



TO: WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee **DATE:** Jan 5, 2012

FR: John Rudolph JR

RE: Summary Notes of Nov 17, 2011 WCCTAC-TAC Meeting

1. Meeting Notes from Oct 13 accepted.

2. I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project: Cristina Ferraz, Caltrans, and Raj Murthy, ACTC, provided status reports on key deliverables and milestones, consistent with material in the agenda packet. Ms. Ferraz stated that last week's Executive Steering Committee meeting was cancelled; a revised version of the MOU will be submitted by the end of the month. Project staff distributed an updated map indicating the location of SC devices expected to be preserved in the I-80 ICM. Ms. Ferraz proposed a third operational meeting to focus on the MOU and the SC devices. Project staff stated that delays to the Project Implementation Plan and the Incident Response Plan occurred because of an addendum associated with the System Integrator RFP, and confirmed that local staff are receiving project updates concerning the location of current work on the San Pablo Corridor Arterial and Transit Improvement Project. On the occasion of her recent promotion, the TAC congratulated Ms. Ferraz, who stated that she would continue to be involved in and committed to the project. Hisham Noeimi, CCTA, asked for volunteers to serve west County on the System Integrator RFP Interview Panel; staff suggested that a transit representative serve on this panel.

3. San Pablo Avenue Smart Corridors Program Status: The TAC discussed how to pay for and present for the Board's consideration the past-due invoices associated with SC O&M. Staff explained that STMP funds had been used for capital expenditures associated with the project; O&M dues had been paid out of an exchange of eligible funds at Alameda CTC, which has exhausted its ability to exchange capital for operations funding, as the capital needs have been met. Mr. Noeimi explained that a potential exchange between STMP and Measure J within Contra Costa would include board action both at WCCTAC and CCTA, to amend cooperative agreements and the Measure J Strategic Plan. Staff suggested that no matter what approach the TAC takes, the process of resolving this matter has been slowed due to misunderstanding about the eligibility of STMP for O&M and delays associated with acquiring backups to ACTC's invoices. Staff suggested bringing the matter to the Board in December; the TAC recommended an incremental approach including a request to the Board in December to suspend participation in the SC program until the I-80 ICM is operational in 2014. ACTC indicated that the impact of west County's suspension would be minimal, as fees associated with re-startup would be borne by state TLSP capital funding.

4. I-80 Corridor Transit Opportunities Study: Staff stated that at the October Board meeting, Director Joel Keller and Ms. Atienza proposed to study major transit needs along the I-80 corridor with the intent of supporting the cities' and county's development plans. The Board directed staff to develop a full scope of work, schedule, and budget, understanding that the primary source of funding for the study will be Measure J 28b, with direction to seek additional funding from other sources, such as Solano, MTC, and others. In the meantime, the Lifeline funding assigned to the CBTP in Hercules Rodeo and Crockett may be utilized for public outreach associated with the proposed study. The scope

of work is in development and will be presented to the Board in December. The TAC noted that this study can be coordinated with both the Sustainable Communities Strategy and the Transit Sustainability Project, among other recent and ongoing efforts.

5. STMP Update: Staff indicated that updated project fact sheets are included in the agenda packet, and reviewed the Board's action with respect to granting a Letter of No Prejudice to Richmond Intermodal eastside improvements. Staff noted that in 2012 the TAC will develop a process for updating the STMP strategic plan that is tied to the Measure J Strategic Plan biennial updates.

6. Lifeline Cycle 3 Program Guidelines and Funding: County staff suggested that it may apply for funding for a bus shelter project in North Richmond, as bus shelters are an eligible expense in Cycle 3, and the CBTP for Richmond/North Richmond recommends more bus shelters. AC Transit staff noted that maintenance of bus shelters is an ongoing challenge. Staff suggested that maintenance issues for bus shelters may be creatively addressed through outside resources, such as an Adopt-a-Bus-Shelter program, or a community engagement day in which volunteers maintain the shelters. Linda Young noted that a solar powered bus shelter would provide low-cost lighting to encourage safety and use. Staff noted that FTA JARC (Job Access Reverse Commute) funding may be ideal for local efforts aimed at assisting those re-entering the job market. Richmond staff noted that information on the JARC funding source would be forwarded to appropriate city departments.

7. CC-TLC and PBTF Calls for Projects: The TAC briefly reviewed the projects member agencies submitted for consideration for funding.

8. Project Updates: (a) Staff noted that the Board expressed concern about public outreach during the presentation of the Transit Enhancement and Wayfinding Plans at the October meeting; the matter would be continued on Consent in December. (b) The TAC discussed deadlines and processes associated with converting Growth Opportunity Areas into planned Priority Development Areas.

9. Regional Transportation Plan – Proposed Revision to the Project Lists Based on MTC's Revised Fund Estimate: Mr. Noeimi stated that MTC has increased by \$509m its estimate of Contra Costa's funding share of the RTP on the basis of assuming a six-year extension of Measure J beyond 2034; the county now has an opportunity to add projects to the "financially constrained" list. Members of the TAC noted their frustration in including specific bike/ped and streetscape projects in the RTP, and remarked on an apparent bias toward highway rather than transit projects. Staff inquired whether subregional equity had been a goal in distributing the \$509m. Mr. Noeimi agreed to work with sponsors to add projects to the new list. Staff suggested that future efforts may be streamlined with a fact sheet that lists the RTP capacity-increasing air-quality-affecting criteria that are relatively arcane at the local level.

10. New Business: Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Staff asked for nominees for membership on the CBPAC, to be discussed at the January meeting.

11. Adjournment until January 12, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

The next **WCCTAC-TAC meetings** will be: • Jan 12 at 9:00 a.m. • Feb 9 at 9:00 a.m.
The next **WCCTAC Board meetings** will be: • Jan 27 at 8:00 a.m. • Feb 24 at 9:00 a.m.