining $50 \%$ to county and local programs to fund projects that are consistent with the recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), referred to as the Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA 2050). The CCTA is responsible for submitting eligible projects to MTC and administering the call for projects in accordance with MTC guidelines, but MTC retains responsibility for selecting projects for funding.

For the county and local program share, the CCTA staff is proposing a program framework which focuses on two project types: 1) Active Transportation and Safety - Projects of Countywide Significance (ATS-PCS) program; and 2) Countywide Smart Signals project. The WCCTAC TAC received a presentation on this matter and requested that WCCTAC staff submit a comment letter to CCTA staff, which is included in the Board packet. The Board will receive an overview of the proposed policy framework at the February Board meeting.

## Take 10 - Ten Free Trips on AC Transit and SolTrans Routes



511 Contra Costa has begun a new promotion of long-distance bus routes provided by AC Transit and SolTrans. Participants can apply and receive 10 passes on either SolTran's Red or Yellow Lines (connecting Solano County with El Cerrito Del Norte and Walnut Creek BART stations) or the AC Transit's Transbay routes. The 10 free passes are delivered digitally through the Token Transit app. This promotion will run for at least another month, and depending on the reception of the program, may become a permanent offering along with 511 Contra Costa's other incentive offerings

SolTrans Take 10: https://511contracosta.org/soltrans-take-10/ AC Transit Take 10: https://511contracosta.org/transit/transbay-take-10/

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# WEST CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 22-04 


#### Abstract

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THERE IS A PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY; FINDING THAT MEETING IN PERSON WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES AS A RESULT OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY; AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE WEST CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 30 DAY PERIOD BEGINNING FEBRUARY 25, 2022 PURSUANT TO AB 361


WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee ("WCCTAC") is a joint exercise of powers authority formed pursuant to Government Code Section 6500, et. seq. by and between the City of El Cerrito, the City of Hercules, the City of Pinole, the City of Richmond, the City of San Pablo, Contra Costa County, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District ("AC Transit"), San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit ("BART"), and West Contra Costa Transit Authority ("WestCAT"); and

WHEREAS, all WCCTAC meetings are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code $54950-54963$ ), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch WCCTAC's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State prepare for a broader spread of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, On March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow local legislative bodies to conduct meetings telephonically or by other means; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Executive Order N-29-20, staff set up virtual meetings for all WCCTAC Board meetings and meetings of all WCCTAC legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which, effective September 30, 2021, ends the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 that allows local legislative bodies to conduct meetings telephonically or by other means; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 (2021) which allows for local legislative bodies and advisory bodies to continue to conduct meetings via teleconferencing under specified conditions and includes a requirement that the WCCTAC Board make specified findings. AB 361 (2021) took effect immediately; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2021, the WCCTAC Board of Directors made the continued finding that the presence of COVID-19 and the increase of cases due to the Delta variant would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees at WCCTAC Board meetings and meetings of WCCTAC's other legislative bodies, including the Board and staff, should the Board hold and permit in person meetings; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the WCCTAC Board of Directors continued this finding; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2021, the WCCTAC Board of Directors continued this finding; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2022, the WCCTAC Board of Directors continued this finding; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2022, the WCCTAC Board of Directors continued this finding; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 (2021) requires that the Governor declare a State of Emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 (2021) further requires that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, requires that the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in WCCTAC's jurisdiction, specifically, Governor Newsom has declared a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since issuing Executive Order N-08-21, the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 has emerged, causing an increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the State and Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") continues to recommend physical distancing of at least 6 feet from others outside of the household; and

WHEREAS, recently, the highly contagious Omicron variant has emerged, and has resulted in the greatest nationwide infection rate since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, because of the rise in cases due to the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19, the WCCTAC Board of Directors is concerned about the health and safety of all individuals who intend to attend WCCTAC Board meetings and meetings of WCCTAC's other legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, the WCCTAC Board of Directors hereby finds that the presence of COVID-19 and the increase of cases due to the Delta and Omicron variants would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, including the legislative bodies and staff, should WCCTAC's legislative bodies hold in person meetings; and

