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July 18, 2017

Tom Butt, Chair
Contra Costa Transportation Authority
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Contra Costa County



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and
County Administrator
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Subject: 2017 Countywide Transportation Plan Update

Dear Chair Butt:

On July 18, 2017, the Board of Supervisors authorized me to transmit this comment letter on the May 24, 2017 Draft Final Contra Costa Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (Authority) for the substantial time and effort put into the CTP.

Northern Waterfront/Freight Movement

We appreciate the support for the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative found the CTP. This multijurisdictional effort would be more effective with additional tangible actions. We request that the following concepts be included in the CTP:

- At the regional level, continued Authority advocacy for the expedited development and funding of a Priority Production Area program would be helpful in project implementation.
- At the local level, Authority support for a shortline rail study in the Northern Waterfront area.

Accessible Transit

In our November 2015 letter on the CTP we highlighted the fact that accessible transit costs in in Contra Costa are increasing while areas with a more coordinated system are seeing decreasing costs. Addressing this longstanding issue would be consistent with the "invest wisely", and "new potential funding sources" principles espoused in the CTP. Given this, we are requesting that the Authority act on the statement in the 2014 Draft Final CTP regarding accessible transit and mobility management, "...this is an area where the Authority can exhibit leadership" and ask that the Authority initiate the *Accessible Transportation Service Strategic Plan* originally proposed in Measure X. This would be a concrete action which would fulfill the Authority's commitment found in Goal 3.7 "*Serving All Contra Costa Residents. Support the expansion of a coordinated system of transit and paratransit service...*". If the accessible transit system is to perform adequately, we will need to take action and cannot rely on the private sector's ability (or interest) to *adapt to senior's mobility challenges*¹.

¹ Page ES-3: *Volume I, Countywide Transportation Plan, May 24, 2017*

We fully support the Plan and appreciate the Authority's past responsiveness to comments from the County on the previous versions of the CTP.

Sincerely,

Federal D. Glover, Chair
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, District I

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