



## *Authority Board Meeting* **MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:** November 20, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janet Abelson, Newell Arnerich, Tom Butt, Dave Hudson, Ron Leone, Mike Metcalf, Kevin Romick, Robert Taylor

Ex-Officio Representatives: Myrna de Vera, Joel Keller, Amy Worth

**STAFF PRESENT:** Randell Iwasaki, Amin AbuAmara, Brad Beck, Randall Carlton, Ross Chittenden, Martin Engelmann, Jack Hall, Brian Kelleher, Matt Kelly, Susan Miller, Hisham Noeimi, Ivan Ramirez, Linsey Willis, Mala Subramanian (Authority Counsel), Danice Rosenbohm (Executive Secretary)

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:** Danice Rosenbohm

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**A. CONVENE MEETING:** *Chair Abelson* convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Chair Abelson* and *Representative Worth* thanked Ivy Morrison, Circlepoint, for her work as Public Information Officer for the Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore project. Ms. Morrison was presented with a bouquet of yellow roses as a token of the Authority's appreciation. *Representative Worth* acknowledged the complexity of the Caldecott Fourth Bore Project and how Ms. Morrison had met the range of varied tasks and challenges with excellence.

Randy Iwasaki said that Ms. Morrison represented Contra Costa Transportation Authority well and that he appreciated the special assistance she had provided.

**1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Authority Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2013.

*ACTION:* *Commissioner Hudson* moved to approve the Authority Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2013, seconded by *Commissioner Romick*. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

**2.0 CONSENT CALENDAR:** Consent Items recommended by the following committees:

*ACTION:* *Commissioner Taylor* moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by *Commissioner Arnerich*. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

**2.A Administration & Projects Committee:**

**2.A.1. Monthly Project Status Report.** Staff Contact: Ross Chittenden

**2.A.2 Accept Monthly Accounts Payable Invoice Report for September 2013.** The accompanying report provides a listing of invoices paid in alphabetical order by vendor or payee name for the month of September 2013. Staff Contact: Randall Carlton

**2.A.3 Accept Quarterly Cash and Investment Report for the Period Ended September 30, 2013.** The Authority's Investment Policy calls for a monthly report on investment activity to be prepared and submitted to the Executive Director, APC, and the Authority Board. The accompanying report covers transactions from July 1 through September 30, 2013. Staff Contact: Randall Carlton

**2.A.4 Listing of Contract Change Orders (CCOs) Greater than \$25k for Construction Contracts Less than \$15M, and Greater than \$50k for Construction Contracts Larger than \$15M.** CCOs are used during a project's construction phase to adjust the construction price to reflect agreed-upon changes in the plans, schedule, or in the working conditions that the contract was originally based upon. Authority policy requires that this list be submitted to the APC for information. Staff Contact: Ivan Ramirez

**2.A.5 Accept Quarterly Sales Tax Revenue Report for the Period Ended September 30, 2013.** Sales tax revenues received for the prior quarter totaled \$18,282,960. The revenue for the first quarter sales tax is 24% of the fiscal year 2014 budget. Staff Contact: Randall Carlton

**2.A.6 Accept Internal Accounting Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013.** This report provides an accounting of the Authority's financial position and a comparison of actual results versus budget for the twelve months ended June 30, 2013 (unaudited). Next month the complete audited financial statements will be presented to the APC and the Authority. Staff Contact: Randall Carlton

**2.A.7 Approve Purchase and Maintenance Agreement with Canon Solutions America for Acquiring a Replacement Multifunction Printer/Copier.** The Authority's existing production copier is due for replacement. The proposed contract calls for a direct purchase, trade in/recycle credit, delivery, setup, 5-year maintenance plan, and training. The total cost is \$21,287.70. Staff Contact: Randall Carlton