WHEREAS, WCCTAC shall ensure that it's meetings comply with the provisions required by AB 361 (2021) for holding teleconferenced meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct, and incorporated into this Resolution.
2. In compliance with AB 361 (2021), and in order to continue to conduct teleconference meetings without complying with the usual teleconference meeting requirements of the Brown Act, the WCCTAC Board of Directors makes the following findings:
a) The WCCTAC Board of Directors has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and
b) The state of emergency, as declared by the Governor, continues to directly impact the ability of the WCCTAC Board of Directors and WCCTAC's legislative bodies, as well as staff and members of the public, from meeting safely in person; and
c) The CDC continues to recommend physical distancing of at least six feet due to COVID-19 and as a result of the presence of COVID-19 and the increase of cases due to the Delta and Omicron variants, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, the legislative bodies and staff.
3. The WCCTAC Board of Directors and WCCTAC's legislative bodies may continue to meet remotely in compliance with AB 361 , in order to better ensure the health and safety of the public.
4. The WCCTAC Board of Directors will revisit the need to conduct meetings remotely within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

By: Demnlus Johnson, Chair
Attest:

John Nemeth, Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Kristopher J. Kokotaylo, General Counsel

## Technical Coordinating Committee STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: January 20, 2022

| Subject | Policy Framework Discussion for One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 <br> (OBAG 3) Program in Contra Costa County |
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| Summary of Issues | On January 12, 2022, the Metropolitan Transportation <br> Commission (MTC) released its initial draft policy framework <br> and program criteria for investing Federal Surface <br> Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality <br> (Improvement Program) (STP/CMAQ) funds over the four-year <br> period covering federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-23 through FFY <br> 2025-26. OBAG 3 directs 50\% of the funds to regional <br> programs with the remaining 50\% to county and local <br> programs to fund projects that are consistent with the <br> recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), referred <br> to as the Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA 2050). |
|  | The Authority, as the Congestion Management Agency (CMA), <br> is responsible for submitting eligible project priorities to MTC <br> and administering the call for projects in accordance with MTC |
| guidelines. Staff is proposing a program framework, which |  |
| focuses on two project types: 1) Active Transportation and |  |
| Safety - Projects of Countywide Significance (ATS-PCS) |  |
| program; and 2) Countywide Smart Signals project. |  |


|  | implementation of the Countywide Smart Signals project. This <br> project will upgrade traffic signal systems within the 19 <br> cities/towns and unincorporated Contra Costa County, based <br> on need and primarily along routes of regional significance. |
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| Recommendations | Staff will provide an overview of the proposed framework and <br> the Technical Coordinating Committee is requested to provide <br> feedback and input. This is an informational item only; no staff <br> recommendation at this time. |
| Staff Contact | John Hoang |
| Financial Implications | Based on the OBAG 2 funding cycle, it is anticipated that <br> approximately \$52 million in Federal STP/CMAQ funding for <br> the OBAG 3 cycle could become available for Contra Costa <br> County for the FFYs 2022-23 through FFY 2025-26. The final <br> amount is not expected to be available until April 2022. |
| Options | The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) could request <br> modifications to the proposed OBAG 3 program. |
| Attachments | A. MTC Proposed Framework for OBAG 3 dated January 12, <br> 2022 |
| Changes from Committee | N/A |

## Background

On January 12, 2022, MTC released its draft policy framework and program criteria for investing Federal STP/CMAQ funds over the four-year period covering FFY 2022-23 through FFY 2025-26, referred to as OBAG 3. Additional details regarding MTC's framework can be found in Attachment A.

OBAG 3 directs $50 \%$ of the funds for regional programs with the remaining $50 \%$ for county and local programs to fund projects that are consistent with the recently adopted RTP, referred to as PBA 2050. OBAG 3 allows CMAs flexibility and discretion to invest in various
transportation program categories using the $50 \%$ for county and local programs share.
It is anticipated that the Authority, as the CMA, will need to nominate nearly $\$ 62$ million worth of projects to MTC for consideration. This amount considers an estimated $\$ 52$ million that Contra Costa County would typically receive based on the previous OBAG 2 cycle, plus an additional 20\%, as recommended by MTC.

