



## Minutes of March 13, 2014 WCCTAC-TAC Meeting

1. **Self-Introductions:** (see attached sign-in sheet)
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Minutes and Sign In Sheets: March 13, 2014** - Adopted with one abstention from City of San Pablo, Michele Rodriguez. Staff was asked to clarify the TDM item with language provided from Linda Young.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **4. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Nominations.**

Action: Chad Smalley from the City of Richmond and Michele Rodriguez from the City of San Pablo were nominated to the TCC. Lori Reese-Brown from the City of Richmond was selected as an alternate.

Discussion: TAC members agreed that the TCC membership should represent both planning and engineering expertise.

#### **5. Paratransit Coordinating Committee.**

Action: None

Discussion: Joanna Pallock handed out information on the PCC application process and directed members to send CCTA the names of any interested parties from the community.

#### **6. Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC).**

Action: None

Discussion: TAC members were asked to seek out interested citizens to represent West County on the CBPAC whose meetings are held roughly four times per year at CCTA's offices. Nominations will be put forth at the April TAC meeting.

#### **7. West County Action Plan.**

Action: The Action Plan was forwarded to the March 28, 2014 Board meeting.

Discussion: Julie Morgan from Fehr and Peers presented the Draft Action Plan for final comments before it went to the Board. It will return after it is incorporated into the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) and an EIR is created as part of the CTP process. Alameda and Solano as well as Marin County were added to Action Item #47.

## **8. Safe Routes to School Needs Assessment Study.**

Action: Review and forward comments to the Board.

Discussion: Julie Morgan from Fehr and Peers presented the study. TAC members asked questions and commented. One comment involved a concern that the list is unconstrained and that it might be beneficial for priorities to be spelled out. Other concerns surrounded the ability (or challenge) to implement all the items on the list. There was also a suggestion to focus on Safe Routes *from* School, which is also concern.

## **9. Mobility Management Plan.**

Action: TAC members provided feedback for consideration by the WCCTAC Board. TAC members were also given the opportunity to provide written comments for the March 28<sup>th</sup> Board packet.

Discussion: The TAC members discussed the MMP and each TAC representative gave their agency's feedback. There were a number of comments and some of the key points included:

- There was broad confusion about whether the MMP was a “visioning document” as articulated by its presenters, or whether it was supposed to be the planning template for Contra Costa County to follow.
- One recommendation was to re-title the Plan a “Background Report” rather than calling it a “Plan” and viewing as a concept for consideration.
- Some TAC members suggested that the formation of a new Oversight Committee is redundant and that its functions can be carried out within the existing Paratransit Coordinating Committee. They also noted that the proposed Oversight Board does not include consumers and cities while the PCC does.
- Some concerns were raised over the costs of a new governing entity. One suggestion was that it might be preferable for CCTA hire a Mobility Manager.
- One TAC member noted that mobility management and coordination is already occurring but the MMP does not recognize those existing efforts.
- There was widespread support for the general concept of mobility management and for the idea of improving coordination among providers of services for seniors and the disabled.
- Transit agencies noted that they struggle financially to meet the growing demand for paratransit services and that rising costs can result in cuts to fixed-route services.

## **10. I-80 ICM Project.**

No staff were present to report on item – will be brought back in April

## **11. TAC & Staff Member Comments and Announcements**

- **ATP Workshop**: TAC members asked if WCCTAC staff could coordinate an ATP application discussion at the April meeting to see who is applying and where collaborations could be made.
- **TIGER GRANT Cycle 6**: Suggestions on coordination for Cycle 7 were made. Cycle 6 is already underway and Richmond may be submitting an application.

- **San Pablo Paratransit Efforts:** Greg Dwyer, City of San Pablo Community Services Manager, gave an update on new efforts to enhance the City's Paratransit program.

**12. Other Business** – none