

TO: Board of Directors

DATE: November 11, 2019

FROM: Rick Ramacier
General Manager



SUBJECT: Endorsement of the Contra
Costa Transportation Authority
(CCTA) Transportation
Expenditure Plan (TEP)

Background

As you know, CCTA has adopted a draft TEP to guide and direct additional local spending on a number of transportation projects, programs, and initiatives. The TEP includes a significant amount of funding for public transportation, including County Connection. The TEP would serve to provide great support for significant improvements to public transportation within the I-680 corridor and the adjacent communities.

Over the 35 year-life of this TEP, there is approximately \$282 million in new funding for public transit improvements in the County Connection service area. This will facilitate major (i.e. once in a generation) service improvements throughout our service area. Furthermore, the TEP includes approximately \$180 million in new funding for specialized transportation targeting seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. Much of this funding is anticipated to support the vital services often provided by non-profit service agencies in a manner that will augment and greatly complement our own LINK service. Finally, the TEP includes approximately \$104 million that support's youth transportation, such that our youth ridership will increase.

The TEP is also ground breaking in that it will support the integration and coordination of a number of transportation projects and programs that will allow the County to build an integrated and seamless transportation system over the next 20 years. The TEP will not only allow for greater investment in public transportation, but also puts forward policy initiatives that will make existing public transportation services more accessible, convenient, reliable, and customer focused. This could include bus stop/station improvements, customer service tools such as phone apps to access information, plan trips, and pay fares, possible part time bus only lanes, and traffic signalization projects that could favor bus travel.

The TEP development was based on a comprehensive public process that brought together stakeholders from throughout the community. The TEP has the unanimous support of all 19 cities and towns within the county.

Adoption and implementation of the TEP will provide the opportunity for meaningful transit improvements for the residents of our service area. Thus, it is appropriate for County Connection to endorse the TEP.

Action Requested

The MP&L Committee and staff recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2020-10, endorsing the current CCTA TEP for the reasons stated above.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa and the Cities of Clayton, Concord, the Town of Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, the Town of Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon and Walnut Creek (hereinafter "Member Jurisdictions") have formed the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority ("CCCTA"), a joint exercise of powers agency created under California Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.*, for the joint exercise of certain powers to provide coordinated and integrated public transportation services within the area of its Member Jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (hereinafter "Authority") proposes the countywide imposition of a one half of one percent sales tax for transportation purposes for a period of thirty-five years, effective on July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2055;

WHEREAS, the Authority has administered a one half of one percent sales tax for transportation purposes since its inception on April 1, 1989;

WHEREAS, the Authority conducted extensive consultations with local governments and conducted outreach to a wide variety of interest groups and the public in order to develop a Transportation Expenditure Plan ("TEP") proposing a potential mix of projects and programs to be funded by the proposed sales tax;

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2019, the Authority authorized the release of a proposed TEP reflecting the results of that consultation and outreach, and seeking concurrence on the proposed TEP from Contra Costa County and the cities and towns within Contra Costa County;

WHEREAS, the council for each of the cities and towns within Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors have each approved the TEP;

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority adopted the TEP at its meeting on October 30, 2019 and authorized further actions to place the measure on the March 2020 ballot;

WHEREAS, the proposed TEP would, if approved by the voters, generate approximately \$3.608 billion (current dollars) in sales tax revenues over 35 years to improve the transportation system in Contra Costa County;

WHEREAS, as pertains to CCCTA, the proposed TEP includes approximately \$282 million in new funding for public transit improvements in the County Connection service area, approximately \$180 million in new funding for specialized transportation services for seniors, veterans and people with disabilities, and approximately \$104 million to support youth transportation to increase ridership;

WHEREAS, the proposed TEP is groundbreaking in that it will support the integration and coordination of transportation projects and programs to build an integrated and seamless transportation system to make public transportation services more accessible, convenient, reliable and customer focused, through undertaking such projects as bus stops and station improvements, customer service tools such as phone apps to access transit information, and facilitate trip planning and fare payment, and traffic signalization projects and possible part time bus only lanes;

WHEREAS, if the proposed TEP is adopted by the Authority and approved by the voters, the TEP would guide the use of the proposed sales tax revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority hereby adopts this resolution to demonstrate its support of the TEP as approved by the Authority on October 30, 2019.

Regularly passed and adopted this 21st day of November 2019, by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Candace Andersen, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board