

El Cerrito

## SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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**DATE & TIME:** Friday, July 12, 2019: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** City of El Cerrito, Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue (at Manila Ave)  
El Cerrito, California (Accessible by AC Transit #72, #72M & #72R)

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1. **Call to Order and Self-Introductions.** (*Chris Kelley – Chair*)
  2. **Public Comment.** The public is welcome to address the Board on any item that is not listed on the agenda. *Please fill out a speaker card and hand it to staff.*

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### CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **Richmond Ferry Weekend Service Pilot Program** (*Attachment to be provided under separate cover; Recommended Action: Approve*). Approve Measure J funding for pilot weekend service on the Richmond Ferry.

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### SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

4. **New Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP).** The CCTA is developing a transportation expenditure plan (TEP) for a potential ½ cent sales tax measure. The WCCTAC Board reviewed the proposed funding allocations as well as the proposed policies for the TEP at its last meeting on June 28th. Staff sent a letter to the Authority on July 1<sup>st</sup>, which summarized the Board's comments. CCTA is expected to release an Initial Draft TEP in the first two weeks of July. WCCTAC staff will forward all, or relevant parts, of this document, as soon as it is released. Staff will review the document with the Board and solicit feedback. (*John Nemeth - WCCTAC Executive Director; Attachments; Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff on a possible letter to the Authority*).

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### STANDING ITEMS

5. **Board and Staff Comments.**
  - a. Board Member Comments, Conference/Meeting Reports (AB 1234 Requirement), and Announcements

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**6. General Information Items.**

- a. Letter to CCTA Executive Director with June 28, 24, 2019 Summary of Board Actions
- b. Acronym List

- 7. Adjourn.** Next regular meeting is: July 26, 2019 @ 8:00am in the El Cerrito City Hall Council Chambers, located at 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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- 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.

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July 2, 2019

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Randy Iwasaki  
 Contra Costa Transportation Authority  
 2999 Oak Road, #100  
 Walnut Creek, CA 94597

**RE: Initial Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan**

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Dear Randy,

I am writing on behalf of the WCCTAC Board to provide additional feedback on the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) that is currently being developed by the Authority.

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WCCTAC previously sent a letter on June 12, 2019, which included a table with WCCTAC's preferred funding allocations for all of the TEP categories. This letter provides an update to that table. It also provides feedback on the policies being developed by the Authority that are proposed for inclusion in the TEP.

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Funding Allocation by Category

WCCTAC has made some minor changes to its previously recommended funding allocation. First, it has accepted the Authority's proposal for a 1% allocation to the *Administration* category and a 3% allocation to the *Transportation Planning, Facilities & Services* category.

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WCCTAC has also shifted its funding from the *Additional Train Cars for E-BART, Parking, and Access Improvements to BART* category to the *Cleaner, Safer BART* category. WCCTAC further accepts the exact proposed allocation by the Authority to the *Fix and Modernize Local Roads* return-to-source category.

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Lastly, WCCTAC is recommending that the measure contain enough flexibility to allow for the re-programming of funds from one category to another, in the event of a major change to the transportation funding landscape. For example, MTC is considering a region-wide policy that could reduce or eliminate transit fares for youth. If implemented over the next 30 years, this could eliminate the need for funds in the *Safe Transportation for Youth and Students* category which, in West County, would provide subsidies for student transit passes.

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A detailed table showing WCCTAC’s newly proposed funding allocation by category is included below:

Funding Category	Allocation proposed by CCTA (in millions)	Allocation proposed by WCCTAC (in millions)
Fix and Modernize Local Roads	\$100.70	\$100.70
Increase Bus Services and Reliability in West Contra Costa	\$110.55	\$169.70
Improve Transit Reliability along I-80	\$95.00	\$90.30
Cleaner, Safer BART	\$23.00	\$43.40
e-BART cars, Parking, and Access Improvements to BART	\$23.00	-
Enhance Ferry and Commuter Rail in Contra Costa	\$30.00	\$34.00
Relieve Congestion and Improve Local Access along I-80 Corridor	\$60.00	\$57.00
Improve Traffic Flow and Local Access to Richmond-San Rafael Bridge	\$20.00	\$19.00
Improve Walking and Biking on Streets and Trails	\$50.00	\$50.90
Affordable Transportation for Seniors, Veterans, and People with Disabilities	\$37.00	\$40.72
Safe Transportation for Youth and Students	\$40.00	\$27.20
Seamless Connected Transportation Options and Reduce Emissions	\$38.60	\$23.72
Improve Traffic Flow on Local Streets	\$35.23	\$10.20
Focused Growth, Support Economic Development, and Create Jobs in Contra Costa	\$16.00	\$10.20
Transportation Planning, Facilities, & Services	\$21.38	\$21.38
Regional Transportation Priorities	\$5.00	\$7.00
Administration	\$7.12	\$7.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$712.58</b>	<b>\$712.58</b>

TEP Policies

The WCCTAC Board reviewed all of the policies being developed for the TEP and has comments on the Transit Policy and Complete Streets Policy.

Regarding the Transit Policy, the WCCTAC Board shares the general concerns of the transit operators in Contra Costa County.

WCCTAC concurs with CCTA that operators should be aware of new technologies that could improve the quality or efficiency of their services. However, the incorporation of emerging technologies may present complex trade-offs for operators, taxpayers, and customers, and may always not provide overall net benefits. Ultimately, the CCTA should not withhold funds to operators simply to force the adoption of new technologies. The Transit Policy's item #6 should be modified accordingly to clarify this point.

WCCTAC concurs with CCTA that operators should strive to create a seamless experience for customers across the County with an eye toward improved schedule and fare integration. However, it recognizes that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is also working to create a more seamless customer experience throughout the region. WCCTAC recommends that the Transit Policy (specifically item #7) be modified to ensure that funds will not be withheld from operators if they cannot achieve the desired improvements given their need to participate in similar regional efforts. Operators should not be caught between the requirements and activities of CCTA and MTC.

Lastly, the WCCTAC Board believes that the Complete Streets Policy should take into account potential impacts to bus operations. One way to do that would be to include a line under the "exceptions" sub-heading to say: "when impacts to bus operators in a corridor are significant and could impact the effectiveness of transit service."

We thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback and for the hard work of the Authority staff and Commissioners. We look forward to reviewing the Initial Draft TEP when it is released.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Nemeth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Nemeth  
WCCTAC Executive Director

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June 28, 2019

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

RE: June WCCTAC Board Meeting Summary

Richmond

Dear Randy:

The WCCTAC Board, at its meeting on June 28, 2019, took the following actions that may be of interest to CCTA:

San Pablo

1. Appointed Coire Reilly as the Countywide Bike Pedestrian Advisory Committee Representative.
2. Adopted Resolution 19-06, WCCTAC Work Program, Budget and Dues for FY 2020
3. Discussed the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) being developed by CCTA and considered its preference for funding allocations by category.

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Please let me know if you have any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

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John Nemeth  
Executive Director

cc: Tarien Grover, CCTA; John Cunningham, TRANSPAC; Jamar Stamps, TRANSPLAN; Lisa Bobadilla, SWAT; Matt Todd, CCTA

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

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