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## *SOUTHWEST AREA TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE*

### **Meeting of October 6, 2008**

**3:00 p.m. SWAT Board Meeting**  
Office of Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema  
Lamorinda Office  
3338 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, CA

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/Self Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Board Member Comment
4. Administrative Items
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. **Review/Approval** of Minutes From September 8, 2008\*
7. **Consider Request** from the City of Orinda for Reprogramming of Measure C Funds\*
8. **Update** on the status of Actions Plans
9. **Review and Comment** on the Measure J *Implementation Guide - Proposal for Adoption*\*
10. **Review and Comment** on the "Issues and Options Report" for the Update of the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan\*
11. **Written Communication, Items of Interest, Outgoing Communication - Consider Actions as Appropriate**\*
12. Discussion: Next Agenda
13. Adjourn to November 3, 2008 or Other Meeting as Deemed Appropriate

\*Indicates material on this item is attached.

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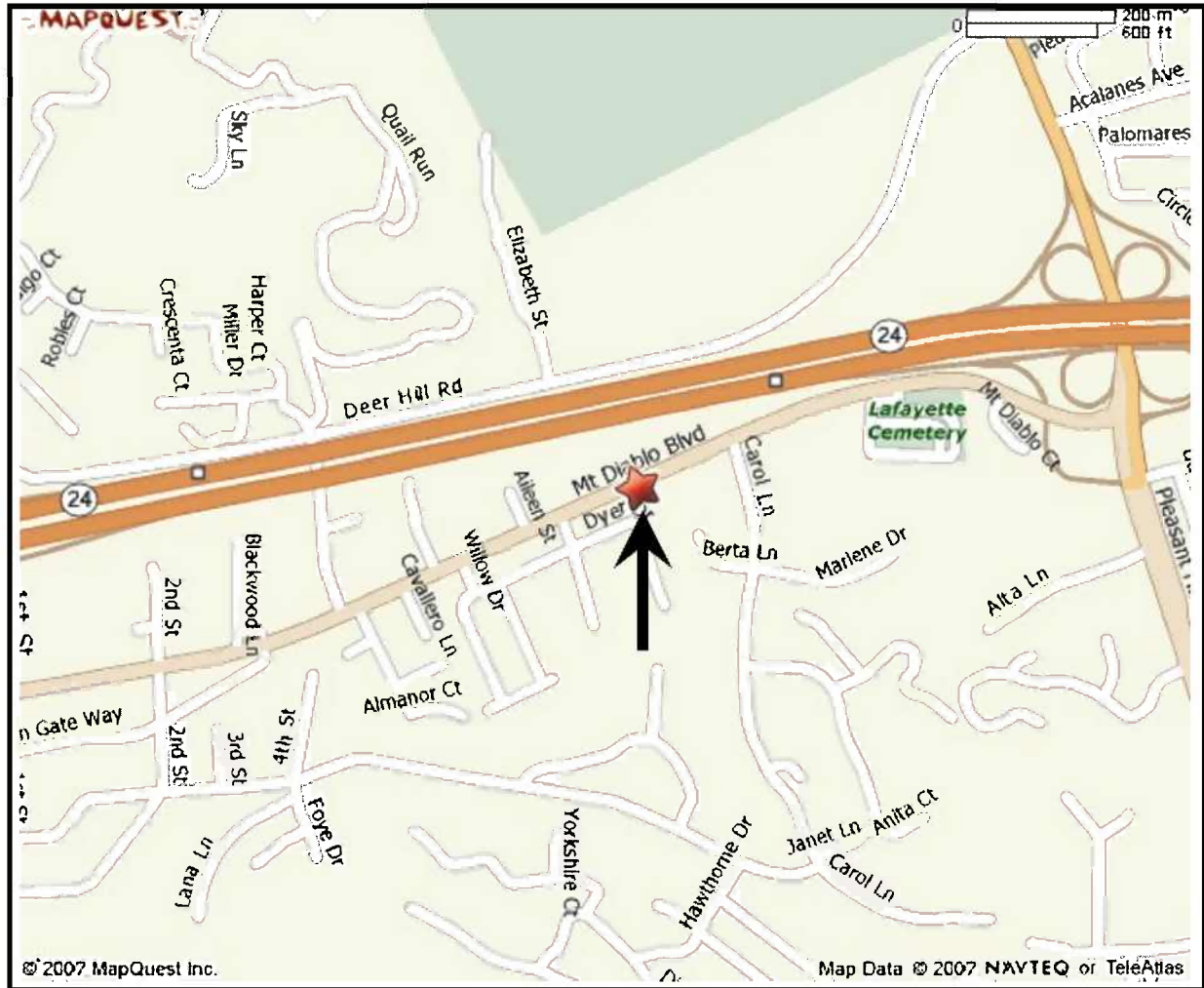
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***SOUTHWEST AREA TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE***  
**MEETING LOCATION MAP**

