



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Transportation, Water & Infrastructure Committee

Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair
Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston, Vice Chair

Monday, February 24, 2025

1:00 PM

**District 2 Office: 309 Diablo Rd.
Danville, CA 94526 |**

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Pittsburg, CA 94565**

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AGENDA ITEMS may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee.

1. INTRODUCTION Call to order and roll call.

Chair Andersen called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Staff Present: Jamar Stamps | TWIC Staff

Attendees: Raquel De La Torre, John Kopchick, John Cunningham, Ruben Hernandez, Dominique Vogelpohl, David Yuers, Anthony (Tony) Geisler, Carol Jensen, Mark Watts, Alyson Greenlee, Robert Sarmiento, Samantha Harris, Will Nelson, Jerry Fahy, Steve Kowalewski, Lloyd Suku, Chris Vogelpohl, Brandon Evans, Salvador Morales, Dept. of Conservation & Development

Present: District II Supervisor Candace Andersen and Shanelle Scales-Preston

2. CONSIDER electing a committee member to the offices of Chair and Vice Chair for 2025.

The Committee held its annual election of officers.

The Committee AGREED to elect Supervisor Candace Andersen as Chair and Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston as Vice Chair.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes).

No Public Comment.

4. REVIEW Meeting Record for the December 9, 2024, Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee.

Attachments: [TWIC Minutes 12.09.24 - DRAFT](#)

The Committee unanimously APPROVED the Record of Actions from the December 9, 2024 meeting with no changes.

5. CONSIDER Report from the Department of Conservation and Development Regarding the Current County's Regulation of Historical Resources.

Attachments: [CCCounty Overview - Historical Resources Regulation](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the report and DIRECTED staff to return at a future meeting with a report outlining a range of ordinance options, including input from other counties, potential cost recovery mechanisms, and how the ordinance would apply (e.g., to designated or contributing structures only).

The Committee expressed general support for historic preservation but emphasized the need to balance these efforts with property owner rights. Concerns were raised regarding potential legal implications, staffing and cost impacts, and how such an ordinance would differ from or expand upon existing CEQA protections.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Yuers, member of the Historic Landmarks Committee, emphasized the importance of having a clear ordinance and asked for clarification on how properties would be designated for preservation.

Tony Geisler, Chair of the Diablo Historic Preservation Committee and HLHC member, described challenges in the Diablo community following its designation as a historic district without homeowner input. He expressed strong support for a formal ordinance to provide clear standards.

Carol Jensen, Chair of the Historic Landmarks Committee, highlighted Contra Costa County's leadership in preservation efforts and offered to provide the draft ordinance and additional research conducted over the past year and a half, including information from Alameda, Solano, and San Francisco counties.

Alyson Greenlee, Economic Development Manager with the Department of Conservation and Development, noted the economic benefits of historic preservation, including job creation and tax incentives through programs like the Mills Act.

The Committee thanked the speakers for their input and reiterated the importance of carefully evaluating the potential impacts of a future ordinance before moving forward.

6. CONSIDER report on Local, State, Regional, and Federal Transportation Related Legislative and Planning Activities.

Attachments: [January 2025 Transp Leg Report\(TWIC\).pdf](#)
[MTC-RegionalMeasureInformation.pdf](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the report and held a discussion on current legislative and planning activities across local, regional, state, and federal levels.

Staff provided an update on regional activity, noting the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) unanimously directed its staff to begin developing a regional funding measure for 2026. The Committee discussed the likelihood that such a measure would need to be citizen-led in order to pass, as polling indicates limited public support for a legislatively referred measure requiring a two-thirds vote. Additional concerns were raised regarding tax fatigue, the appropriate funding mechanism (e.g., parcel tax vs. sales tax), and the fact that many counties have already reached their tax thresholds.

Mark Watts shared an update on newly introduced State legislation, including SB 71-a proposed \$20 billion bond act aimed at transportation capital improvements in Southern California, noting the bill does not currently address the significant operational funding needs in Northern California and emphasized that bonds typically cannot be used to fund transit operations. Mr. Watts confirmed he is continuing to review the full list of newly introduced legislation and will provide additional updates to staff as needed.

The Committee discussed the broader challenges related to funding transportation improvements, including a lack of public appetite for new taxes and the need for strategies that consider both affordability and regional equity. The Committee thanked Mr. Watts for his update and indicated it would continue monitoring the situation as it evolves.

No Public Comment.

7. CONSIDER referrals to the Committee for 2025, REVISE as necessary, and DIRECT staff to bring the list to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Attachments: [DRAFT TWIC Referrals 2025 - To TWIC.pdf](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the draft list of 2025 referrals, which currently includes 26 items and DIRECTED staff to bring the final list to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

The Committee acknowledged that while the list is comprehensive, priorities may shift throughout the year. Additional referrals may be added as needed. Additionally, there were no revisions or additions requested.

No Public Comment.

8. REVIEW Status Report on 2024 referrals to TWIC and DIRECT staff to forward the report to the Board of Supervisors with revisions as appropriate.

Attachments: [TWIC 2024 Referral Report.pdf](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the 2024 referrals status report and DIRECTED staff to forward the report to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

No Public Comment.

9. REVIEW and REVISE as appropriate, and ADOPT the 2025 Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee Calendar.

Attachments: [2025 Calendar-DRAFT](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the 2025 meeting calendar as presented. No conflicts or revisions were noted. The Committee acknowledged the calendar may be modified as needed throughout the year.

No Public Comment.

10. RECEIVE Communication, News, Miscellaneous Items of Interest to the Committee and DIRECT staff as appropriate.

Attachments: [Why 'Personal Rapid Transit' Can't Compete With Regular Old Bus Bloomberg.pdf](#)
[2024 East Bay Separated Bikeways Roundup – Bike East Bay.pdf](#)
[The Secret to a Better City Is a Two-Wheeler – Mother Jones.pdf](#)
[Kansas City Is a Microtransit Pioneer, and a Cautionary Tale - Bloomberg.pdf](#)

The Committee RECEIVED the communications included in the meeting packet. The Committee acknowledged recent coverage of micro-transit and noted the differing perspectives presented.

No Public Comment.

11. ADJOURN until the next Transportation, Water, & Infrastructure Committee meeting to be held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 1:00PM.

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 2:00pm. The next regularly scheduled TWIC meeting is set for March 24, 2025, 1:00pm. The Committee noted the meeting may be canceled if no actionable items are scheduled.

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