

WCCTAC
West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, 30 April 2010

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

Staff Present: Christina Atienza, Valerie Jenkins, Joanna Pallock, John Rudolph, Linda Young; Randell Iwasaki, Paul Maxwell, Matt Kelly, CCTA; Michael Rodriquez, Meyers Nave.

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

1. **Call to Order Self-Introductions.** *Vice-Chair Swearingen* convened the meeting at 8:02 a.m.
2. **Public Comment.** No public comment.
3. **Introduction of Randell Iwasaki, Executive Director of CCTA.** *Chair Swearingen* introduced *Mr. Iwasaki*, who spoke briefly of working together to address common goals, the accomplishments of *Mr. Robert McCleary*, and his hopes for the Authority going forward.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: *Director Valstad* moved to adopt all items of the Consent Calendar, seconded by *Director Ritterman*, and passed unanimously.

4. **Minutes and Summary of Mar. 26, 2010 Board meeting.**
5. **Summary of April 8, 2010 TAC Meeting.**
6. **Staff Report for April 2010.**
7. **STMP Agreement with BART for Richmond Intermodal Improvements.**
8. **Agreement with MTC for Transit Enhancement Strategic Plan.**
9. **Authorization to Release Combined Request for Proposal (RFP) for Transit Enhancement Strategic Plan and Transit Wayfinding Plan.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. **SB 83 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF): Expenditure Plan Options.**

ACTION: *Director Ritterman* moved, with a friendly amendment by *Director Cheng*, to support Option A, with special emphasis on prioritizing investments on local roads that are coordinated with existing bicycle, pedestrian, and transit access plans; seconded by *Director Valstad*, and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: *Mr. Paul Maxwell* provided background information on select options for the expenditure plan. *Ms. Christina Atienza* suggested that the expenditure plan is intended to capitalize on the success of Measure J, which distributed benefits across modes; that the expenditure plan advisory committee was supportive of “complete streets” and multi-modal perspectives; and that the expenditure plan does not preclude using the additional VRF revenues for Operations and Maintenance of the I-80 ICM and the San Pablo Avenue SMART Corridor.

Chair Swearingen asked what information CCTA needs to proceed on this item, and inquired about the cost of the ballot measure. *Mr. Maxwell* said the Authority is looking for comments, and that the cost of the ballot measure would be reimbursed to the Authority over several years through allowable administrative fees. *Mr. Maxwell* stated that the distribution of revenues to the local jurisdictions had not been finalized.

Director Ritterman expressed support for the measure as a way of providing a trickle of transportation revenue on a yearly basis, and that local autonomy and sharing with regional bodies would be an appropriate balance. *Director Keller* expressed support for Option A and a multi-modal approach. *Director Valstad* expressed support for Option A and a balanced approach to roadway repair and alternative modes of travel. *Director Calloway* expressed support for the measure, and observed that the younger generation is more reliant on bicycles and alternative modes of travel, especially transit.

Director Hansen expressed support for the measure and suggested that AB 32 requirements will focus on transit improvements. *Director Cheng* expressed support for Option A, particularly in El Cerrito with its two BART stations, and for connected complete streets for bicyclists and pedestrians. *Director Cheng* also suggested that parking benefit districts might be created in order to price the cost of parking correctly, to improve livability and raise funds.

Director Butt expressed support for the measure and for bonding against the revenue to advance projects immediately. *Director Wallace* expressed support for the measure, and said that the revenues should be used for transit.

Public Comment: *Ms. Olivia deBree*, TransForm, stated that there are needs for complete streets and improvements to transit beyond the routines accommodations checklist currently used by MTC. *Mr. Bill Pinkham*, East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC), stated that the Richmond bicycle and pedestrian plans are getting underway, and that fixes to various bike/ped connectivity problems are relatively inexpensive. *Mr. Dave Campbell*, EBBC, expressed support for complete streets and transit beyond the checklist used by MTC, and suggested that roadway improvements could benefit users of all modes, as long as multi-modal safety is paramount.

11. Point Molate Casino Resort DEIS/DEIR.

ACTION: Informational item.

