

CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 3, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Stepper – Chair, Donald P. Freitas – Vice Chair, Julie Pierce, Don Tatzin and Maria Viramontes

CCTA STAFF: Robert McCleary, Paul Maxwell, Susan Miller, Randy Carlton, Hisham Noeimi, and Arielle Bourgart

Minutes prepared by: Ellen M. Wilson

A. CONVENE THE APC MEETING.

Chair Stepper convened the meeting at 8:30 am. Commissioners Pierce and Freitas had not yet arrived.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The Committee approved the Minutes, 3-0, moved by Commissioner Viramontes and seconded by Commissioner Tatzin.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Monthly Project Status Report.**
- 2. Warrants Issued for Month of May 2008.**
- 3. Monthly Investment Transactions Reports for May 2008.**
- 4. Modifications to Existing Resolutions.**
- 5. Listing of Construction Change Orders (CCOs).**
- 6. 2007 Measure J Strategic Plan – Amendment No. 2.**
- 7. I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility – Authorization to Enter into Cooperative Agreement No. 07W.03 with the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency.**
- 8. Quarterly Project Funding Plans – Major State Highways.**
- 9. I-80 Corridor - Central Avenue Project – Amendment No. 1 to Consulting Services Agreement #214 with PB Americas for Project Planning, Conceptual Engineering and Environmental Clearance.**
- 10. Purchase of New Digital Copier.**

End of Consent Calendar

The Committee approved the Consent Calendar, 3-0, moved by Commissioner Viramontes and seconded by Commissioner Tatzin.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Pierce arrived at 8:34 am.

11. I-80/Hilltop Overcrossing Project.

Maximo Anasco from Caltrans introduced a PowerPoint presentation explaining the purpose, scope and schedule of the proposed I-80/Hilltop Overcrossing Project. Mr. Anasco stated that this project would address correction of abutments which have caused settlement and lateral movement issues. Additionally, piers and abutments would be retrofit to meet seismic standards and the current 15'5" vertical clearance would be raised to the standard 16'6". To accomplish this, Mr. Anasco stated that the southerly bridge would be demolished and a new bridge would be constructed.

Commissioner Freitas arrived at 8:39 am.

Mr. Anasco outlined the projected schedule for the project, which would involve closing a portion of I-80 for a period of approximately 14 hours to demolish the bridge. The work would take place in late September or early October 2008 on a Saturday between the hours of 9:00 pm and Sunday at 11:00 am, with detours clearly marked. Caltrans staff has been working with representatives from Richmond, County Public Works, AC Transit, WCCTAC, San Pablo, Pinole, West CAT and the West County Times to discuss traffic impacts and detour routes.

Commissioner Viramontes noted that WCCTAC and the City of Richmond would continue to assist with coordination efforts, and added that local jurisdictions would be kept up to date as information becomes available. Paul Maxwell added that a Traffic Management Plan, prepared by Caltrans was available.

This item was presented for information only. No action was required.

12. Legislation.

Arielle Bourgart opened her presentation by referencing AB 2558 : Regional Climate Mitigation and Adaption Fee. This bill would give MTC the authority to impose a 30-year "climate mitigation and adaption fee" in the region, subject to majority vote. It would repeal the statutory authorization MTC currently has to impose a tax on motor vehicle fuel.

The proposed bill would revitalize provisions of the failed AB 2744 which had concerned the Authority, namely, the eligibility of funding based solely on emissions reduction/climate control and the lack of a provision for a proportional return-to-source allocation of funds. Staff recommended a position of "opposed unless amended".

The Committee approved the staff recommendation, 5-0, moved by Commissioner Freitas and seconded by Commissioner Pierce.