Authority staff is proposing a program concept, which focuses on two project types: 1) ATSPCS program; and 2) Countywide Smart Signals project. For the proposed OBAG 3 program policy framework, staff proposes 50\% of available OBAG 3 funding be utilized for the ATS-PCS while the remaining 50\% be programmed for the Countywide Smart Signals project. The two project types are further described below.

## Active Transportation and Safety - Projects of Countywide Significance (ATS-PCS) Program

The ATS-PCS project list would fund bicycle and pedestrian projects and SRTS projects in Contra Costa County. Projects proposed for funding must be included in the 2018 adopted Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, the Countywide Pedestrian Needs Assessment, SRTS programming or identified as a project that can move Contra Costa County more quickly toward Countywide Vision Zero.

The ATS-PCS project list will be developed through a countywide competitive call for projects application process. The minimum grant amount would be $\$ 500,000$. Each jurisdiction is limited to two project applications, and the County is limited to four applications. MTC requires that a minimum of $70 \%$ of all OBAG 3 funds be invested in PDAs. Projects can be bundled within and across local agencies. Project sponsors would need to provide $11.47 \%$ in matching funds.

## Countywide Smart Signals Project

The Countywide Smart Signals project will upgrade approximately 700 traffic signals located along major arterials designated as regionally significant, within the 19 cities/towns and unincorporated County. The project includes upgrading local traffic signal controllers and signal system software, interconnecting the traffic signal systems, deploying closed circuit television cameras, implementing vehicle detection systems, installing fiber optics for an interconnected countywide communication network, and enabling local jurisdictions to
proactively manage day-to-day traffic. The implementation of a countywide interconnected signal system with intelligent transportation tools and applications will help decrease travel time, decrease total delay, reduce frequencies of stops, reduce collisions, and improve the efficient movement of passenger vehicles, transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians for local and regional travels.

Countywide, Contra Costa County is home to 19 cities and more than 20 unincorporated communities. There are approximately 1,400 traffic signals countywide. The Countywide Smart Signals project will develop, manage, and implement Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) initiatives that will improve multimodal mobility, maximize highway and arterial system capacity, and improve operational efficiency, safety, and the environment throughout Contra Costa County. By upgrading the existing legacy systems and providing interconnectivity throughout countywide signal systems, the traffic signal systems will be prepared for future emerging technologies including connected vehicles, autonomous vehicles, big data, integrated corridor management, and Smart Cities initiatives. This will enhance the sharing of real-time information between agencies and the public using existing and next generation ITS technologies.

With an estimated cost for the program of $\$ 90$ million, it is anticipated that the project will be completed in phases based on available funding. OBAG 3 could provide approximately $\$ 26$ million for the initial phase, if approved. Authority staff will coordinate with local jurisdictions prior to finalizing the project application.

## Schedule

The following schedule is anticipated for the ATS-PCS project list:

1. May 2022 - The Authority will issue a call for projects
2. September 2022 - The list of prioritized nominations will be submitted to MTC
3. January 2023 - Final MTC project selection

The following schedule is anticipated for the Countywide Smart Signals System:

1. The Authority will coordinate with local jurisdictions to include locations for the Smart Signals projects.
2. OBAG 3 funds will be available on October 1, 2023.

The following draft schedule is proposed for the development of the OBAG 3 call for projects and policy framework:

