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Ross Chittenden
Chief Deputy Executive Director
Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA)
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Richmond

RE: Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)

San Pablo

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft TEP and also appreciate the ability of CCTA staff to be present at our meeting to answer the WCCTAC Board's questions.

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The WCCTAC Board met this morning, on April 22, 2016, and reviewed the Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) that was approved by the Authority Board on April 6, 2016. In addition, the WCCTAC Board considered the suggestions provided by the Gray-Bowen-Scott consultant team in their recent memorandum, which were discussed at the Authority Board's Special TEP Meeting on April 20, 2016.

AC Transit

The WCCTAC Board directed staff to forward the following comments to CCTA:

1. **Gray-Bowen-Scott proposal**

The WCCTAC Board supports the Gray-Bowen-Scott proposal for a 30-year measure, as well as the funding allocations for West Contra Costa that were included in that proposal.

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2. **Two distinct categories for I-80**

The WCCTAC Board recommends that funding category #5 (High Capacity Transit Improvements along the I-80 Corridor in West County) and funding category #6 (I-80 Interchange Improvements at San Pablo Dam Road and Central Avenue) be distinct and separate. There is a concern among WCCTAC Board members that by combining these two categories, one type of improvement could end up absorbing all of the future funding.

3. **Flexibility in funding category #15 (Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Facilities)**

The description of funding category #15 (Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Facilities) states that it will be used “primarily for construction”. It also says that the program can be used to fund planning activities. However, it explicitly prohibits the funding of project development activities that occur between the planning and construction phase, such as: design, project approvals, right-of-way acquisition, and environment clearance. The WCCTAC Board recommends that this category be more flexible and allow for project development activities to be funded as well.

Thanks again and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John Nemeth
Executive Director, WCCTAC