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## SOUTHWEST AREA TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, May 3, 2010**

**3:00 p.m.**

Danville Town Offices – Large Conference Room  
510 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA

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#### **1. CONVENE MEETING/SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Members of the public are invited to address the Committee regarding any item that is not listed on the agenda. *(Please complete a speaker card in advance of the meeting and hand it to a member of the staff)*

#### **3. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

#### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**5.A Approval of Minutes:** SWAT Minutes of February 1, 2010 *(Attachment - Action)*

End of Consent Calendar

#### **6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**6.A Review and Comment on SB 83 Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Expenditure Plan Options:** The Authority is considering placing a transportation measure on the November ballot to provide a Vehicle Registration Fee of up to \$10 that would be used for local transportation and transit improvements throughout Contra Costa County. The Authority is requesting input from the public on the development of an Expenditure Plan. Authority staff will present this item. *(Attachments)*

**7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Consider Actions as Appropriate (*Attachments*)

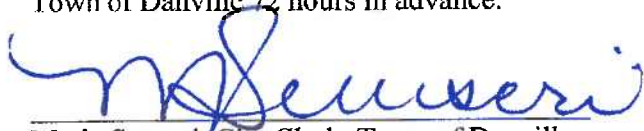
- Bike to Work Day, Thursday, May 13th
- CCTA summary of actions from Board meetings of 02/17/10 and 03/17/10
- TRANSPAC summary of actions from Committee meetings of 03/11/10 and 04/15/10
- City of Lafayette – release of Draft Downtown Lafayette Specific Plan EIR
- City of San Ramon – Notification of General Plan 2030 Update
- City of San Ramon – Notice of Availability/Completion of Draft EIR for the General Plan 2030
- City of San Ramon – Notification for Request for Comments for Budget Rental Development

**8. DISCUSSION:** Next Agenda

**9. ADJOURNMENT** to Monday, June 7, 2010, or other meeting as deemed appropriate.

**CERTIFICATION**

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Marie Sunseri, City Clerk, Town of Danville

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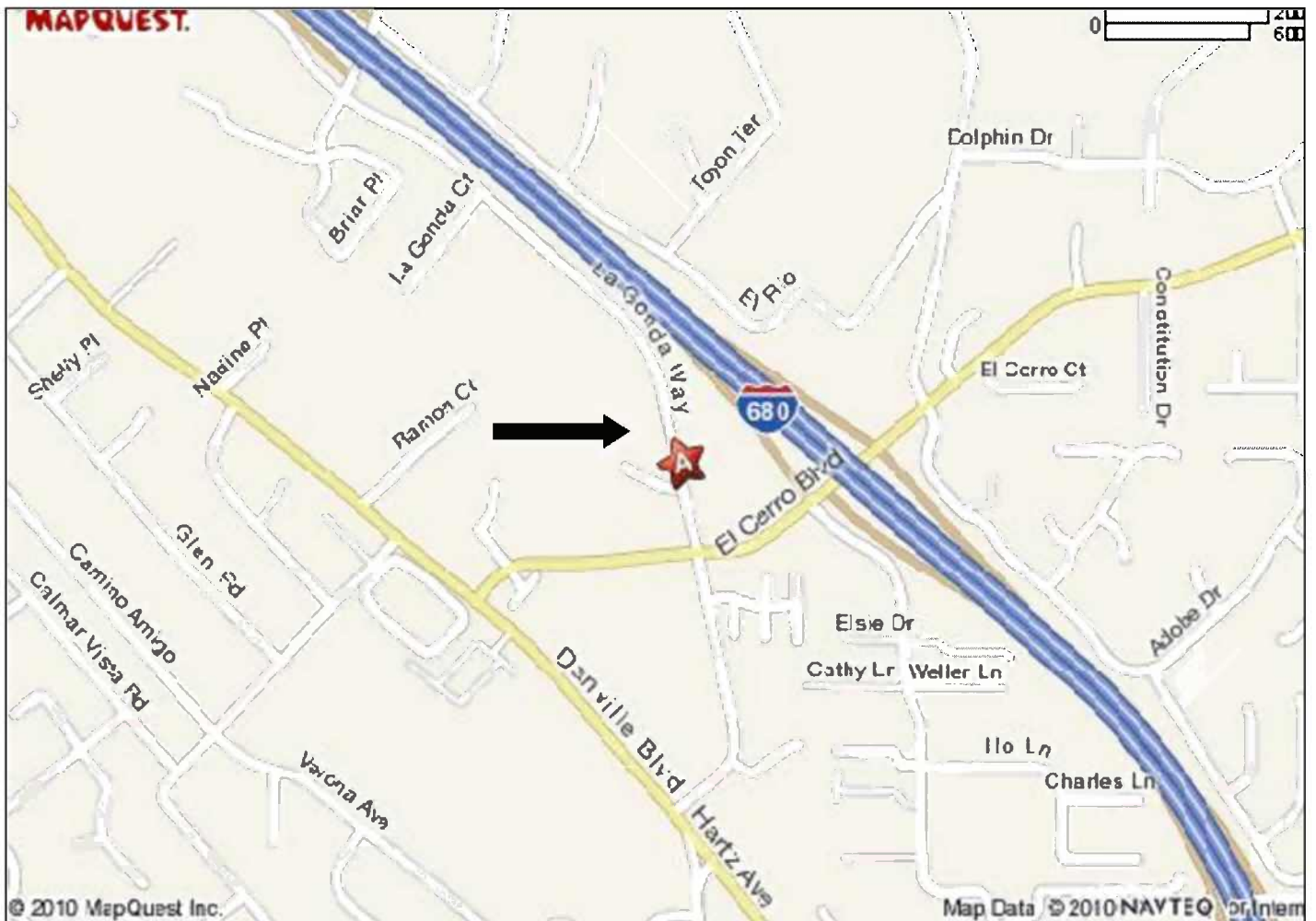
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***SOUTHWEST AREA TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE***  
**MEETING LOCATION MAP**

