

CAWG Summary of Breakout Sessions on: Performance Measures, Issues Papers, and Programs

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The following summarizes comments across three discussion groups held at the March 3rd, 2011 meeting of the Community Advisory Working Group for the Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan/Transportation Expenditure Plan (CWTP-TEP). The groups discussed three topics: Programs (Agenda Item 07B), Performance Measures (Agenda Item 08A), and Issues Papers (Agenda Item 09A). Their comments are presented by topic below.

Programs (Agenda Item 07B)

- Free bus passes for youth grades 6-12 (get youth to school)
- Transit Operations “Think 80’s”
 - Restore service levels (think 1980s)
 - Serve new housing
 - Focus service on people
- Highway Maintenance
- Local Road Maintenance/well maintained streets
- Education & Promotion for active transportation and transit
 - Seniors/support mobility needs
 - Youth/students
- Regional/local greenhouse gas reduction
- Pedestrian friendly intersections

- Safe Routes to School
- Noise abatement
- Program to prevent displacement in transit rich areas – Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
- First mile/last mile shuttles

- How to represent TOD?
 - Could be tagged in multiple categories
- Travel Choice
- Safety (could fall under Safe Routes to School)
- Safe Place
 - Transit vehicle connection w/people/kids in distress (seniors, kids)
- Expanded Guaranteed Ride Home Program
 - Beyond work
 - Senior social service
- Educational Program
 - Associated w/transit safety

Performance Measures (Agenda Item 08A)

- Include measure of personal security
- For the multi-modal measure, include trips by trucks to capture goods movement
- For accessible, affordable, and equitable:
 - Projects that are part of a plan (Bike/Ped) should get priority
 - Consider breaking out the transit portion by operator
- For Integrated with land use patterns measure:
 - Break out by bus vs rail
 - How to measure pedestrian/disabled infrastructure?
 - Measure by geographical areas
 - Neighborhood level?
 - MTC tried in T2035
 - Snap shot analysis
- Use 2010 Census – Measurement tools should not restrict Performance Measurement
- Use complete streets as a measure
 - