

SWAT

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SUMMARY MINUTES

February 1, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Danville Town Offices, Large Conference Room
510 La Gonda Way

Danville, CA

Committee Members Present: Don Tatzin, City of Lafayette; Mike Metcalf, Town of Moraga; Gayle Uilkema, Contra Costa County; Amy Worth, City of Orinda; Newell Arnerich, Town of Danville; Dave Hudson, City of San Ramon

Staff members present: Tai Williams, Janice Carey, Leah Greenblat, John Cunningham, Lori Salamack, Richard Yee, Andy Dillard

Others present: Martin Engelmann, CCTA; Jack Hall, CCTA; Albert Yee, MTC; Danielle Stanislaus, MTC; Kelly Klare, PBS&J; Tom Biggs, PBS&J; Cesar Pujol, Caltrans; Katie Benouar, Caltrans; Lee Taubenech, Caltrans; Charles Hogle, CCTA-CAC; Grace Schmidt

- 1. **CONVENE MEETING/SELF INTRODUCTIONS:** Meeting convened with a quorum at 3:10 p.m.
- 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 3. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:** None
- **4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**: Andy Dillard recorded the minutes. Extra agenda packets were made available.

5. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u>

5.A **Approval of Minutes:** SWAT minutes of December 7, 2009.

ACTION: Tatzin/Metcalf/unanimous

End of Consent Calendar

6. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**:

- 6.A Review and Comment on SR 24 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP)/Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI) Congestion Mitigation Strategies: Staff members from Caltrans and consultants from PBS&J gave a detailed presentation on the SR 24 CSMP/FPI. Martin Engelmann, CCTA staff, provided an introductory overview to provide background on the purposes and intent of the CSMP/FPI study and the stakeholders involved. The following comments on the SR 24 CSMP/FPI were provided by the SWAT Committee:
 - Committee Member Don Tatzin requested that "ITS" be thoroughly defined in the study.
 - Committee Member Amy Worth inquired if the study includes and incorporates an accurate analysis of the Caldecott Fourth Bore project's mitigating impacts on peak and off-peak traffic on SR 24.
 - Committee Member Newell Arnerich commented that the report appears to provide ramp metering performance numbers for SR 24, when there are currently no ramp operational issues identified in the corridor. Committee Member Don Tatzin indicated that the performance numbers listed should be further clarified in the report to reflect their true intent.
 - Committee Member Worth commented that most of the traffic on SR 24 originates out of the focused study area, and that it is important to analyze and incorporate the entire commute shed when studying freeway performance on SR 24. Committee Member Arnerich expanded on this comment by suggesting that there should be an analysis of transit system users by geographic area, as a contributing factor to SR 24 congestion stems from commuters outside of the geographic area that heavily utilize transit opportunities within the corridor.
 - Committee Member Mike Metcalf inquired if the issues and problems associated with the strategies of converting breakdown lanes to HOV lanes have been resolved.
 - Committee Member Arnerich commented that HOV lanes, when not designed as continuous networks, can further exacerbate traffic congestion and create traffic safety issues, and that this needs to be taken into consideration when evaluating HOV lanes as a congestion mitigation strategy for SR 24.
 - Committee Member Worth reiterated that this report does not represent the full impact of the entire commute shed. In addition, transit access and the impacts of commuter traffic to and from transit, such as BART, should be included (such as origin/destination studies).
 - Committee Member Gayle Uilkema remarked that, as an over-arching comment, transit needs to be included and emphasized as a capacity increasing option (such as express bus point-to-point services), as well as a congestion mitigation measure in identifying and developing freeway performance strategies.
 - Committee Member Worth commented that capacity of SR 24 is finite, and that simply increasing capacity via widening the existing facilities is not seen as a viable option.
 - Committee Member Arnerich provided a concluding comment that the report needs to indicate that HOV lanes and ramp metering strategies may have the potential to exacerbate any existing environmental issues and have an effect on air quality standards within the Lamorinda area.

ACTION: None

- **6.B** Review and Comment on Proposed Measure J General Plan Amendment (GPA) Review Process: Martin Engelmann, CCTA, provided a presentation on this item. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee provided the following comments to forward to the Authority for consideration:
 - Refine the language in Action 5 of Exhibit 1, <u>Responsiveness to concerns/comments</u> to include whether the sponsoring jurisdiction took action to implement the identified mitigation measures
 - Clarify the facilitation/mediation process to identify the Authority's role
 - Committee Member Dave Hudson expressed concerns about Step 12, "Formulation of Principles of Agreement," as it relates to the feasibility of utilizing a MOU as a means of implementing mitigation strategies.

ACTION: None

6.C Consider and Approve a request from the City of Orinda to amend the Moraga Way Rehabilitation Improvements Project (Strategic Plan Project No. 1625/1625SW): A motion was made to approve the requested project description amendment and to forward on to the Authority for consideration of final approval.

ACTION: Metcalf/Worth/Unanimous

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

The following written communication items were made available:

- CCTA Board summary of actions from meetings of 12/16/09 and 1/20/10
- Authority policy response to inquiries raised by Save Mt. Diablo relating to the Measure "J" Urban Limit Line Requirements
- Caltrans notification of FY 2010/11 Transportation Planning Grants Open House/Workshop
- Notice of 511 Contra Costa Safe Routes to School mini-grant award
- Notice of Preparation of an EIR for the City of San Ramon General Plan Update
- Announcement of release of Final EIR for Concord Community Reuse Project

ACTION: None

3. **DISCUSSION:** Next Agenda

ACTION: None

4. ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 1, 2010** at the Danville Town Offices, Large Conference Room, 510 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA.

ACTION: Meeting adjourned by Chair Arnerich at 5:20 p.m.

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