**Office of Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema**  
**Lamorinda Office**

**3338 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, CA 94549**  
(parking is available behind the building)



**AGENDA ITEM 6**





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## SUMMARY MINUTES

**September 8, 2008**

**Office of Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema**

**Lamorinda Office**

**3338 Mt. Diablo Road**

**Lafayette, CA**

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

**Staff members present:** Lisa Bobadilla, Darlene Amaral, Tai Williams, Andy Dillard, Leah Greenblat, John Cunningham, Monica Pacheco, Calvin Wong

**Others present:** Martin Engelmann, CCTA; Charles Hogle, CCTA CAC; Anne Muzzini, County Connection; Mike Gibson, Transportation Committee Chair – Alamo Improvement Association

Meeting convened with a quorum by Chair Uilkema at 3:04 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Self Introductions**

2. **Public Comment:** Committee member Don Tatzin requested that the letter from Mike Gibson, dated August 21, 2008, be heard under public comment. The Committee concurred.

Mr. Gibson spoke on behalf of the Alamo Improvement Association (AIA) and requested that SWAT remove the "I-680/Stone Valley Road Interchange Improvements" project from the Southern Contra Costa (SCC) Regional Project List. Lisa Bobadilla clarified that the SCC Regional project list is within the purview of the signatories of the SCC JEPAs, and not SWAT. Given that the project is located in unincorporated Contra Costa County, she recommended that Mr. Gibson work with County staff on the request. The Committee concurred and directed Mr. Gibson to work with Mr. John Cunningham.

3. **Board Member Comment:** None

4. **Administrative Items:** Andy Dillard recorded the minutes. Extra agenda packets and handouts were made available. Mr. Dillard relayed that the new SWAT web site address is:

[www.cccounty.us/SWAT](http://www.cccounty.us/SWAT)

**ACTION:** The Committee concurred with the order of the agenda.

6. **Review/Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2008**

**ACTION:** Hudson/Tatzin/Unanimous

7. **Update on the Draft Tri-Valley Transportation Plan/Action Plan**

Martin Engelmann reported that the Tri-Valley's Action Plan has been released for comment and the deadline has been extended to October 31, 2008. Mr. Dillard distributed copies of the Tri-Valley Action Plan.

**ACTION:** The Tri-Valley Action Plan was received and filed.

8. **Update on the Draft Lamorinda Action Plan**

Andy Dillard distributed copies of the Second Draft of the Lamorinda Action Plan. Don Tatzin stated that the Lafayette Circulation Commission is recommending that the Lafayette City Council withhold final comments and recommendations on the Lamorinda Action Plan until the outcome of the CCTA discussions pertaining to the Growth Management Program requested by TRANSPAC has been determined. Mr. Tatzin distributed copies of preliminary comments on the Lamorinda Action Plan for SWAT's consideration.

**ACTION:** The Second Draft Lamorinda Action Plan was received and filed.

9. **Update on the Drafts of the West County, East County and Central County Action Plans**

Martin Engelmann stated that both the West County and East County Action Plans have been released for circulation and public comment. The Central County Action Plan has yet to be finalized, and as such, the release date is yet to be determined. It appears that the core of the discussion focuses on the Measure J requirement to develop quantifiable multi-modal traffic service objectives.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

10. **Review and Comment on the Proposal for Adoption *Implementation Guide* for Measure J**

Don Tatzin stated that the Lafayette Circulation Commission is recommending that the Lafayette City Council withhold final comments and recommendations on the Measure J Implementation Guide until the outcome of the CCTA discussions pertaining to the Growth Management Program requested by TRANSPAC has been determined. Mr. Tatzin distributed copies of preliminary comments on the Implementation Guide for SWAT's consideration.

Andy Dillard and Leah Greenblat stated that the TAC also recommends deferring official SWAT comment on the Implementation Guide until TRANSPAC's request of the Authority related to MTSO's has been determined.

