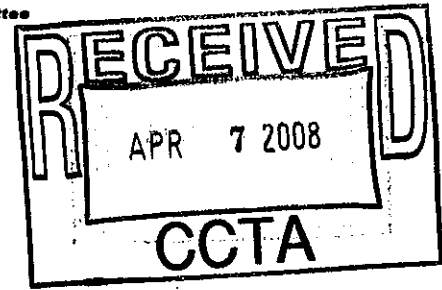


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West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee

April 4, 2008

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Dear Martin:

At the March 28, 2008 meeting, the WCCTAC Board had the following additional comments regarding the "Vision, Goals, and Strategies" section of the Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update (CTP):

1. The discussion focused on the CTP **meeting the goals of AB 32 and reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GGE)**. For example, Board member Tom Butt (City of Richmond), who recently attended several conferences on Climate Change, mentioned that 40% of the State's Greenhouse Gas Emissions are from vehicles. Therefore, the CTP should focus on reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) or Contra Costa will not be able to meet the AB 32 goal of reducing carbon emissions to 1990 levels. One specific change to the "Vision, Goals, and Strategies" section would be to add a bullet that states: "Acknowledge that vehicles play a significant role in emissions and plan strategies to meet the goals and actions for the emissions cap outlined in AB 32 (the "California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006")." Board members also referenced the intrinsic relationship between vehicle miles traveled, emissions, and land use planning.
2. The Board suggested the focus of the CTP should be on "**Moving people rather than moving vehicles, and that moving people can be by any mode – ferry, rail, bus, train, carpool, etc.**" In fact, Mr. Butt also mentioned that Caltrans is moving toward this focus, as well.
3. The Board discussed adding a bullet in the Goals and Strategies table that was related to **freight movement**. Suggested language: "(1.5) Improve freight movement on freeways and/or move freight from trucks onto rail or water to improve freight transport efficiency and decrease emissions."
4. Finally, the **vote by the WCCTAC Board** (passed by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 2 abstentions) was made by Tony Thurmond (Richmond), seconded by Joe Wallace (AC Transit) and carried follows:
 - a. Implementation of AB 32 should be the over-riding goal.
 - b. Reiterate the balance between moving people and reducing GGE.
 - c. Growth patterns and land use planning are critical to reducing GGE.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Lisa Hammon, WCCTAC's Executive Director, at 510.215.3044.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon J. Brown / k".

Sharon J. Brown, Chair

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