***\*PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION\****

**DANVILLE TOWN OFFICES, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**510 LA GONDA WAY, DANVILLE**



**ATTACHMENT 5.A**



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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. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
    - 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, Responsiveness to concerns/comments 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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**ATTACHMENT 6.A**





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**DATE:** May 3, 2010  
**TO:** SWAT Committee  
**FROM:** SWAT TAC  
**SUBJECT:** SB 83 Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Expenditure Options

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The Contra Costa Transportation Authority is considering placing a transportation measure on the November 2010 ballot that would increase the registration fee on vehicles registered in Contra Costa by up to \$10 a year to fund transportation projects that would reduce traffic congestion and/or pollution attributable to motor vehicles. The authority to put the measure on the ballot derives from AB 83 (Hancock), signed into law last year.

The fee increase requires a majority support, rather than the super-majority (2/3) support necessary of a tax increase. However, the expenditure of fees requires a nexus between the funds expended and the demonstrable benefit to the vehicle owners paying the fee.

Based on the number of registered vehicles in Contra Costa, a \$10 fee is expected to generate approximately \$8.5 million countywide on an annual basis. If all of these funds were distributed to the cities and county based on the Authority's population and road miles formula, it would equate to roughly half of an agency's annual Measure J return-to-source funds.

A public opinion poll conducted by the Authority to ascertain voters' general attitude for the fee increase indicates a positive (though not overwhelming) support for the concept. Based on these poll results, and a series of stakeholder interviews, the Authority provided direction to form an advisory group of stakeholders to develop a proposed Expenditure Plan outlining how the fee funds would be spent.

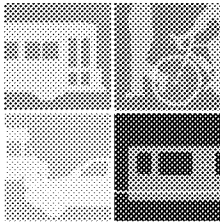
The advisory group - comprised of local agency and RTPC staff, transit staff, bicycle and pedestrian advocates, and business representatives - met on April 23, 2010 to discuss the development of Expenditure Plan alternatives. Discussion at this meeting acknowledged that the limited funding generated by the vehicle

registration fee increase may be better served by limiting the range projects and programs funded by the fee.

The advisory group agreed to forward three Expenditure Plan options for consideration by each RTPC. Each option will be presented to SWAT by the Authority staff at its May 3, 2010 regularly scheduled meeting.

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CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

# VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE

## EXPENDITURE PLAN

### Vehicle Registration Fee Fact Sheet

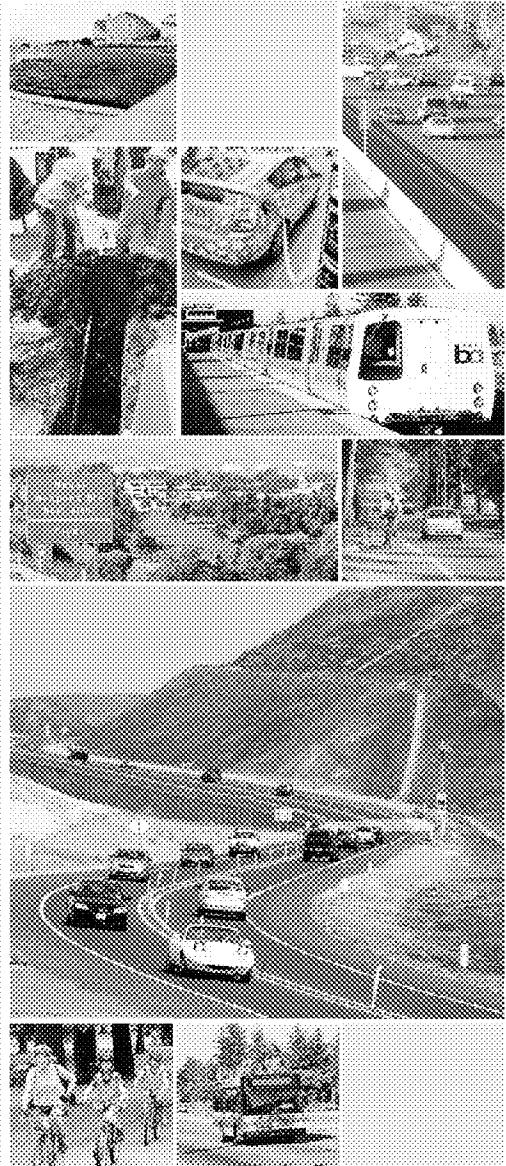
The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is considering placing a transportation measure on the November 2, 2010 ballot to provide a Vehicle Registration Fee of up to \$10 that would be used for local transportation and transit improvements throughout Contra Costa County.