Martin Engelmann noted that the Authority will be hosting a public workshop on September 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss – among other topics - the subject of the Growth Manage Program (GMP). Supervisor Uilkema requested that the workshop address how the compliance would be judged by the Authority with respect to the GMP.

**ACTION:** The Committee directed that action on this item be deferred to the October 6, 2008 SWAT meeting.

11. **Review and Comment on the “Issues and Options Report” for the Update of the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**

Committee member Amy Worth requested that the Plan contain an easily readable map that covers the SWAT region, rather than the central-southwest region. She also suggested that the plan address access to transit since MTC will be directing more of its resources to this issue in the future.

Leah Greenblat, SWAT TAC’s representative to the Plan Update advisory committee, provided a brief overview on the Issues and Options Report. She stated that preliminary concerns relate to policy-oriented language within the report and its appropriateness within the context of a countywide plan. She pointed out that the Issues and Options Report proposes the development of standards to be incorporated within the plan but she suggested that examples of best practices would be more appropriate. The report also discusses many new actions and programs that could be incorporated into the plan update, but it is unclear who would be responsible or fund these endeavors. The report discusses suggested methodology for prioritizing and selecting for funding of pedestrian and bicycle projects. Ms. Greenblat stated that this methodology seems to favor projects outside of SWAT and recommended that each jurisdiction review this section to determine if they were comfortable with the possible outcome.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

12. **Update on the Measure J Traffic Congestion Relief Program**

Lisa Bobadilla provided a brief update with regard to the “Measure J Traffic Congestion Relief Program” (formerly known as the San Ramon Valley School Bus Program). In summary, the program development is on schedule and each of the partnering agencies (Danville, San Ramon, Contra Costa County and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District) are in the process of approving a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to form an independent Joint Powers Authority to oversee the program’s operations. The first JPA meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2008.

**ACTION:** None

13. **Written Communication, Items of Interest, Outgoing Communication – Consider Actions as Appropriate**

**ACTION:** None

14. **Discussion:** Next Agenda

**ACTION:** The Committee requested that the next agenda contain an update on TRANSPAC’s request regarding the Growth Management Program, Action Plan and Implementation Guide.

15. **Adjourn to October 6, 2008** which will be held at Supervisor Uilkema's Lamorinda Office in Lafayette, or **Other Meeting as Deemed Appropriate:**

**ACTION: Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.**

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**AGENDA ITEM 7**





September 22, 2008

SWAT  
Contra Costa Transportation Authority  
3478 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 100  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Re: City of Orinda Request for Reprogramming of Measure C Funds

Dear SWAT Committee Members:

Orinda has been encouraged by Authority staff and board members to develop an alternate project to the Widening of Eastbound SR24/Brookwood Off-Ramp in Orinda (identified as Project 1702 in the Strategic Plan). The City of Orinda is thereby requesting SWAT review a proposal to reprogram Measure C funds previously earmarked for the Widening of EB SR24/Brookwood Off-Ramp to a new project: **Moraga Way Rehabilitation and Improvements Project.**

This new project will upgrade Moraga Way between Camino Encinas south to SR24 on-ramp at Bryant Way. This is a significant route of regional importance for residents of Orinda and Moraga. The project will provide proper structural section of pavement and improve pedestrian facilities. The pedestrian improvements include: addition of a four-foot wide pedestrian path along Moraga Way from Camino Encinas south to the existing signalized intersection at Camino Encinas north and Camino Pablo; curb bulb-outs at the intersection of Moraga Way and Brookwood Road; and curb bulb-outs at the intersection of Moraga Way and Southwood Drive.


The project is estimated to require funding in the amount of \$1.17 million. The City has been informed by Hisham Noemi, CCTA Engineering Manager, that \$1.17 million is available to be reprogrammed.

The project is consistent with funding criteria for the Gateway/Lamorinda and Major Arterials – Southwest Region categories. The constructed project will facilitate travel between State Route 24 and Moraga as well as mitigate traffic density by encouraging pedestrian connectivity to downtown and BART. This pavement rehabilitation and pedestrian safety improvements project is relative to overall circulation and the health of the City.