DISCUSSION: *Ms. Atienza* referred the Board to the handout summarizing the April 27, 2010 meeting among Richmond Councilmembers *Butt* and *Viramontes* and Richmond and WCCTAC staff and legal counsel. *Ms. Atienza* stated that there is a path to address the concerns that WCCTAC had raised, consistent with the Board’s action in March 2010, and that Pinole’s

concerns would included in WCCTAC's communications with Richmond, though WCCTAC does not have jurisdiction over streets that are not Routes of Regional Significance. *Director Butt* said that *Ms. Atienza's* summary was accurate, and that the only outstanding issue was reimbursement of legal fees, and that he had, in effect, invited WCCTAC to send Richmond a bill for its legal fees on this matter. *Ms. Atienza* stated that so far the legal fees were relatively small, but that if WCCTAC were to enter into a legal relationship with the tribe or developer, the fees might be substantial.

12. Fiscal Audits for Years Ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

ACTION: *Director Ritterman* moved to accept the audits; seconded by *Director Hansen*, and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: *Chair Swearingen* observed that the consultant line item seems significant, and suggested that competitive bids should be utilized whenever possible.

Ms. Atienza stated that the consultant budget looks overly heavy because it includes transit incentives that are part of the TDM Program, i.e., actual transit tickets to incentivize motorists to get out of their cars; further, that a number of transfers to other public agencies, such as Street Smarts, Greenprint, and the student bus pass program, are also included in the consultant line item; and that traditional consultants for various subregional transportation projects are also in that item.

Director Wallace asked if there are goals in the budget for DBE contractors. *Ms. Atienza* suggested that while there is a movement away from specific goals, such requirements are usually associated with federal programs.

13. Proposed FY 2009-10 Budget Amendment.

ACTION: *Director Butt* moved to approve the amendment; seconded by *Director Hansen*, and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: *Ms. Atienza* stated this item is intended to clean up the FY09 audit, and that various adjustments were proposed to consultant and office expenses to reflect actual costs, and that such adjustments contributed to an increase in STMP revenues.

14. Proposed Member Dues and Work Program for FY 2010-11.

ACTION: *Director Butt* moved to release for circulation to member agencies the proposed member dues and work program, seconded by *Director Valstad*, and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: *Ms. Atienza* stated that no major changes were expected to the advisory committee structure, and that dues were to remain the same as last year and the year before. *Ms. Atienza* stated that the work program was structured to be similar to the audit, and includes implementation of the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy; work on the Vehicle Registration Fee; programming several Measure J programs; administration of grants received last year; and continuing the paratransit study. *Ms. Atienza* said that the work program proposes

to study West County subregional transportation needs in the coming fiscal year, in the context of General Plan updates, PDAs, complete streets, pedestrian plans, and other efforts currently underway, and that the TAC would begin work on these matters next year.

STANDING ITEMS

15. Correspondence/Other Information

a. Incoming

- Mar. 19, Julie Freestone, County: Notification re CDC Grant Application
- Apr. 1, Belinda Espinosa, Pinole: Pt. Molate (*see item 11*)

b. Outgoing

- Mar. 17, Annie Young, MTC: Support for Richmond's Nevin TLC Application
- Mar. 17, Annie Young, MTC: Support for Richmond/Ohlone Greenway TLC Application
- Apr. 1, Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, Richmond: Transportation-Related Amendments to Point Molate LDA (*see item 11*)
- Apr. 21, Patrick Roche, County: Comments on N. Richmond Specific Plan Scoping Session

c. Workshops/Conferences/Events

- Connecting Communities: A Passenger Rail Symposium, May 24-25, Long Beach, www.railmagazine.org.

16. WCCTAC Board and Staff Comments

Director Cheng announced the June 1 deadline for letters of interest to MTC's Climate Initiative Program. *Ms. Atienza* stated that WCCTAC would be tracking the grant program through the TAC.

Director Wallace said he was struck by MTC's expenditure of \$1.5 million to change the name of TransLink to Clipper, especially in the context of cuts in city and transit service. *Director Wallace* expressed opposition to the use of Clipper for student bus passes, due to the lack of vendors in the community, and the vulnerability of children to getting robbed while they take their cash to distant vendors. *Ms. Atienza* said that the student bus pass program subcommittee would meet to address these issues and other issues associated with Clipper.

Ms. Atienza announced that Cybertran, Inc., is moving to Richmond, and that all of WCCTAC would be invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony this summer.

Director Calloway announced that the new city manager for San Pablo, *Mr. Matt Rodriguez*, had begun work on Monday, following the retirement of *Mr. Brock Arner*.

17. Other Business.

18. Adjourned until Friday, May 28, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.