**2.A.9 Land Purchase for Development of Future Bus Storage Facility (Project 19002-04): Request for Appropriation of Measure J Funds.** Staff recommends approval

of Western Contra Costa Transit Authority's (WestCAT) request to: 1) appropriate \$420,000 in Measure J funds for final design, right-of-way services and right-of-way acquisition, 2) supplement the original appropriation under **Resolution 11-37-P** by \$3,250 to cover additional preliminary engineering and appraisal expenses. **Resolutions 13-52-P and 11-37-P (Revision 1)**. Staff Contact: Hisham Noeimi

**2.A.10 Interstate 80/San Pablo Dam Road Interchange Improvements (Project 7002).**

**2.A.10.1 Utility Agreement No. 381 with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).** Staff requests authorization for the Chair to enter into Utility Agreement No. 381 with PG&E, in the estimated amount of \$386,484, to relocate its electrical facilities and accommodate the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road Interchange improvement project. Staff Contact: Hisham Noeimi

**2.A.10.2 Utility Agreement No. 382 with AT&T.** Staff requests authorization for the Chair to enter into Utility Agreement No. 382 with AT&T, in the estimated amount of \$24,839 to relocate its telephone facilities and accommodate the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road interchange improvement project. Staff Contact: Hisham Noeimi

**2.A.11 I-680 Southbound HOV Gap Closure and Express Lane Conversion (Project 8005/8001) – Authorization to Execute Agreement No. 376 with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) for Preparation of Scoping and Project Report, Environmental Document, and Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E).** Staff is requesting authorization to execute Task 1 of CCTA Agreement No. 376 with HDR. This first authorization in the amount of \$3,364,000 (which includes \$130,000 in contingency) is for scoping, environmental studies, existing conditions development, and preliminary engineering. The second authorization will be for the balance of traffic studies and the balance of the engineering work for advertisement of the contract. This Task 2 authorization is planned for the Spring of 2014. Staff Contact: Susan Miller

**2.A.12 Legislation.** (No report this month.)

**2.1 NEW ITEMS: East Contra Costa Rail Extension (eBART) (Project 2001) –**

**2.1.1 Request for Appropriation of Measure J Funds.** Staff recommends approval of BART's request to appropriate Measure J funds in the amount of \$30,856,000 to fund eBART Maintenance Facility Completion, Trackwork, Systems and Station Finishes Contract (04SF-130). **Resolution 13-49-P.** Staff Contact: Susan Miller

**2.1.2 Concurrence with RM1, RM2, AB1171 Allocation Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).** Staff recommends approval of Resolution 13-56-P which is required prior to MTC's final approval of BART's allocation request for \$13,533,000 in RM1, RM2, AB1171 funds for eBART Maintenance Facility Completion, Trackwork, Systems and Station Finishes Contract (04SF-130).  
**Resolution 13-56-P.** Staff Contact: Susan Miller

**2.B Planning Committee:**

**2.B.1. Approval of Funding Allocation Resolution 13-53-G for Bay Trail Gap Closure: Castro Street to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.** The CC-TLC & PBTF Program allocated \$200,000 for the Bay Trail Gap Closure: Castro Street to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge in Richmond. The City of Richmond has now requested that the Authority approve allocation of programmed funds for the study and plan phase of the project. The Programming Plan set aside the funds for the project in FY 2011-12. **Resolution 13-53-G.** Staff Contact: Brad Beck

**2.B.2 Approval of Funding Allocation Resolution 13-54-G for Central Concord Pedestrian Improvements and Streetscape Project.** Measure J Programs 12 and 13, Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) and Pedestrian Bicycle and Trail Facilities (CC-TLC & PBTF) Programming Plan allocated about \$2.56 million for the Central Concord Pedestrian Improvements and Streetscape Project. The City of Concord has now requested that the Authority approve allocation of \$458,200 for the environmental clearance, right-of-way, and PS&E phases of the project. The Programming Plan set aside about \$1.45 million for the project through the end of FY 2013-14 which is sufficient to cover this request.  
**Resolution 13-54-G.** Staff Contact: Brad Beck