The item is scheduled for the October 2, 2008 Administration and Projects Committee (APC) of CCTA which will be considering a request by Orinda to re-direct funding from the Brookwood Off-Ramp project to the Moraga Way Rehabilitation & Improvements Project. Executive Director, Bob McCleary has indicated that APC committee members have voiced some willingness to consider a broader use of the funds due to the constraints of limited options for Orinda. The APC will consider recommending the project to the Authority (full board) on October 15 contingent upon LPMC and SWAT approval.

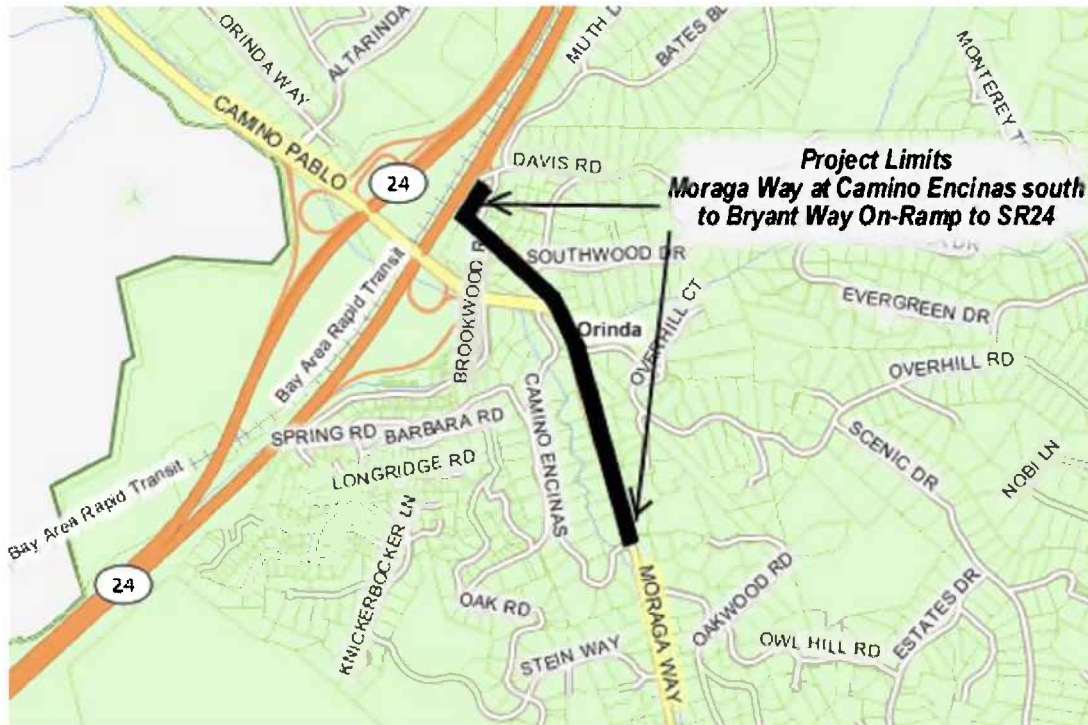
The City appreciates your efforts to agendize this matter before the SWAT on October 6, 2008. Please advise us if there any additional items of information that you require.

Sincerely,



Janet Keeter  
City Manager

## MORAGA WAY REHABILITATION & IMPROVEMENTS



**Project Sponsor:** City of Orinda

**Project Type:** Major Arterial and Bike/Pedestrian

**Project Scope:** Moraga Way pavement rehabilitation between Camino Encinas south to Bryant Way on-ramp to SR24. Provide proper structural section and improve pedestrian facilities. The pedestrian improvements include: addition of a four-foot wide pedestrian path from Camino Encinas south to the existing signalized intersection at Camino Encinas north and Camino Pablo; curb bulb-outs at the intersection of Moraga Way and Brookwood Road; and curb bulb-outs at the intersection of Moraga Way and Southwood Drive.

**Funding Sources (\$ in million):** Measure C Transportation Sales Tax \$1.17

**Need/Purpose:** Moraga Way serves as an arterial of regional significance to the City of Orinda and Town of Moraga. It is the sole arterial connection to eastbound SR24 and serves a large volume of traffic within a constrained right-of-way. The proposed rehabilitation project is the final phase of a corridor rehabilitation project. The southerly segment of Moraga Way pavement has been rehabilitated from Camino Encinas south to the city limits with the Town of Moraga.

Moraga Way has high priority needs for pavement rehabilitation and pedestrian safety improvements. Currently pedestrians are forced to use the existing roadway shoulders south of Camino Pablo. The pathway will provide connectivity to the downtown area and BART. Pedestrian usage will be encouraged by enhancing safety improvements with a pathway and curb bulbouts.

