



# BY-LAWS

## Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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These by-laws outline the purpose, membership, responsibilities, and operating procedures of the Contra Costa Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (herein “CBPAC”) of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (the “Authority”).

### **1. Name and Authorization**

The name of this organization shall be the Contra Costa Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC).

### **2. Purpose**

- 2.1. The purpose of the CBPAC is to advise the Authority on bicycle and pedestrian issues and to help the Authority carry out its responsibilities as a sales tax and congestion management agency.
- 2.2. The CBPAC shall have the responsibility to:
  - 2.2.1. Oversee updates to the CBPP and other Authority policy documents and help implement the policies established therein
  - 2.2.2. Review and provide recommendations on applications for funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs
  - 2.2.3. Review and comment on “complete streets” checklists required of proposed projects
  - 2.2.4. Address other bicycle or pedestrian issues facing the Authority, Contra Costa and the region

### **3. Membership**

- 3.1. The CBPAC shall be comprised of 13 members, plus alternates as noted, appointed from the following agencies:
  - 3.1.1. One citizen and one staff person plus one alternate appointed by each of the four Regional Transportation Planning Committees
  - 3.1.2. One staff person plus one alternate appointed by the County of Contra Costa
  - 3.1.3. One representative plus one alternate appointed by the East Bay Regional Park District
  - 3.1.4. One citizen representative plus one alternate appointed by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition
  - 3.1.5. Two citizens appointed by the Authority, one of which familiar with issues of youth walking and bicycling and one of which familiar with issues of seniors and disabled non-motorized transportation
- 3.2. Citizen members shall be residents of Contra Costa.
- 3.3. Members shall represent the general countywide interest and not solely the interest of their appointing authorities or any specific organization.
- 3.4. At the discretion of the respective appointing body, CBPAC members are subject to recall at anytime.
- 3.5. Members shall be appointed for two year terms. There shall be no limit on the number of consecutive terms which a member may serve.
- 3.6. If a member fails to attend three consecutive meetings, whether regularly scheduled or special, the position to which that member was appointed shall be considered vacant. Attendance by an alternate for that position shall be considered attendance by the member.

- 3.7. A vacancy in a position shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the alternate assigned to that position, if any, or until the appointing agency appoints another person to fill that position.

#### **4. Officers**

- 4.1. The Officers of the CBPAC shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair. Their duties shall be as follows:
  - 4.1.1. Chair: Presides over CBPAC meetings; reviews the meeting agenda; appoints subcommittees and subcommittee chairs; and reports the CBPAC's actions and decisions to the Authority as appropriate.
  - 4.1.2. Vice-Chair: Presides over the CBPAC meetings in the absence of the Chair; conducts the other duties of the Chair in his/her absence.
- 4.2. Election of Officers shall be made as follows:
  - 4.2.1. Chair: The Chair's term of office shall be for one calendar year. The Chair shall be elected each year at the last meeting of the calendar year by a majority of the CBPAC members present and voting, and shall serve until replaced by a newly-elected chair. If the term of appointment of the Chair expires before the year is out, and that member does not seek or accept reappointment, the Vice-Chair will serve as Chair until the following January.
  - 4.2.2. Vice-Chair: This officer shall be elected by a majority of the CBPAC members present and voting at the last meeting of the calendar year. The term of office shall be for one year. If the term of appointment of the Vice-Chair expires before the year is out and that member does not seek or accept reappointment, the Committee will hold an election for a Vice-Chair to serve out the remainder of the term.
- 4.3. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chair, the Vice-chair shall be elevated to the office of Chair for the remainder of the calendar year term, and the CBPAC shall nominate and elect a new Vice-chair.

## **5. Voting**

- 5.1. Decision-making by the CBPAC shall be by consensus. The CBPAC shall use formal voting only where consensus among members, and alternates attending in place of a member, cannot be reached.
- 5.2. Each member shall have one vote. Alternates are eligible to vote when seated in place of their regular committee member.
- 5.3. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the then-appointed CBPAC members. Vacant positions shall not be considered in calculating whether a quorum has been achieved. Alternates attending instead of regularly-appointed members shall be considered as members in determining whether a quorum has been achieved.
- 5.4. Actions taken by the CBPAC must be approved by a majority of those members or alternates eligible to vote at a meeting at which a quorum has been achieved.

## **6. Meetings**

- 6.1. All CBPAC meetings shall be posted public meetings conducted in compliance with the Brown Act.
- 6.2. The regular meetings of the CBPAC are generally scheduled for the fourth Monday of every other month beginning in January of every year at 11:00 a.m. in the Authority offices at 2999 Oak Road, Suite 100, Walnut Creek, California 94597. Additional or alternative meetings may be scheduled to address issues requiring more immediate consideration.
- 6.3. The rules contained within the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern the CBPAC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, the Authority's Administrative Code, the Authority's Office Procedures Guide, and any special rules of order the CBPAC may adopt.

## **7. Subcommittees**

- 7.1. The Chair may establish subcommittees and ad hoc committees as necessary.

- 7.2. Each subcommittee shall consist of at least three (3) CBPAC members. Members shall be reappointed annually.

## **8. Amendment of By-Laws**

Amendment of these bylaws may be initiated either by the CBPAC or the Authority directly. Amendment by the CBPAC requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the CBPAC members present and voting at any regular meeting of the CBPAC, and subsequent approval by the full Authority Board. Amendment by the Authority would be made consistent with the Authority's adopted procedures.

## **9. Communications and Reporting**

- 9.1. The primary channel of communication for the CBPAC shall be through written and oral reports from the CBPAC to the Technical Coordinating Committee, and through that committee to the Planning Committee and Authority board.
- 9.2. Reports from the CBPAC should reflect the consensus of the CBPAC. If consensus has not been achieved, the Chair shall convey to the Authority that the CBPAC position reflects a majority vote, and the Chair shall acknowledge and convey minority opinions.
- 9.3. CBPAC members are encouraged to report back to their appointing Councils or boards on at least an annual basis and more frequently if warranted.

## **10. Conflict of Interest**

- 10.1. There shall be no monetary gain by members of the CBPAC as a result of their membership and actions on the CBPAC.
- 10.2. CBPAC members shall recuse themselves from discussion and voting on issues in which they might have a personal financial interest or benefit.