



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Transportation, Water & Infrastructure Committee

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair

Monday, May 13, 2024

9:30 AM

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1. AGENDA ITEMS may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee.
2. INTRODUCTIONS Call to order and roll call.

Staff Present: John Cunningham | TWIC Staff

Attendees: Raquel Caicedo, Maureen Toms, John Kopchik, Mark Watts, Jamar Stamps, Robert Sarmiento, Jody London, Will Nelson, Alicia Nuchols, Jerry Fahy, Jeff Valeros, Joe Smithonic, Steve Kowalewski, Angela Pak, Cheryl Sudduth, Emily Warming, Jennifer Quallick

*** NOTE: Staff noted the agenda items were out of sequence, the legislative report was moved up in order to accommodate the consultant's schedule.**

Present: Diane Burgis and Candace Andersen

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 April 8, 2024, Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes](#)

The Committee unanimously ACCEPTED the May TWIC Meeting Record.

5. Report on Local, State, Regional, and Federal Transportation Related Legislative and

Planning Activities

Attachments: [NADTC Innovations - CCTA: Accessible Transportation MW-May Leg Report for TWIC.pdf](#)
[SB 1031 Text](#)
[SB1031 Term Sheet](#)
[SB 1031 Fact Sheet](#)
[CA Dept Of Tax & Fee Admin: CCC Active Taxes](#)
[Letter: Sen. Glazer to BOS Chair](#)
[BART SB 1031 Letter](#)
[Letter: SamTrans to Senate Transportation](#)
[Letter: Advocates to Authors](#)
[State Net Legislation report \(5-8-24\).pdf](#)

Staff REPORTED that the Contra Costa Transportation Authority received recognition from the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center for their leadership in accessible transportation.

The Committee discussed Senate Bill 1031 (Wiener) - Connect Bay Area ACT and DIRECTED staff to bring a "watch" position to the full Board of Supervisors. [Staff Note: the bill was subsequently paused by the author].

No Public Comment.

6. CONSIDER Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Annual Project List for Unincorporated Contra Costa County

Attachments: [Attachment A Local Streets and Roads Project List](#)

Jeff Valeros of Public Works presented the proposed projects to be funded by the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) under SB 1. The Committee discussed: the stability of gas tax revenue amidst the rise of electric vehicles, project funding for specific districts, and the status of Vasco Road safety projects. Staff acknowledged the need to address geographic distribution and suggested including links to Capital Road Improvement and Preservation Program (CRIPP) details in future reports.

The Committee DIRECTED staff to address comments and RECOMMENDED bringing the RMRA list to the Board of Supervisors' for approval including the revisions discussed.

No Public Comment.

7. RECEIVE staff report and RECOMMEND that the Board of Supervisors approve the submission of grant applications to the Active Transportation Program grant program for Cycle 7.

The Committee discussed the distribution of projects across Supervisorial Districts. Joe Smithonic (Public Works) explained the ATP requirements relative to disadvantaged communities, which are currently limited to North Richmond and Bay Point. The Committee suggested including an explanatory paragraph and a link to grant criteria to clarify the selection process and also recommended maintaining a record of past grant

applications by district to ensure transparency and equitable distribution of resources.

The Committee RECOMMENDED the Board of Supervisors approve the submission of grant applications to the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Program for Cycle 7.

No Public Comment.

8. RECEIVE Status Report on the General Plan Update: Transportation Element

Attachments: [Chapter_5_Transportation-Element.pdf](#)
[2-22-24EnviroCoalitionGPComments.pdf](#)

Staff introduced the discussion on updating the Transportation element of the General Plan and emphasized a significant shift in planning philosophy from a focus solely on automobile transport to a more holistic approach that prioritizes safe, sustainable transportation options. Will Nelson (DCD), elaborated on this shift, highlighting updates such as new maps for multimodal networks, active transportation routes, and pedestrian priority areas.

The Committee raised concerns about removing references to Level of Service (LOS) analysis, advocating for its retention alongside Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) metrics to assess transportation impacts comprehensively, but agreed to maintain LOS references while enhancing clarity on its role within the broader planning framework. The Committee also discussed integrating economic development and job distribution priorities across the plan's various elements.

The Committee RECOMMENDED to incorporate the discussed feedback into the plan's revisions.

No Public Comment.

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

Attachments: [E-bikes Need More and Bigger Bike Lanes - The Santa Barbara Independent](#)
[CCTA: April 30 2024 RTPC Memo](#)
[New bill pushes Bay Area transit consolidation - San Mateo Daily Journal](#)
[AC Transit, and BART Announce Partnership to Modernize Paratransit Services](#)

Staff and the Committee acknowledged concerns about the growing need for additional eBike facilities and highlighted ongoing discussions with Carl Roner (PWD - Iron Horse Manager) regarding trail expansions, emphasizing the need to address congestion on popular routes like Iron Horse, the Delta de Anza, Ohlone Greenway, and CC Canal Trail. The Committee supported these efforts, advocating for energy-efficient transportation options and safe trail usage for diverse user groups, including families with strollers and children learning to bike.

The Committee ACCEPTED the report.

No Public Comment

Staff Note: In a subsequent exchange with EBRPD staff on the topic of accommodating electric vehicles on trails, the following resource was identified which includes recommendations for enhanced facility right-of-way and design:

NEXT GENERATION TRAILS

New Mobility Trends in Shared-Use Path Design and Management

https://altago.com/wp-content/uploads/Next-Generation-Trails-White-Paper_2020_-Alta.pdf

ADJOURN until the next Transportation, Water, & Infrastructure Committee meeting to be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9:30am.

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