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SUMMARY MINUTES
February 4, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.
City of San Ramon
2222 Camino Ramon
San Ramon, California

Committee Members Present: David Hudson (Chair), City of San Ramon; Candace Andersen (Vice Chair), Contra Costa County; Karen Stepper, Town of Danville; Michael Metcalf, Town of Moraga; Victoria Smith (for Amy Worth), City of Orinda; Don Tatzin, City of Lafayette;

Staff members present: Chuck Swanson, City of Orinda; John Cunningham, Contra Costa County; Shawna Brekke-Read, Town of Moraga; Leah Greenblat, City of Lafayette; Andy Dillard, Town of Danville.

Others present: Martin Engelmann, CCTA; Gayle Israel, Contra Costa County; Smitty Schmidt.

1. **CONVENE MEETING/SELF INTRODUCTIONS:** Meeting called to order by Chair Hudson at 3:05 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. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

5.A Approval of Minutes: SWAT Minutes of January 7, 2013 (*Attachment - Action*)

ACTION: Stepper/Andersen/Unanimous

End of Consent Calendar

6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

- 6.A Review and Comment on Launch of 2014 Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Launch and Sustainability Discussion White Papers:** Martin Engelmann, CCTA staff presented the Authority's discussion papers on Launching the 2014 CTP and incorporation of sustainability. The following comments were provided:

"Launching the 2014 CTP Update"

Michael Metcalf inquired about a possible extension of Measure J, and if there would be a potential shift in focus on much larger, marquis projects? Don Tatzin added that the environmental community may want to pursue more focus on Growth Management elements as part of a new measure, or extension of. Martin Engelmann expressed that health and social equity could also potentially be components.

Karen Stepper expressed that references to "Plan Bay Area" be removed until such time that it has been approved and further, that it may ultimately be a policy that is not desirable by certain members of the public. Additionally, concerns were expressed that references to land use in lieu of transportation gets away from the mission, does not support the intent of Measure J, and may affect funding for road projects as part of any future extensions or new measures.

John Cunningham asked how the CTP and SCS would align. Martin Engelmann replied that the two are happening in parallel and that MTC is expected to present its "Plan Bay Area" at the April Authority meeting. It was further explained that the new land use forecasts (SCS) are expected to be incorporated in the 2014 CTP, but will need to be tested and looked at closely in how it aligns with current forecasts. SCS forecasts out to 2040.

"Incorporating Sustainability into the 2014 CTP"

Appreciation and acknowledgement was given to Don Tatzin for his work in helping edit the sustainability paper's language and content. Mike Metcalf and Dave Hudson commented that the definition of "sustainability" (as defined on pg.2) was more easily understood and in appropriate context than past definitions of sustainability that have been seen and discussed.

Karen Stepper was opposed to the use of the footnote (pg. 2) referencing the American Planning Associations definition of sustainability.

Don Tatzin commented that sustainability should be in direct reference to transportation investments. He referenced the attachments included with the paper outlining examples of how other agencies have approached the definition and incorporation of sustainability within transportation.

Several Committee members inquired about what exactly needs to be done to satisfy and incorporate a sustainability policy. There was concurrence that the

Authority's current objectives (as outlined on pg. 4) is sufficient and in line with the spirit and intent of a sustainability policy. Martin Engelmann stated that the decision is on the table if there is a desire to incorporate such a policy, and posed the question to consider whether it is the CCTA's role to become more of a champion for sustainability, or, does including new sustainability components just a counterproductive exercise and waste of resources.

Victoria Smith inquired about potential implications, if any, of not incorporating a sustainability policy.

Michael Metcalf expressed further appreciation for the work that was done in shaping the context and definition of "sustainability" in the paper, and how it was reflective of policies and practices that are already in place. There were concerns in how the definition, as provided in the paper, would be received, and/or accepted by, advocacy groups, MTC, etc.

There were overarching concerns expressed that by incorporating sustainability, its definition and policies may be construed differently from region to region, and even sub region to sub region, yet it may still have universal connotations. The actual sustainability definitions and policies defined in Contra Costa may differ from other counties, however, Contra Costa may be subject to, and conceding to, a broader definition.

The Committee concurred that, when considering the incorporation of sustainability, the Authority needs to be careful to avoid "mission creep", particularly in the context of developing sales tax measures extensions.

The paper contains three proposed strategies for "pursuing sustainability while maintaining the general Measure J mission" (pd. 9). It was requested that the proposed strategy entitled "Social Health/Political Sustainability" either be removed or revised (both in title and definition) as it does not speak directly to transportation.

David Hudson expressed support for the concept of incentivizing sustainability practices rather than penalizing.

The Committee provided direction to staff to summarize comments and develop a draft comment letter on the discussion papers, and to bring back for further review and discussion at the March SWAT meeting.

ACTION: None.

7. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** The following written communication items were made available:

- CCTA summary of actions from Board meetings of 12/19/12 and 1/17/13
- WCCTAC summary of actions from Committee meetings of 12/7/12 and 1/25/13
- TRANSPAC summary of actions from Committee meeting of 12/13/12
- Contra Costa County – Notice of Availability and Public Review for proposed Adoption of Negative Declaration for Draft Contra Costa County Climate Action Plan

ACTION: None

8. **DISCUSSION: Next Agenda**

The Committee directed SWAT TAC to summarize comments provided on the 2014 CTP and Sustainability discussion papers, and to prepare a draft summary of comments for review and further discussion at the March SWAT meeting.

ACTION: None

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4th, 2013 at City of San Ramon, 2222 Camino Ramon, San Ramon.

ACTION: Meeting adjourned by Chair Hudson at 4:20 p.m.

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