**2.B.3 Review of the City of Pittsburg's Growth Management Program (GMP) Compliance Standing with Respect to Participation in a TRANSPLAN-approved Regional Transportation Mitigation Program (RTMP), Retroactive Payment of Previously Withheld "off-year" Local Street Maintenance (LSM) Funds for FY 2010-11, and Payment of FY 2011-12 funds as Appropriate, Based upon Review of the City's Calendar Years (CY)s 2010 & 2011 GMP Compliance Checklist.** The City of Pittsburg withdrew from the East Contra Costa Fee and Financing Authority (ECCRFFA) in July 2010. Subsequently, the Authority put the City on a "watch" position with regard to compliance with the Measure J GMP, and the Authority withheld payment of LSM funds for FY 2010-11. The City rejoined ECCRFFA in September 2013. Through a mutually agreed upon amendment to

the ECCRFFA JEPAs, all outstanding fee amounts that the City collected under its own fee program will be used towards ECCRFFA projects in a manner deemed satisfactory to all involved parties, including TRANSPLAN and each of its East County representatives. By virtue of this agreement, compliance with the Authority's GMP is re-established, and payment of LSM funds may be resumed. The City has submitted its Calendar Years 2010 & 2011 GMP Checklist indicating that during the reporting period the City continued to collect the regional fee for ECCRFFA projects. Subsequent correspondence indicates that the City rejoined ECCRFFA, therefore restoring full compliance with the Measure J GMP. Staff recommends allocating \$604,920 in "off-year" FY 2010-11 LSM funds held back from the previous Checklist cycle, and payment of \$641,340 funds for FY 2011-12 for the current Checklist cycle. Funds would be paid out subject to the Authority making a findings that the City of Pittsburg now fully complies with the Measure J GMP. Staff Contact: Martin Engelmann

- 2.B.4 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) At Large Membership Appointment.** The CAC requests that the Authority appoint Darryl Young, nominated by Greenbelt Alliance, as an At-Large Member to the CAC. Staff Contact: Martin Engelmann
  
- 2.B.6 Delegation to the Authority's CTP Ad Hoc Committee to Approve Release of the Introductory Brochure for the 2014 CTP Update.** An important component of the public outreach plan for the 2014 CTP Update is publication of a kick-off brochure that conceptually introduces the Authority's stakeholders and constituents to the 2014 CTP update, provides background on current issues and outlines future challenges. The brochure will be published on the Authority's website, and will also be printed in color on a limited, as-needed basis. Staff Contact: Martin Engelmann
  
- 2.B.7 Authorization to Enter Into FHWA Value Pricing Agreement with Federal Highways Administration and Caltrans.** Approval would authorize the CCTA Executive Director to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Caltrans to receive \$322,400 in funding under the federal Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP) for extending a real time rideshare pilot project to the Interstate 80 corridor in West Contra Costa County. Staff Contact: Peter Engel

**End of Consent Calendar**

**3.0 MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEMS:** *None*

**4.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

*ACTION:* Commissioner Arnerich moved to defer discussion of Agenda Item 4.A.8 related to the State Route 4/State Route 160 Connector Ramps (Project 5001) to a future meeting (date to be determined), seconded by Commissioner Hudson. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

*DISCUSSION:* Chair Abelson said that staff had requested that Agenda Item 4.A.8 related to the State Route 4/State Route 160 Connector Ramps (Project 5001) be removed from the Agenda for discussion at a future meeting.

Randy Iwasaki said that the bid documents and related submittals were still in the process of being evaluated, and that staff would later report to the Authority on the item.

