



TO: WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee **DATE:** May 1, 2013
FR: Joanna Pallock, Project Manager
RE: **Minutes of April 11, 2013 WCCTAC-TAC Meeting**

1. **Self-Introductions:** A quorum had been reached at the start of the meeting.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Minutes and Sign In Sheet from March 14, 2013**

Action: Approved

INFORMATION

4. **Bike to Work Day**

Action: None

Discussion: Linda Young presented upcoming efforts for Bike to Work Day. TAC members expressed interest in having members ride to the TAC meeting on BTW Day.

DISCUSSION

5. **I-80 ICM Update**

Action: Information Only

Discussion: John Hemiup presented the newest I-80 ICM newsletter and the website and twitter account. This \$100 million project is divided into six main sub-projects; John presented the chart with each of the six projects and gave a status update. Dina Ekland from Caltrans noted that any encroachment permits will be obtained if necessary although she did not think most ramp closures required this. Jerry Bradshaw asked if any ramps will be widened. John stated that three ramps will be widened by a sliver. Others pieces of information included the Optocom system for WestCAT and ramp meters as well as recent restriping by El Cerrito Del Norte BART at Cutting and will be operational immediately. The PR contract for more aggressive outreach is most likely not going to be issued.

Dina asked for TAC input on the timing and message to the public. Caltrans was going to attend quarterly meetings and gauge interest. The concern was that too much information might not be beneficial. City Clerks and City Managers are being notified now on a regular basis. John Hemiup said the PIO firm Circlepointe hesitated and recommended that cities are careful about the level of engineering detail and timing of information Caltrans releases to the public. Their thoughts are that until everything is installed and activated, the public will not be interested. Chad asked for a heads up before contacting the public.

Jerry recommended that contact to the City Council is important and early in the process even though the project is a year away from rollout. Mass media should be done closer to activation. Each city will have different timing needs to share with the public. It was decided that ACTC and Caltrans would work with City staff to determine when and how often to present updates to the Council.

6. Safe Routes to School Cycle 2

Action: None

Discussion: Jerry introduced this item and explained how the recommendation will be brought to the Board in May. The \$709,000 is allocated to West County over the next three years. Winston Rhodes asked that Pinole Valley High School receive more attention as the school is being remodeled over the next five years. Joanna asked if high schools are included. Shannon explained that their program has the ability to work with the school but not to the level that the middle school and elementary schools. It would be more of an information campaign.

Adele Ho brought up the need to focus on younger students to change behavior as opposed to high school students.

Other possible SRTS projects include a County Public Works project. Jamar Stamps will get back to staff on what that might look like. Jerry noted how there is a component of self evaluation in this grant. And he noted that there is a funding match. He highlighted that the focus is on congestion and not so much on safety. The City of Richmond also said they would check on any interest to apply for a SRTS grant for city efforts. If they do not submit an application, they will throw their support behind the County's efforts.

Coire Reilly from County Health Services gave a presentation on their SRTS events and outreach efforts from the previous month as an example of what will be offered in the future.

7. West County Action Plan

Action: None

Discussion: Julie Morgan addressed the Routes of Regional Significance and directed the conversation to consider which possible RRS on the list could be dropped. They included Carlson Blvd., Cummings Skyway and the spur of Cutting Blvd off of San Pablo Dam Road as well as MacDonald Avenue. A map of employment and housing numbers was also handed out and concern was raised if the data was accurately reflecting the zone it was overlaid onto. Julie will research this issue and bring any revisions back to the next meeting. Summary notes are attached.

8. TAC & Staff Member Comments and Announcements

Action: None

Discussion: Jerry reminded members to submit their Growth Management Plan Checklist to CCTA so they can receive their return-to source funds.

9. Other Business

10. Upcoming Meeting- TAC- Thursday May 9, 9:00 a.m.