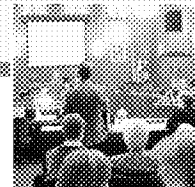
The opportunity for a Countywide transportation agency to place this fee before the voters was authorized last year by the passage of Senate Bill 83, authored by Senator Loni Hancock. The Vehicle Registration Fee could help counties provide additional local funding for their transportation needs. Contra Costa County has very significant unfunded transportation needs, and this fee would provide funding to meet some of those needs.

The Vehicle Registration Fee would be a key part of an overall strategy to develop a balanced, well thought-out program that improves transportation and transit for our residents and has the potential to generate up to \$8.5 million per year.

The Vehicle Registration Fee could fund programs that:

- Repair and maintain our local streets and roads.
- Make public transportation easier to use and more efficient.
- Make it easier to get to work or school, whether driving or using public transportation.
- Result in the reduction of pollution from cars and trucks.





## Vehicle Registration Fee Expenditure Plan

During the spring and summer of 2010, CCTA will develop a Vehicle Registration Fee Expenditure Plan, based on broad public input that articulates how the funds generated will be used. The Vehicle Registration Fee Expenditure Plan would have the following specific benefits:

- All of the money raised by the Vehicle Registration Fee would be used exclusively for transportation in Contra Costa County and none of it can be taken by the State.
- Help fund roadway repairs and maintenance that make our roads safer for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- Provide investments that will help to create a smarter, more efficient transportation system.
- Establish a reliable source of funding to help fund critical local transportation

There must be a relationship between the people who pay the Vehicle Registration Fee and the programs the Vehicle Registration Fee funds are used to fund.

## Opportunities for Public Input

In addition, CCTA will hold a public workshop on Monday, May 24. CCTA will notify the public about this workshops and the VRF process through newspaper notices and e-mail notification. In addition, as part of the outreach process, CCTA staff will be available to make presentations to City Councils, and to meet with other key agencies and stakeholder groups. Finally, the meetings of the Advisory Committee, the Regional Transportation Planning Committees, the Administration & Projects Committee, and the full Authority Board are all open to the public. All meetings, meeting materials, and project documents will be available on the CCTA website ([www.ccta.net](http://www.ccta.net)). The dates and times of currently-scheduled public meetings are shown to the right.

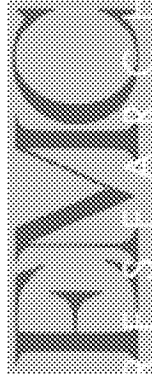
## Vehicle Registration Fee Public Meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>
4/23/10	10:00 am	CCTA VRF Advisory Committee	CCTA Offices 3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100, Pleasant Hill
4/30/10	8:00 am	West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC)	San Pablo City Council Chambers 13831 San Pablo Avenue San Pablo
5/3/10	3:00 pm	Southwest Area Transportation Committee (SWAT)	Lafayette City Offices 3675 Mt. Diablo Boulevard Conference Room 240 or 265 Lafayette
5/6/10	8:30 am	CCTA Administration & Projects Committee	CCTA Offices 3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100, Pleasant Hill
5/13/10	9:00 am	Transportation Partnership and Cooperation (TRANSPAC)	City of Pleasant Hill Community Room 100 Gregory Lane Pleasant Hill
5/13/10	6:30 pm	TRANSPLAN	Tri Delta Transit building 801 Wilbur Avenue Antioch
5/19/10	6:00 pm	CCTA Authority Board	CCTA Offices 3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100, Pleasant Hill
5/21/10	10:00 am	CCTA VRF Advisory Committee	CCTA Offices 3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100, Pleasant Hill
5/24/10	6:30 pm	Public Workshop	TBD
6/3/10	8:30 am	CCTA Administration & Projects Committee	CCTA Offices 3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100, Pleasant Hill
6/19/10	6:00 pm	CCTA Authority Board	CCTA Offices 3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100, Pleasant Hill
7/1/10	8:30 am	CCTA Administration & Projects Committee	CCTA Offices 3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100, Pleasant Hill
7/16/10	6:00 pm	Public Hearing before the CCTA Authority Board	CCTA Offices 3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100, Pleasant Hill

Telephone Survey of likely  
Contra Costa County November 2010 voters

*Presentation of Results*

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