1. January 20, 2022 (TCC): OBAG 3 policy framework - discussion on the draft.
2. February 16, 2022 (Authority Board): OBAG 3 policy framework - discussion on the draft.
3. February - March 2022 (Regional Transportation Planning Committees): OBAG 3 policy framework - discussion on the draft.
4. February 17, 2022 (TCC): Development of ATS-PCS application and scoring criteria.
5. March 2, 2022 (PC): Draft OBAG 3 policy framework and application process.
6. March 16, 2022 (Authority Board): Draft OBAG 3 policy framework and application process.
7. March 17, 2022 (TCC): Creation of applications review subcommittee.
8. March 28, 2022 (Countywide Bicycle \& Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC)): Creation of application review subcommittee.
9. April 6, 2022 (PC): Review of Final OBAG 3 policy framework and application process.
10. April 20, 2022 (Authority Board): Adoption of Final OBAG 3 policy framework and application process.
11. April 21, 2022: Authority staff to release a countywide call for projects.
12. June 1, 2022: Application due to the Authority.
13. July 2022 (CBPAC and TCC): Meeting to review project applications.
14. August 18, 2022 (TCC): Special meeting to review recommended projects.
15. August 22, 2022 (CBPAC): Special meeting to review recommended projects.
16. September 7, 2022 (PC): Approval to submit recommended project list to MTC.
17. September 21, 2022 (Authority Board): Final approval to submit project list to MTC for evaluation.
18. September 30, 2022: Project list due to MTC.
19. January 2023 (MTC): Approval of the countywide project list.
20. October 1, 2023: OBAG 3 funding becomes available.

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February 18, 2022

Contra Costa Transportation Authority
c/o John Hoang
Director of Planning
2999 Oak Road, Suite 100
Walnut Creek, CA 94597
Subject: One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 3) Program: Policy Framework for Contra Costa County.

Dear John,

Thank you for providing an overview of the CCTA's proposed policy framework, for the county and local share of the OBAG 3 grant program, at the WCCTAC TAC meeting on February 10, 2022. I am writing to summarize the feedback of the WCCTAC TAC.

The TAC did not express any objection to using OBAG funds for either Active Transportation \& Safety projects or the Countywide Smart Signals project. However, a notable number of TAC members recommended that there be additional funding categories to allow for a broader array of eligible projects. These members explained that restricting projects to traffic signal upgrades or active transportation could be limiting for local jurisdictions. Some TAC members questioned why these two categories were prioritized for funding over other countywide needs.

At least one TAC member noted that there have been significant upgrades to signals in West County from the I-80 SMART Corridors project, and other recent work, and that West County consequently may not need as much traffic signal investment as other parts of Contra Costa County. At least one TAC member also worried about the complexity of ensuring the $70 \%$ of the signals fell in Priority Development Areas, as required by MTC's requirements for OBAG 3. While there are clearly signal projects in West County that could be funded, the general sentiment of the TAC was concern about the SMART Signal program taking up $50 \%$ of the program funding.

Another TAC member wondered about the specific objective of the signal upgrades and whether it was about mere modernization or a potentially much longer-term goal
of preparing signals for autonomous vehicles or selling data. The TAC also asked for clarification about the match requirement for the Smart Signals project and whether CCTA would contribute to, or local staff time could count toward, the match requirement of $11.47 \%$. The TAC also wondered if local jurisdictions might be responsible for any additional costs. There was general TAC consensus that the details of the proposed Smart Signal program needed more clarification.

At least one TAC member recommended that CCTA set a lower minimum project cost requirement, at possibly $\$ 250,000$ rather than $\$ 500,00$. This TAC member commented that the change would benefit smaller jurisdictions whose projects may be smaller and involve lower dollar amounts. Another TAC member wondered why Active Transportation projects should be required to be "of countywide significance" noting that this could significantly limit funding opportunities for local jurisdictions.

It was the understanding of several TAC members that OBAG 2 previously funded the County's Safe Routes to School Program in West County. There was interest in continuing this funding opportunity and modifying the Safe Routes program, if necessary, to ensure eligibility for OBAG 3 funding.

Lastly, TAC members appreciated the CCTA offer to help local jurisdictions complete Road Safety Plans which are required for funding. Please let us know the type of assistance the CCTA can provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the development of this critical source of transportation funding.

