

WCCTAC
West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, 29 January 2010

Members Present: Maria Viramontes (Richmond)*, Chair; Janet Abelson (El Cerrito); Ed Balico (Hercules); Genoveva Calloway (San Pablo); Tom Hansen (WestCAT); Joel Keller (BART); Jeff Ritterman (Richmond); Roy Swearingen* (Pinole), Vice-Chair; Joe Wallace (AC Transit). Absent: Tom Butt (Richmond), John Gioia (Contra Costa County). *arrived after roll call

Staff Present: Christina Atienza, Nancy Cuneo, Valerie Lipscomb, Joanna Pallock, John Rudolph, Linda Young; Hisham Noeimi, CCTA; Michael Rodriguez, Meyers Nave; Bradley Ward, WCCTAC Treasurer.

Location: San Pablo Council Chambers, 13831 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94806

1. Call to Order Self-Introductions. *Director Balico* convened the meeting at 8:06 a.m. Board and audience members introduced themselves. *Chair Viramontes* arrived at 8:08 a.m. during introductions.

2. Public Comment. *Ms. Olivia de Bree*, Contra Costa Organizer for TransForm, asked the Board to take a position on CCTA's proposed guiding principles for development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

3. Welcome to New Board Members. *Chair Viramontes* welcomed new Alternates *Mr. Joel Young*, AC Transit; *Mayor Gayle McLaughlin*, Richmond; and *Mr. Tim Banuelos*, Pinole.

4. Election of Officers and Representatives. *Chair Viramontes* asked for nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Even-year CCTA Representative. *Director Ritterman* nominated *Maria Viramontes* as Chair, seconded by *Director Balico*, and passed unanimously. *Director Ritterman* nominated *Roy Swearingen* as Vice-Chair, seconded by *Director Balico*, and passed unanimously. *Director Ritterman* nominated *Janet Abelson* as Even-year CCTA Representative, seconded by *Director Balico*, and passed by roll call vote: El Cerrito: yea; Hercules: yea; Richmond: yea; San Pablo: yea; no abstentions; no nays.

5. Richmond Paratransit Update. *Executive Director Christina Atienza* stated that meetings had been convened among WCCTAC staff and Richmond executive and paratransit staff. WCCTAC staff provided Richmond with recommendations for short- and long-term budget savings, and noted the opportunities for streamlining associated with the Paratransit Study. *Chair Viramontes* requested that the recommendations be forwarded to the WCCTAC Board members and Richmond City Council members.

6. Local Government Commission membership. *Ms. Atienza* stated that the agency memberships had been assigned to directors who expressed interest and who did not have membership available to them through other affiliations.

7. Presentation on I-80 EB HOV Detour Plans. *Mr. Mark Zabaneh and Mr. Ron Kiaaina* from Caltrans provided an overview of the project, which is expected to be complete by November 2010. Caltrans staff agreed to give a presentation to the Hercules City Council and invited other jurisdictions to contact them with questions and concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: *Director Balico* moved to adopt both items of the Consent Calendar, seconded by *Director Abelson*, and passed unanimously.

- 8. Minutes and Summary of December 11, 2009 Board meeting.**
- 9. Summary of January 14, 2010 TAC meeting.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Mid-Year Budget Review and Update; Ad Hoc Subcommittee Formation for FY 10-11 Budget Policies.

ACTION: *Director Abelson* moved to approve four cost-neutral amendments, seconded by *Director Balico*, and passed unanimously. *Chair Viramontes* appointed five members to serve on an ad hoc subcommittee for development of policies to guide the FY 10-11 budget process: *Directors Abelson, Calloway, Hansen, Wallace, and Viramontes*.

DISCUSSION: *Ms. Atienza* stated that the budget is tracking on the conservative side. *Mr. Bradley Ward*, WCCTAC Treasurer, stated that the PERS increase will occur in FY 11-12. *Ms. Atienza* explained that half the PERS increase had been anticipated in the current budget.

11. State Route 4 Corridor System Management Plan.

ACTION: The Board approved the draft comment letter prepared by staff, with revisions as discussed during the meeting.

DISCUSSION: *Ms. Atienza* introduced *Mr. Tom Biggs*, PBSJ, the project consultant; *Mr. Martin Engelmann* and *Mr. Matt Kelly*, CCTA; *Mr. Albert Yee* and *Ms. Danielle Stanislaus*, MTC; and *Mr. Cesar Pujol*, Caltrans District 4. *Mr. Engelmann* outlined the CSMP process which is a requirement of projects that receive CMIA funds from Prop 1B. *Mr. Biggs* reviewed the general technical requirements of MTC's Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI) and the CSMP, and narrated a presentation on proposed strategies for attaining stated goals. *Chair Viramontes* stated that the draft comment letter should be broadened to emphasize the need for studies, and the funding of studies, that will increase transit on the corridor. *Director Ritterman* stated that one of the main benefits of the proposed ULRT system is increased BART ridership.

12. Proposed Measure J General Plan Amendment Review Process.

ACTION: The Board approved as is the draft comment letter prepared by staff.

DISCUSSION: *Mr. Engelmann* outlined the requirement of the Growth Management Program of Measure J that jurisdictions participate in an ongoing cooperative multi-jurisdictional planning process. *Chair Viramontes* noted that through this process CCTA is establishing the rules of engagement for containing development within the Urban Limit Line. *Director Ritterman* noted that Smart Growth should not need an exemption from the GPA review process. *Ms. Atienza* stated that draft comments had been reviewed by the TAC. *Mr. Engelmann* stated that the Authority expects to adopt the new process in March or April 2010.

13. Potential FY 10-11 Caltrans Planning Grant Application.

ACTION: *Director Abelson* moved that WCCTAC apply for a West County Community-Based Transportation Plan grant (Option 2), seconded by *Director Hansen*, and passed unanimously. The Board also approved a request to CCTA to program Measure J Program 28b in the amount of \$18,750 for local match to the grant application.

DISCUSSION: *Ms. Atienza* provided background on the two options under consideration. *Director Balico* noted that with Option 2, the concept of wBART might also be explored.

14. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Formation for Agency Strategic Plan and STMP Strategic Plan Update.

ACTION: To the subcommittee for the Agency Strategic Plan, *Chair Viramontes* appointed *Directors Abelson, Balico, Calloway, Gioia* and *Viramontes* (as Chair). To the subcommittee for the STMP Strategic Plan Update, which will also be the subcommittee for SB 375 guiding principles, *Chair Viramontes* appointed *Directors Abelson, Gioia, Ritterman, Swearingen*, and *Viramontes* (as Chair).

DISCUSSION: *Chair Viramontes* stated that cities and the county with land use authority should serve on the subcommittees.

STANDING ITEMS

15. Correspondence/Other Information:

- a. Incoming:**
 - Dec. 18, from Robert McCleary, Items Approved by the Authority on Dec. 16, 2009
- b. Outgoing:**
 - Dec. 11, to Congressman George Miller, Support for TIGER Grant Request for Richmond/Cybertran Ultra Light Rail Demonstration Project
 - Dec. 18, to Mr. Pat Roche, Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department, Comments on Draft Downtown El Sobrante DEIR
- c. Workshops/Conferences/Events:**
 - Director Wallace reported on his attendance at the Transportation Research Board conference in Washington, D.C., in January 2010.

16. WCCTAC Board and Staff Comments: *Director Balico* reported on the discussion at the Mayors Conference concerning the Governor's proposal to implement an excise tax and borrow money from local jurisdictions. *Chair Viramontes* stated that municipalities are opposed to the swap, echoed *Director Balico's* sentiments that this issue is a matter that local leaders will need to actively oppose, and instructed staff to agendize the item for the next meeting.

17. Other Business: none

18. Adjournment until February 26, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.