

October 30, 2019

Board and Staff
Contra Costa Transportation Authority
2999 Oak Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Re: 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan

Dear Board and Staff:

As a Contra Costa County coalition of community members and local and regional non-profit organizations, we are writing to show our support for the 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) proposed sales tax measure. We believe this measure has the potential to transform the transportation system in the County, and will help move all people in Contra Costa County safely, conveniently, sustainably, and equitably.

We envision affordable, safe, sustainable, convenient, and healthy communities that enable people of all ages, incomes, places, and abilities to easily connect to homes, jobs, schools, recreation, and other destinations in a manner that significantly surpasses existing state and regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and air quality improvement goals.

We are particularly supportive of the following components of the 2020 TEP:

- The strong greenhouse gas emission and vehicle-miles traveled (VMT) reduction targets;
- The creation of a precedent-setting VMT mitigation program;
- High levels of funding for bus operations, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and transit investments;
- Proportionately greater benefits for low-income residents, Surplus Land Act enforcement, and community stabilization policy requirements for every jurisdiction;
- The Transit First, Complete Streets, and Vision Zero policies;
- The expanded powers of the Public Oversight Committee (POC) to ensure robust public engagement;
- The 6% set aside from all infrastructure funds for a Regional Advanced Mitigation Fund to offset negative open space and sensitive wildlife impacts;
- A commitment to an outcomes-oriented approach to approving and funding transportation projects across the County;

We appreciate the CCTA's authentic and thoughtful engagement with our coalition of stakeholders, and we look forward to continuing to work with the board and staff on the implementation of this forward-thinking measure to ensure a truly transformational outcome.

Sincerely,

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