Ms. Bourgart next presented information regarding the California Consensus on Federal Transportation Authorization 2008, which outlined a basic set of principles that the California

delegation in Washington would be asked to adopt in the upcoming debate on future federal transportation policies and how they would affect reauthorization. Ms. Bourgart noted that this was a framework only, and that agencies throughout the state were expected to submit revisions. The principles included:

- Ensure the financial integrity of the Highway and Transit Trust Funds;
- Rebuild and maintain transportation infrastructure in a good state of repair;
- Establish goods movement, as a national economic priority;
- Enhance mobility through congestion relief within and between metropolitan areas;
- Strengthen the federal commitment to safety and security, particularly with respect to rural roads and access;
- Strengthen comprehensive environmental stewardship; and
- Streamline project delivery.

Commissioner Freitas noted that metropolitan areas and rural roads had both been mentioned, however, he asked where any other classification (i.e., suburbs) would fall. Robert McCleary responded that for this purpose, the entire Bay Area was considered a metropolitan area. Mr. McCleary further noted that as an agency, the Authority has stressed the importance of rebuilding and maintaining the transportation infrastructure.

Commissioner Freitas further noted that one of the components of enhancing mobility mentioned interstate tolling and innovative finance programs, and asked if that meant toll lanes. Mr. McCleary responded that it did, and that the governor would insist on retaining that as a guideline. As far as implementing performance-based projects, Commissioner Freitas noted that if that translated into MTC performing studies, it could be of concern to the Authority.

The Committee recommended endorsing the principles, 5-0, moved by Commissioner Viramontes and seconded by Commissioner Freitas.

Ms. Bourgart offered updates on previously-discussed legislation, specifically:

SB 1691 (Lowenthal): Mechanics Liens on Public Projects.

Revised Staff Recommendation: Remove Opposition

Ms. Bourgart stated that Authority counsel had previously expressed concern with respect to this bill, however, in discussions with the Law Revision Commission, it was confirmed that lien powers would not be granted to mechanics and materialmen on public works. As a result, Authority counsel's concerns were alleviated.

The Committee recommended removing opposition contingent upon receipt of a letter from the bill's sponsor confirming the bill would not permit placement of a mechanics lien against public works projects, 5-0, moved by Commissioner Freitas and seconded by Commissioner Viramontes.

SB 375 (Steinberg): Greenhouse gas emissions component to Regional Transportation Plans
Authority position: Oppose unless amended. Staff presented updates to this bill and also summarized an alternative bill, SB 303 (Ducheny) sponsored by the building industry.

Update: Both bills are in Assembly Appropriations. Negotiations are underway.

SB 445 (Torlakson): Regional greenhouse gas emissions mitigation fees
Authority position: Oppose unless amended
Update: This bill died in committee.

SB 1507 (Oropeza): Highway construction near schools
Authority position: Oppose
Update: This bill died in committee.

13. State Route 2 (e) Widening Project – Loveridge to Somersville – Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Team Track Facility

Susan Miller introduced this item, providing a brief overview of the project and background of the negotiations with UPRR to accommodate an in-kind replacement for the existing rail spur and off-loading facility used by two customers of UPRR.

13.1 Completion of Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

13.2 C&M Agreement.

13.3 Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 206 with TranSystems.

13.4 Authorization to Advertise UPRR Team Track Facility Construction.

The Committee approved items 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4,5-0, moved by Commissioner Freitas and seconded by Commissioner Pierce.

CLOSED SESSION

14. Annual Review of Executive Director.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Tatzin left the meeting at 11:00 am.

The Committee reported that a closed session had been held and recommended that the Executive Director's performance be rated Outstanding. The Committee further recommended a 4.11% increase in the Executive Director's salary, 4-0, moved by Commissioner Viramontes and seconded by Commissioner Freitas.

15. Correspondence.

16. Other Business. Randy Carlton reported that the RFP for the Financial Management System had been issued and that early response had been positive. Mr. Carlton suggested that the Authority send a letter to the offices of both the County Treasurer and Auditor to inform them that the Authority was planning to perform all accounting functions in-house beginning in 2009.

Commissioner Freitas recommended that such communication indicate that the Authority was considering such action at this time, and that comments from their offices would be appreciated. Commissioner Stepper recommended that the Authority ask the County to facilitate in such a transition.

17. **Adjournment to next meeting.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 8:30 am.