**4.A Administration & Projects Committee:**

**4.A.8 *Removed from Agenda***

**4.A.13. Approval to Issue a Request for Qualifications 13-4 to Conduct a Total Compensation Study.** The proposed study will compare the Authority's total compensation program to that of other public agencies with similar positions in and around the Authority's employment marketplace. The proposed scope of work includes: preliminary discussion with the APC of survey methodology and comparable agencies, compilation of data and analysis, and a report of data results and compensation policy considerations. Staff Contact: Randall Carlton

*ACTION:* Commissioner Arnerich moved to authorize staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for a total compensation study, seconded by Commissioner Hudson. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

*DISCUSSION:* Randy Carlton, Chief Financial Officer, stated that staff was seeking approval to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consulting services to prepare a total compensation study. He explained that a Human Resources consultant would be hired to gather salary and paid benefit data from a peer group of agencies with like positions, for purposes of comparing the Authority's total compensation to that of other agencies to determine CCTA's competitiveness in the marketplace. He also noted that the data and analysis would be helpful for determining the CCTA's compensation policy for next fiscal year. Mr. Carlton said that the scope of the proposed work would include a workshop with the APC to discuss the comparator agencies to be used, and that the report would be presented to the Authority following its completion in March.

*Commissioner Arnerich* said that he believed the study was appropriate and that it would ensure that the Authority remains competitive.

**4.A.14 Draft 2013 Measure J Strategic Plan.** Staff will present the main components of the draft 2013 Measure J *Strategic Plan* for review and comment. The 2013 Measure J *Strategic Plan* reflects revised financial assumptions, anticipated project schedules, and input from the Regional Transportation Planning Committees. The adoption of the *Strategic Plan* is targeted for December 2013. Staff Contact: Hisham Noeimi

*ACTION: Commissioner Arnerich* moved to accept the report on the 2013 Measure J Strategic Plan, seconded by *Commissioner Metcalf*. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

*DISCUSSION: Hisham Noeimi*, Engineering Manager, provided background on the development of the 2013 Strategic Plan, which will provide firm Measure J funding commitments for specific projects through June 30, 2019. Mr. Noeimi reported that the Authority had provided direction in April on key policy issues that established the ground rules for the update and the amount of Measure J funds to be programmed. He said that from May to July, staff worked with the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs) to determine where additional Measure J funds should be programmed, and with the RTPCs' input worked with project sponsors to update project schedules, costs, and funding needs. Staff then evaluated Measure J cashflow to ensure the Authority has sufficient resources to meet the demands on Measure J revenues.

Mr. Noeimi said that staff was seeking Authority comments on the plan, and would return to the Authority in December for adoption of the 2013 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Noeimi highlighted some of the differences between the 2013 Strategic Plan and previous ones, including the following: (1) significant added programming capacity due to improved economic conditions and outstanding financing terms on the Authority's last bond issuance; (2) based on a revenue forecast prepared by a specialized firm that looked at macroeconomic conditions; (3) implements several new policies including the elimination of Measure J fund escalation for projects under construction and the establishment of a programmatic construction reserve for unforeseen cost increases; and (4) restores funding to several project and program categories in East County that were defunded due to the 2009 recession.

Mr. Noeimi stated that the 2013 Strategic Plan provided full funding for a number of high priority Measure J projects, including I-680/SR4 – Phase 3, Balfour Road Interchange, I-80/San Pablo Dam Road – Phase 1, and numerous arterial improvements in Southwest County. He said that it also added funds to other important projects such as the Hercules Rail Station, I-80/Central Avenue, Direct Access Ramps for HOVs and Express Buses near Norris Canyon Road, and BART station improvements, among others.

*Commissioner Arnerich* thanked staff for their efforts.