**Possible Segmentation:** None

**Issues:** Improvements may require right-of-way acquisition.

**Current Status:** Project is in the planning stage.

**Project Schedule:**

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Preliminary Engineering | 12/08 through 3/09  |
| Environmental           | 3/09 through 8/09   |
| Design                  | 4/09 through 10/09  |
| Right of Way            | 11/09 through 02/10 |
| Construction            | 04/10 through 06/10 |

**AGENDA ITEM 9**







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**DATE:** October 6, 2008

**TO:** Southwest Area Transportation Committee

**FROM:** SWAT Administrative Staff

**SUBJECT:** Measure J Implementation Guide – Proposal for Adoption

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The deadline for the Measure J *Implementation Guide- Proposal for Adoption* (previously distributed) has been extended to October 31, 2008. At the September 8<sup>th</sup> SWAT meeting, in light of the fact that questions raised by TRANSPAC and staff from other local jurisdictions in regards to the appropriateness and nature of Multimodal Transportation Services Objectives (MTSO's) had not been addressed, the SWAT Committee deferred comments on the *Implementation Guide* to the October 6, 2008 SWAT meeting.



**AGENDA ITEM 10**





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**DATE:** October 6, 2008

**TO:** Southwest Area Transportation Committee

**FROM:** SWAT Administrative Staff

**SUBJECT:** Update of the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan “Issues and Options” Report

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At the September 8th SWAT meeting, in light of the concerns raised by the SWAT TAC regarding the policy-oriented language within the report, its appropriateness within the context of a countywide plan, and the proposed methodology used to select future projects, the SWAT Committee deferred comments on the Issues and Options Report (previously distributed) to the October 6, 2008 SWAT meeting.



**AGENDA ITEM 11**



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COMMISSIONERS: *Dave Hudson, Chair*    *Maria Viramontes, Vice Chair*    *Janet Abelson*    *Susan Bonilla*    *David Durant*  
*Donald P. Freitas*    *Federal Glover*    *Brad Nix*    *Julie Pierce*    *Karen Stepper*    *Don Tatzin*

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TO:            Barbara Neustadter, TRANSPAC            Christina Atienza, WCCTAC  
                 Andy Dillard, SWAT                         Lisa Bobadilla, TVTC  
                 John Cunningham, TRANSPLAN            Calvin Wong, LPMC/SWAT (TAC)

FROM:        Robert K. McCleary, Executive Director

DATE:         September 18, 2008

SUBJECT:     **Items approved by the Authority on September 17, 2008, for circulation to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees (RTPCs), and items of interest**

At its **September 17, 2008** meeting, the Authority discussed the following items, which may be of interest to the Regional Transportation Planning Committees:

1. **Status of Comments Received on the Measure J *Implementation Guide*.** The Proposal for Adoption Measure J *Implementation Guide* was released for review on July 21, 2008, with comments due by Friday, September 19, 2008. To date, no comments beyond the issues flagged by TRANSPAC, relative to service objectives, and by County staff, relative to those objectives and the General Plan Amendment (GPA) review process, have been received. *The comment period has been extended to October 31, 2008.*
2. **Release “Call for Projects” for the Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP).** The purpose of the LTP is to fund projects that result in improved mobility for low-income residents of Contra Costa. Authority staff has prepared a draft “Call for Projects” for review by PC, and release on September 19, 2008. A total of \$9.1 million is expected to be available to Contra Costa through MTC from a variety of federal and State funding sources over a three year funding cycle. The amount is subject to the STA funding in the state budget once approved. The program is proposed to be conducted in a method similar to the first cycle with two exceptions. First, MTC is requiring a new criterion for project consideration which requires some level of consideration be given to projects derived from community based transportation plans (CBTP). MTC is allowing counties to establish targets for this funding by operator service areas, on a formula basis, as long as the funds are applied based on evaluation criteria for projects which meet the Lifeline requirements. The JARC funding must still be distributed on a purely competitive basis. *The call for projects was approved. There was no decision regarding whether or not there will be funding targets.*
3. **Authority Workshop to Discuss Corridor Management and Related Growth Management Program (GMP) Issues.** The external environment that the Authority and its local jurisdictions operate within is changing, and the pace of change is significant. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission has approved, as part of its draft 2009 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), both an 800 mile HOT lanes network and a “freeway performance initiative” (FPI) that would install ramp metering and information signs throughout the Bay Area’s freeway network. If the Governor signs SB 375, reducing greenhouse gas emissions will become the overarching objective of the RTP. In this changing environment, the Authority needs to decide both how to best address the complex and challenging regional and state initiatives, and also whether or not those proposals and mandates



