

To: O&S Committee

Date: June 29, 2012

From: Bill Churchill
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Reviewed By:

SUBJECT: Transit Response to Oakland Fire

SUMMARY OF ISSUES: On June 14th 2012 there was a fire in West Oakland adjacent to the BART tracks causing significant damage to the BART infrastructure. The damage required BART to close the tracks to all trains traveling between Oakland and San Francisco for the morning commute creating significant travel delays. Additionally, there was a traffic accident on the bay bridge in the westbound direction at the commute hour creating a huge traffic back-up for those attempting to drive into San Francisco which also had a profound impact on the bus bridge initiated by AC Transit.

CCCTA was aware of the problems and had been in contact with MTC staff and BART staff for most of the day. CCCTA had offered to provide operators and buses to help enhance the bus bridge put in place by AC Transit if those managing the emergency felt the need for more support. AC Transit provided 20-30 buses for most of the day between Oakland and San Francisco while VTA, LAVTA, Vallejo, Tri-Delta provided an additional 20 buses in response to the crises.

BART was able to open the track and run nearly a normal schedule by 4:30pm, just prior to the evening commute, mitigating the need for CCCTA participation in the bus bridge. MTC staff requested that CCCTA not add additional buses to the bus bridge.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None

ACTION REQUESTED: For information only.

ATTACHMENTS: None