**4.A.15 Hercules Intermodal Transit Center (Project 4001).**

**4.A.15.1 Agreement No. 04W.02 with the City of Hercules for Construction Management Services.** Staff seeks authorization for the Chair to execute Agreement No. 04W.02 with the City of Hercules for construction management of certain elements of the Hercules Intermodal Transit Center. Funding for these elements will be reimbursed by the City of Hercules and will be from different funds, including the Measure J funding sources for the project. Staff Contact: Ross Chittenden

**4.A.15.2 Request for Proposals (RFP/RFQ 11-8). Selection of Ghirardelli Associates, Inc. for Contract Administration and Construction Management Services for the Hercules Intermodal Transit Center Project (Contract No. 383).** Staff recommends authorization to begin negotiations on Contract No. 383 with Ghirardelli Associates, Inc. on scope and fee for construction management services for the Hercules Intermodal Transit Center Project (4001) and following satisfactory conclusion of those negotiations, to issue a Notice to Proceed in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000. Staff Contact: Ivan Ramirez

*ACTION:* *Commissioner Arnerich* moved to approve Cooperative Agreement 04W.02 with the City of Hercules for construction management, allow the Executive Director to make non-substantive changes and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement, and authorize negotiations with Ghirardelli Associates, Inc. on Contract 383 for contract administration and construction management services for the Hercules ITC project, seconded by *Commissioner Romick*. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

*DISCUSSION:* Ross Chittenden, Deputy Executive Director for Projects, said that staff was seeking approval to enter into an agreement with the City of



Hercules for construction management services for certain elements of the Hercules Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) under Item 4.A.15.1, and a separate action under 4.A.15.2 to enter negotiations with Ghirardelli Associates Inc. for contract administration and construction management services for the project.

Mr. Chittenden acknowledged the focus, continued commitment, and progress made by the City of Hercules. He recognized Hercules Councilmember (and Bus Transit Operators Ex-Officio Representative) Myrna de Vera, Councilmember Sherry McCoy, City Manager Steve Duran, and William Silva, Hercules ITC Project Manager from D'Oro Consulting, for their support. Mr. Chittenden also noted that the Authority's decision to hire Ivan Ramirez as Construction Manager enables it to expand the breadth of services and types of projects managed.

Mr. Silva provided a Powerpoint presentation update on the Hercules ITC, which included an overview of the various facets of the project, funding partners and stakeholders, and staged delivery plans for the project.

Mr. Silva explained that the ITC project was about regional transit connectivity through rail, bus, automobile, and pedestrian/bicycle travel with the potential for future ferry service, and that an aspect of the project related to transcontinental freight rail and goods movement had elevated its awareness on the federal stage over the last year. He noted that the Hercules ITC project included an element of environmental sustainability with the restoration of Refugio Creek, and that the project would anchor the Bayfront Neighborhood transit oriented development.

Mr. Silva said that the inter-city passenger rail service included Capitol Corridor and San Joaquin service, and connecting services for BART, Amtrak long distance rail, San Francisco and Oakland Airports, and high speed rail in 2018.

Mr. Silva said that the transcontinental freight rail – goods movement aspect of the project would include extended track for Union Pacific Railroad to mitigate time delay impacts, enhance goods movement in the corridor and improve the geometry and reliability of the track. He noted that the rail service would serve the Port of Oakland and

expanded freight demand resulting from the planned expansion of the Oakland army base, and, with the Panama Canal widening scheduled to be complete in 2015, would increase competitiveness on the national scale for goods movement within the United States. Mr. Silva said that the project also fit nicely into Contra Costa County's Working Waterfront initiative.

Mr. Silva highlighted bus transit service, pedestrian and bicycle connection elements of the project, the transit oriented development interface, and Refugio Creek restoration plans.

Of the many funding partners and stakeholders, Mr. Silva said that Contra Costa Transportation Authority had been extremely helpful and that the East Bay Regional Park District had contributed significant funding to assist in the construction of the Bay Trail.

Mr. Silva outlined recent grant applications and letters of support, noting the significance of Union Pacific's strong endorsement for the project and the City of Hercules' Resolution of February 2013 affirming the ITC as its highest priority.