fundamentally change the context of Contra Costa's 20-year old GMP. *By consensus, the Authority directed staff to: (1) pursue formation of MOUs with Alameda, Solano, Santa Clara CMAAs and Caltrans, with technical assistance from MTC, to consider corridor management strategies for I-80 and I-680, under specified parameters, and (2) prepare materials for a November Authority workshop that would consider options to streamline the Growth Management Program.*

**4. Legislation.** Staff provided updates on the following items:

- **AB 2558:** Regional Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Fee  
Authority Position: Oppose Unless Amended  
*Status: Failed in Senate*
- **SB 375:** Greenhouse gas emissions component to Regional Transportation Plans  
Authority Position: Oppose unless amended  
*Status: Passed Legislature. On the Governor's desk for signature.*
- **Budget Developments** *(none reported)*
- **High Speed Rail Bond:** *The Governor signed legislation placing a revised \$10 billion bond on the November ballot.*

**5. Review and Discussion of Action Plans for Routes of Regional Significance.** Each subarea has completed a Draft Action Plan for incorporation into the Countywide Transportation Plan. The Action Plans reflect a collaborative, multi-jurisdictional planning process to set performance measures and establish a program of actions for achieving those measures along each major corridor. The performance measures – called Multi-Modal Transportation Service Objectives (MTSOs) serve as a yardstick for estimating the impacts of major land use decisions on the regional transportation system. *Based on TRANSPAC and SWAT decisions to postpone circulation of their Action Plans, the Countywide Plan has been put on "hold" by the Authority pending further discussion of potential changes to the Growth Management Program, now scheduled for a workshop in November.*



**SWAT**  
**511 Southwest Contra Costa County**  
**Transportation Demand Management Program**

**Date:** October 6, 2008  
**To:** SWAT  
**From:** Darlene Amaral, SWAT TDM Program Analyst  
**RE:** 511 Southwest Contra Costa TDM Program Monthly Update

**Major Activities**

**Employer Outreach**

- Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, AT&T San Ramon - Staff was on-site to provide commuter information from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, East Bay Regional Parks – Staff attended the East Bay Regional Parks Employee Health and Safety Fair from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Staff had an opportunity to promote the 511 Contra Costa programs to approximately 425 park district employees, families and members of the public.
- Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Thoratec Corporation in Pleasanton. Staff attended an Employee Health Fair from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. There are a significant number of Contra Costa residents who work for Thoratec Corp. and are eligible for the 511 Contra Costa programs.
- Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Commuter Choice Transportation Fair in Pleasanton. Staff will attend this event from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, San Ramon Farmers Market from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, AT&T in San Ramon from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Other Projects/Programs**

**Vanpool Program**

The vanpool survey for FY 07/08 was sent out in July 2008 and received 46% responses from vanpool participants. The responses and comments were positive and incentive program are very well received. We did not see a significant increase in terms of vanpool participation but we were able to maintain the same number of participation as in the past year. Staff is being very proactive in making sure that we continue to make this program visible. To further enhance vanpool participation and take advantage of our current increase in gas prices, staff is embarking on an aggressive marketing campaign to promote the vanpool incentive program. We are

currently working with Comcast to explore marketing avenues and collaborating with the leasing companies on how they can play a role in our marketing outreach.

### Student Transit Ticket Program FY08/09

The number of participants in the Southwest Contra Costa Student Transit Ticket program continues to increase. Since the September update, we have received an additional 800 requests. To date we have approximately 1,500 students participating in the program.

### Bicycle Racks and Lockers

Funds are available to SWAT jurisdictions to install bike racks and/or bike lockers. **These funds are on a first come, first serve basis.** To date, funds have been allocated to the following organizations/agencies to install bike racks and/or lockers:

- City of Lafayette – 12 bike racks to be installed in nine different locations throughout downtown Lafayette. Staff is currently working with City of Lafayette for the final approval.
- AT&T in San Ramon – AT&T has requested additional bike lockers to be installed in four different locations. Staff is waiting for the final number of bike lockers in order to move forward with a quote.