

# WCCTAC

West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee

TO: WCCTAC Board

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FR: John Nemeth, Executive Director

RE: Monthly Update on WCCTAC Activities – July

## I-80 Smart Corridor



Caltrans is gradually beginning to activate elements of the Smart Corridor (ICM) project in what is known as a “sequenced activation.” This process will allow motorists to adjust to each new element in the system as it is individually introduced. The full system activation is expected to begin after Labor Day. The website is [80smartcorridor.org](http://80smartcorridor.org) and the public information number is 510-286-4444 or email: [info@80smartcorridor.org](mailto:info@80smartcorridor.org).

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, Caltrans provided a press tour of the I-80 Smart Corridor (ICM) project. Then, on July 13<sup>th</sup>, Caltrans hosted a TAC meeting which was attended by WCCTAC and CCTA staff, and a number of representatives from West County jurisdictions. The TAC meeting reviewed the status of the sequenced activation, the reports and data available to local jurisdictions, and the roles and responsibilities of various agencies in ongoing operation and maintenance.

Caltrans has appointed a corridor manager, David Man, who will be working closely with local jurisdictions and will provide an update to the WCCTAC Board at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## **Transportation Expenditure Plan Update**

The Transportation Expenditure Plan is now approved by all cities and towns, as well as the County. Next the CCTA Board will consider the TEP at its July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, which brings the TEP one-step closer to being placed on the November ballot.

At the July 6<sup>th</sup> Authority Board's Special TEP Meeting, Alex Evans from EMC Research provided a [PowerPoint presentation](#) with results on recent polling about the possible ballot measure.

The CCTA website now includes a one minute and 40 second [video](#) created to inform the public about the TEP. It also includes an [overview](#) of the TEP, as well as the [full TEP document](#) itself.

## **"In My Day, We Used to Walk to School in Three Feet of Snow"**

Safe Routes to School programs throughout the county encourage walking, biking, and carpooling to school. CCTA and their consultant are currently finalizing the process for distributing countywide roughly \$4.1 million dollars for Safe Routes to School Projects and Programs.

A final report, going to the CCTA Board in July, will tie together earlier documents including: the Safe Routes to School Countywide Needs Assessment, an Online Resource Guide, and a set of Technical Assistance documents to help jurisdictions determine the best use for the limited funds.



West Contra Costa is projected to receive a total of \$881,000 of the \$4.1 million based on a formula that considers school enrollment and population. The allocation of those funds will be determined by WCCTAC.

## **BART Del Norte Station Remodel Update**

At the upcoming July 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, staff from BART will present the latest information on the Del Norte Station Remodel that is a part of the larger BART Modernization Program. Construction is expected to begin in fall of 2016 and be completed by 2019. Funding for this project comes from a variety of sources but includes \$11.5 million from Measure J. The total project is estimated to cost about \$30 million and will improve customer experience, station access, and overall station appearance.

## **Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program: Fees Due and New Nexus Study**



Earlier this month, WCCTAC sent letters to each of our member agencies' city managers and their staff that handle STMP matters. The letter served as a reminder for jurisdictions to remit to WCCTAC by July 31 all past STMP fees previously collected along with completed reporting forms. (Each city is required to submit this form quarterly, whether or not fee-applicable development has occurred.) WCCTAC recently updated its reporting form to make it easier and quicker for staff to complete and remit collected fees. WCCTAC also used the letter to introduce a new reference document for city staff so they have easy access to information about STMP.

After WCCTAC receives funds generated by the fee, those funds are distributed to local transportation projects that benefit our entire subregion. Projects eligible to receive STMP funds were identified in the current nexus study. The WCCTAC Board recently allocated funding to three of these projects, given STMP's healthy fund balance.

In September, WCCTAC staff will ask the Board to issue a request for proposals (RFP) seeking a consultant to update the nexus study and strategic plan. Staff looks forward to working closely with local jurisdictions, the WCCTAC TAC and Board to develop a draft plan during FY 2016-17.

## **Travel Training Efforts Begin in West County**



The Center for Independent Living (CIL) received a grant to train cities in West County on how to conduct Travel Training for senior and disabled populations. The program began this month.

Staff from Richmond, San Pablo and El Cerrito met with the CIL Travel Training Coordinator to start the process and to review how this 5310 grant-funded program will roll out over the next year.

The goal of the program is to train local representatives in West County who can then train volunteers from their communities. Residents who are eager to try transit but who are not comfortable learning alone would contact their local agency (city or transit) and arrange a travel training appointment(s). Other travel training programs in places like Solano and Marin County have had success.

### **MTC Update of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan**

The MTC Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (referred to as the “Coordinated Plan”) was last updated in 2013. It focuses on the transportation needs of disadvantaged populations in order to maximize service coordination among public transit and human service transportation providers. The Plan identifies “gaps”. In order to qualify for federal Program 5310 grant funding, potential projects must address these gaps. The West County Mobility Management Group is working with MTC to identify the gaps in West County.

### **Plan Bay Area 2040**

ABAG and MTC are updating the Bay Area’s long-range transportation and housing plan, known as Plan Bay Area 2040. The Plan serves as the nine Bay Area counties’ Regional Transportation Plan, and also satisfies the requirements of S.B. 375.

The two agencies are expected to adopt a preferred land use and transportation scenario in the fall of 2016. They just wrapped up a series of open houses, but interested members of the public can still view materials from these meetings and comment online at the [Plan Bay Area Open Forum](#). Likewise, an interactive [10-question survey](#), Build a Better Bay Area, enables Bay Area residents to set their priorities for housing and transportation and then see how those align with the three proposed planning scenarios.