Lastly, Mr. Silva reviewed plans for staged delivery of the project, which he said had been subdivided into four phases: current project elements will address site preparation, the San Francisco Bay Trail, utility relocation, path to transit, and transit loop; future project elements include the initial rail station, track and signal work, Station Building 3, and trails, parks, and plazas.

Mr. Chittenden noted that a groundbreaking event had been held recently, and that the Authority had invested over \$25 million in the Hercules ITC project – by far the largest investor in this very important regional project.

*Commissioner Metcalf* thanked Mr. Silva for the excellent presentation. He said that he was most excited about the ferry service which seemed to be a natural fit for the Bay Area and asked if the land was available for development as a terminal. He also wanted to know why ferry service seemed to be less important than the other components of the project.

Mr. Silva responded that the City of Hercules had decided some time ago to separate the ferry terminal from the intermodal transit center in

the environmental process, and that there had been discussions with WETA over the last two years about re-engaging and completing the environmental process with the potential third station building for the project. He stated that the City of Hercules was able to obtain the land mass on the water side of the railroad tracks – Hercules Point – when it gained the right-of-way for the rail station and the widened Union Pacific corridor, as they were owned by the same property owner. Mr. Silva noted that Hercules was positioned well for attracting ferry service.

Randy Iwasaki added that there was significant discussion about potential siting of ferry service, and that Peter Engel, Program Manager, was asked to take the lead in the preparation of a white paper which would soon be released on a ferry service terminal at four cities including Antioch, Hercules, Martinez and Richmond.

*Commissioner Arnerich* said that it was wise to separate the planning and environmental work for the ferry component of the Hercules ITC project, which could take approximately ten years, to allow the remainder of the project to move forward.

With respect to Cooperative Agreement 04W.02 with the City of Hercules for construction management services, Mr. Chittenden said that all costs would be at the expense of the project budget.

*Representative de Vera* said that on behalf of both the WestCAT Board and the City of Hercules Council, she was very happy that the City would be working with CCTA to ensure the success of such an important regional project. She noted that the City had recently voted unanimously to support the partnership.

*Alternate Leone* said that he supported the project and that the City of Concord could face a similar process in approximately ten years.

- 4.1 NEW ITEM: I-680 Auxiliary Lanes Project, Segment 2 (Project 1106S2) – Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Understanding No. 11.06.03 with the Town of Danville for Design and Construction of an Extension to Soundwall No. 3.** The Town of Danville has requested an extension to a soundwall (No. 3) being constructed as part of the project. The proposed MOU (11.06.03) defines the terms and conditions under which the extension is to be constructed and financed. Staff Contact: Susan Miller

*ACTION: Commissioner Hudson* moved to authorize the Chair to execute MOU 11.06.03 with the Town of Danville for construction of an extension of Soundwall No. 3, and allow the Executive Director to make non-substantive changes to the agreement language, seconded by *Commissioner Butt*. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

*DISCUSSION: Commissioner Arnerich* thanked CCTA staff for their assistance with the project, and said that he was glad that the Town of Danville was able to locate additional funding for the project.

Randy Iwasaki said that the sooner construction could begin, the less costly the project would be. He noted that the design was complete and that Ross Chittenden and Ivan Ramirez were in the process of negotiating a change order to the construction contract.

#### **4.B Planning Committee**

**4.B.5 Authorization to Enter into a Consultant Agreement with Lamphier-Gregory to Prepare Environmental Analysis Documents for the 2014 Countywide Transportation Plan.** Authority staff released Request for Proposals 13-1 on September 13, 2013 and, in response, received two proposals, one from Dyett & Bhatia and one from Lamphier-Gregory. A committee of local and Authority staff reviewed the two proposals and interviewed the consultants on Tuesday, November 5. Based upon qualifications, Lamphier-Gregory was selected as the most qualified firm to prepare the EIR. Staff recommends that the Authority authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with the selected consultant team, Lamphier-Gregory, and to approve a contract in the amount not to exceed \$250,000. Staff Contact: Brad Beck