Sincerely,


John Nemeth
WCCTAC Executive Director



WHAT IS THE ACCESSIBLE
Partnership between CCTA and the County --
funded by a Caltrans Sustainable
Communities Transportation Planning grant
Recommends a new coordinating entity and
specific strategies to improve accessible
transportation services
Approved by the Board of Supervisors and the
Contra Costa Transportation Authority in March 2021
ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC (ATS) PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION
Task Force Formation: The ATS Plan recommended that, "...a Task Force be established
to take the study recommendations to the next level of implementation."
West County Task Force Members
•Mica McFadden, WestCAT
-Mike Hursh, AC Transit
•Myrtle Braxton, Richmond Commission on Aging
•Rita Xavier, City of San Pablo, WCCTAC
ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC (ATS) PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION (continued)
"...keep Contra Costa's regional hospital open and staffed; fund community health
centers; provide timely fire and emergency response; support crucial safety-net
services; invest in early childhood services; protect vulnerable populations; and for
other essential county services..."

[^1]ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC (ATS) PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION (continued)
Four ATS "Quick Wins" submitted to the Measure X Community Advisory Board and the Board of Supervisors (continued)
2. One Call/One Click Operations Center. Countywide, centralized phone and internet
 travel plans based on their abilities.
3. User-side Subsidies for low-income populations for whom existing fares represent a barrier to access.
4. Expansion and Enhancement of One Seat Ride Pilot Program allowing paratransit riders to travel throughout the county (and possibly outside the county) without having to transfer between paratransit vehicles.

## THANK YOU! <br> 

TO: WCCTAC Board<br>FR: Joanna Pallock, Project Manager<br>RE: West County Travel Training Program

## REQUESTED ACTION

1. Authorize staff to re-start the Travel Training Program in May 2022 and continue it until at least October 2022.
2. Provide input on the program's direction over the longer-term.

## BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In 2018, the WCCTAC Board approved the use of $\$ 100,000$ in flexible Measure J 28b funds to initiate a Travel Training Program in West Contra Costa based on recommendations from the West County Accessible Transportation Study. The program began in March 2019 and involved outreach to seniors and less abled residents to train them on how to use various modes of travel including transit, Uber/Lyft services, and paratransit. WCCTAC hired Janet Bilbas, a part-time retired annuitant, to serve as the Travel Training Coordinator.

The program was suspended in the Spring of 2020 with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2021, WCCTAC staff received direction from the Board to re-start the program on July 1, given that the Covid-19 situation appeared to be improving. Although, funds remained from the initial allocation, the Board allocated an additional \$48,000 in Measure J 28b funds to ensure that the program would have the resources to run for a full fiscal year. Unfortunately, the emergence of the Delta and Omicron Covid variants made restarting the program impossible.

Today, given that the Covid situation in West County is again improving, staff is proposing to re-start the program in May 2022 and run it until at least October 2022. Staff will provide an overview of the proposed program details for this period. As of now, there are approximately $\$ 72,000$ remaining in previously allocated funds. This amount is more than sufficient to run the program over the proposed six-month period. As a result, the Board does not need to allocate any new funding.

Staff is also seeking Board feedback on the longer-term direction of the program.
WCCTAC's Travel Training Coordinator is semi-retired and spends the winter months outside the Bay Area. If the program were to continue after October 2022, WCCTAC would either need to make the program seasonal or modify its staffing approach. While the program is relatively inexpensive, continuing it indefinitely would require additional
allocations of Measure J 28b funds or identification of some other grant source. Over the longer term it might be possible for the new Countywide entity, responsible for improving senior and disabled transportation, to initiate a countywide travel training program influenced by WCCTAC's pilot. If the program were successful, it could involve the availability of the same types of services but funded with County Measure X dollars, or other grant sources, rather than West County's Measure J funds.

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January 28, 2022

Mr. Tim Haile, Executive Director Contra Costa Transportation Authority 2999 Oak Road, Suite 100
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

RE: January 2022 WCCTAC Board Meeting Summary

Dear Tim:

The WCCTAC Board, at its meeting on January 28, 2022 took the following actions that may be of interest to CCTA:

1. Election of Officers:
a. CCTA Representative (even year): Chris Kelley (Pinole)
b. WCCTAC Chair: Demnlus Johnson III (Richmond)
c. WCCTAC Vice-Chair: Paul Fadelli (Richmond)
2. Adopted Resolution 22-02, for a STMP Funding Agreement with City of San Pablo for the San Pablo Avenue Bridge Replacement and Roadway Realignment Project.
3. Adopted Resolution 22-03 to continue teleconferenced meetings under $A B 361$.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


John Nemeth
Executive Director
cc: Tarienne Grover, CCTA

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ACRONYM LIST. Below are acronyms frequently utilized in WCCTAC communications.

