



**TO:** WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee

**DATE:** Feb. 18, 2011

**FR:** John Rudolph JR

**RE:** Summary of Feb. 10, 2011 WCCTAC-TAC Meeting

1. I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project Update: Cristina Ferraz, Caltrans, and John Hemiup, ACTC, provided a status report on the overall project. (a) The CTC allocated funding in Jan. 2011 for Projects #3 and #6; construction is expected to begin in Apr. and May 2011. (b) The O&M Plan will contain detailed lists of devices in each jurisdiction, with description of maintenance costs and responsibilities. CCTA staff provided updated O&M costs for cities in Contra Costa; the ESC will review the draft O&M Plan including revised costs at its meeting Feb. 15. A Draft O&M Plan and MOU will be distributed after Feb 15. (c) Project team will develop the Incident Response Plan over the next several months in consultation with the cities; the IRP will be completed by May 2011. (d) The draft environmental document will be released in late Mar. and Apr. and two public meetings will be held in Apr., in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Dave Campbell, EBBC, inquired about bike and pedestrian improvements in the ED. Staff indicated that the San Pablo Corridor improvements received a Categorical Exemption and will not be studied in the ED. (e) Project team distributed compilations of all comments received so far on deliverables, and said these compilations will be posted on a forthcoming project web site. (f) The comment period remains open on the draft outline Project Implementation Plan. (g) Outreach has been conducted one-on-one with the cities. 100% PS&E for queue detection are scheduled for Aug. 2011. Project team will continue to meet one-on-one with local agencies to determine placement of end of queues, and to coordinate in obtaining encroachment permits, which must be obtained prior to advertising the project; the advertising must occur within six months' of CTC's Jan. 2011 allocation. (h) Presentations to city councils in Albany, Emeryville, Richmond, and San Pablo have been scheduled for Mar. and Apr. Project team are working with city staff to schedule presentations at all city councils and boards. (i) The visual simulation is under development and will be available for review by agencies ahead of the city council presentations. (j) Local police departments with special interest in the CCTVs should contact project team. (k) Staff are planning a meeting with local agencies to iron out "loose ends" – placement of maximum queues, maintenance agreements, county override control – to occur in the next few weeks. (l) Staff will invite Caltrans operations personnel to meet with local staff at an additional meeting. (m) Pinole suggested that staff provide an update to the WCCTAC Board on the permitting activities underway; staff noted that in addition to permitting, much time and effort from local staff has been expended.

2. MTC 2013 Regional Transportation Plan and Call for Projects: Hisham Noeimi, CCTA, introduced Amin AbuAmara and Jack Hall, CCTA, and distributed handouts of three lists of projects in the 2009 RTP. (a) Mr. Noeimi asked project sponsors to review these lists and provide determination of project status (cost estimates in 2011 dollars, construction start date, fund sources and amounts) by Mar. 2 to WCCTAC staff. Additionally, local sponsors should prioritize projects internally. At its next meeting, the TAC will discuss the projects and compile the lists and recommendations for prioritization for Board approval before the Apr. 5 CCTA deadline. (b) Projects that have been completed or are under construction or are no longer supported should be removed from the lists. Projects that are fully

funded and remain supported will be in the Committed list; projects that expect to rely on federal or state funding through CCTA's discretionary action, and are prioritized by the Board, will be placed on the Financially Constrained list. Projects that are neither funded nor prioritized but which are still important to project sponsors and the RTPC will be placed on the Vision list. (c) CCTA will gather similar projects (such as transit enhancements) which are exempt from regional air quality conformity and that do not add capacity or expand the transportation network into programmatic categories for inclusion in the RTP. (d) Projects should be evaluated with respect to readiness and completing Measure J projects, as well as RTP goals. The current RTP, unlike earlier RTP efforts, provides for project performance assessment for all projects, including those that are fully funded, that are not under construction by Dec. 2011. (e) MTC will ask for breakdown of cost estimates for each phase of each project, and in April CCTA will follow up with project sponsors to obtain this information.

Dave Campbell, EBBC, said that the bicycle community had suggestions for projects for inclusion in the RTP. Mr. Noeimi said that NGOs and community groups could submit projects to the RTP, but they would need to find a sponsor, such as a city. In addition, there is a category in the RTP for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Staff suggested a process, following the Feb. Board meeting, of contacting West County NGOs, with CCTA's and the cities' assistance, and inviting the NGOs to the Mar. TAC to propose projects at the same time as the agencies. In West County, there are opportunities to work collaboratively with a number of communities of concern.

3. 2011 Update to Measure J Strategic Plan: Hisham Noeimi, CCTA, provided handouts and briefly explained background to the effort, revenue projections, expenditure caps, policy issues, and schedule. Current revenues are 4% less than 2009 Strategic Plan, which contained a 23% reduction from original sales tax estimates in the 2007 SP. Projects in Measure J such as SPDR/I-80 or Central/I-80 ICs or Hercules ITC should expect a reduction of 4% from the 2009 SP. Caps are in place to pay for debt service and provide a small cushion against further declines in revenue. The five projects capped at 66.6% in the 2009 SP will be capped at 62.6% in the 2011 SP. CCTA expects to present this information in Apr. to the TAC and Board, who will clarify project descriptions and figure out if the 62.6% cap across all five projects is still recommended: a case might be made, for instance, to advance some funding to a project that has committed funding that could be lost.

4. Schedule for Measure J Transportation for Livable Communities and Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Facilities Programs: Staff announced that guidelines were under development by CCTA and that the Mar. TAC would include subject discussion.

5. Adjournment until March 10, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.

The next **regular WCCTAC-TAC meeting** will be:

- Thursday March 10, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. *(Please note revised starting time.)*
- Thursday April 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

The next **WCCTAC Board meetings** will be:

- Friday February 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.
- Friday March 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.