*ACTION: Commissioner Hudson* moved to approve the selection of Lamphier-Gregory, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the consultant in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and issue a notice to proceed in the amount of \$100,000, seconded by *Commissioner Metcalf*. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

*DISCUSSION: Brad Beck*, Senior Transportation Planner, stated that the Authority had received two proposals for the environmental analysis for the 2014 Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP), from Dyett & Bhatia and Lamphier-Gregory. Following review of the proposals and interviews, he said that the committee's consensus was that the Lamphier-Gregory team outlined a more detailed and

innovative approach to the work. They also liked the experience of the person who would be doing a significant portion of the work and managing the project.

**5.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

5.1 Letter of thanks dated October 10, 2013 from Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla.

**6.0 ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

6.1 Central County (**TRANSPAC**): Report of Special Meeting of October 24, 2013. *The report for the meeting of November 14, 2013 was distributed as a meeting handout.*

6.2 East County (**TRANSPLAN**): *The report for the meeting of November 14, 2013 was distributed as a meeting handout.*

6.3 Southwest County (**SWAT**): Report of November 4, 2013.

6.4 West County (**WCCTAC**): Report of October 25, 2013

**7.0 COMMISSIONER AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

7.1 Chair's Comments and Reports

*Chair Abelson* stated that she would be attending the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJIPA) meeting in Martinez on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and would be traveling to the meeting via the San Joaquin train.

*Chair Abelson* said that the Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore project ribbon-cutting event held on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, was a very successful and exciting event. She noted that the Caldecott Fourth Bore was one of the premier projects of Measure J. *Chair Abelson* added that during construction she had the opportunity to traverse the tunnel in her wheelchair, and that she and an MTC Commissioner were among the first cars to travel through the newly opened Fourth Bore.

7.2 Commissioners' Comments and Reports on Activities and Meetings  
Report on November 17-19, 2013 Focus on the Future Conference

*Chair Abelson* stated that she, *Commissioner Pierce* and *Representative Worth* attended the 2013 Focus on the Future Conference in San Diego, and that she

most enjoyed the panel discussion on innovation which was led by Randy Iwasaki on Intelligent Transportation Systems Deployment.

*Representative Worth* said that she also enjoyed the Focus on the Future conference, which she said was a great opportunity for Board members to interact with transportation professionals. She said that there was a panel that focused on communication with resident voters, and that Contra Costa ahead of other areas in making sure that its message resonates with the voters.

### **7.3 Executive Staff Comments and Reports**

Mr. Iwasaki reviewed his Executive Director's report. He noted also that there was a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) in Washington DC that dealt with levees and dredging, and that there might be an opportunity to secure funding to redefine the waterfront and that it would tie-in with the County's Working Waterfront Initiative. Mr. Iwasaki noted that his Executive Director's report included a Powerpoint presentation he had given on the National Freight Strategic Plan, and that he would be happy to provide a briefing to anyone interested.

Mr. Iwasaki also commended the Board, Contra Costa's State legislators, Ross Chittenden and Ivan Ramirez for their work to restore funding for the Caldecott Fourth Bore project and ensure that the project was delivered to Contra Costa's voters on time and under budget.

Mr. Iwasaki also mentioned a message sent to the Board earlier in the day regarding a possible 2014 Transportation California and California Alliance for Jobs initiative that could provide funding to address the State's critical roadway and transit network preservation fiscal crisis, about which Will Kempton offered to make a presentation to the Authority. Following a brief discussion, it was decided by the Chair that Mr. Kempton would be invited to make a presentation to the Authority at its meeting in December.

### **8.0 CALENDAR:**

**8.1 Meeting Calendar:** December 2013/January 2014/February 2014

**8.2 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT** to Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. to Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., in memory of Owen S. Carlton, Randy Carlton's father who passed away earlier in the month.

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