ABAG: Association of Bay Area Governments<br>ACTC: Alameda County Transportation Commission<br>ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act<br>APC: Administration and Projects Committee (CCTA)<br>ATP: Active Transportation Program<br>AV: Autonomous Vehicle<br>BAAQMD: Bay Area Air Quality Management District<br>BATA: Bay Area Toll Authority<br>BCDC: Bay Conservation and Development Commission<br>Caltrans: California Department of Transportation<br>CBTP: Community Based Transportation Plan<br>CCTA: Contra Costa Transportation Authority<br>CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act<br>CIL: Center for Independent Living<br>CMAs: Congestion Management Agencies<br>CMAQ: Congestion Management and Air Quality<br>CMIA: Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (Prop 1B bond fund)<br>CMP: Congestion Management Program<br>CSMP: Corridor System Management Plan<br>CTC: California Transportation Commission<br>CTP: Contra Costa Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan<br>CTPL: Comprehensive Transportation Project List<br>DEIR: Draft Environmental Impact Report<br>EBRPD: East Bay Regional Park District<br>EIR: Environmental Impact Report<br>EIS: Environmental Impact Statement<br>EVP: Emergency Vehicle Preemption (traffic signals)<br>FHWA: Federal Highway Administration<br>FTA: Federal Transit Administration<br>FY: Fiscal Year<br>HOV: High Occupancy Vehicle Lane<br>ICM: Integrated Corridor Mobility<br>ITC or RITC: Hercules Intermodal Transit Center<br>ITS: Intelligent Transportations System<br>LOS: Level of Service (traffic)<br>MOU: Memorandum of Understanding<br>MPO: Metropolitan Planning Organization<br>MTC: Metropolitan Transportation Commission<br>MTSO: Multi-Modal Transportation Service Objective

NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act
O\&M: Operations and Maintenance
OBAG: One Bay Area Grant
PAC: Policy Advisory Committee
PASS: Program for Arterial System Synchronization
PBTF: Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities
PC: Planning Committee (CCTA)
PCC: Paratransit Coordinating Committee (CCTA)
PDA: Priority Development Areas
PSR: Project Study Report (Caltrans)
RHNA: Regional Housing Needs Allocation (ABAG)
RPTC: Richmond Parkway Transit Center
RTIP: Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP: Regional Transportation Plan
RTPC: Regional Transportation Planning Committee
SCS: Sustainable Communities Strategy
SHPO: State Historic and Preservation Officef
SOV: Single Occupant Vehicle
STA: State Transit Assistance
STIP: State Transportation Improvement Program
STMP: Subregional Transportation Mitigation Plan
SWAT: Regional Transportation Planning Committee for Southwest County
TAC: Technical Advisory Committee
TCC: Technical Coordinating Committee (CCTA)
TDA: Transit Development Act funds
TDM: Transportation Demand Management
TFCA: Transportation Fund for Clean Air
TEP: Transportation Expenditure Plan
TLC: Transportation for Livable Communities
TOD: Transit Oriented Development
TRANSPAC: Regional Transportation Planning Committee for Central County
TRANSPLAN: Regional Transportation Planning Committee for East County
TSP: Transit Signal Priority (traffic signals and buses)
VMT: Vehicle Miles Traveled
WCCTAC: West County Costa Transportation Advisory Committee
WETA: Water Emergency Transportation Authority


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[^1]:    Four ATS "Quick Wins" submitted to the Measure X Community Advisory Board and the Board of Supervisors implementation of accessible transportation strategies including the identification of a new ongoing funding source to support continuing operations.

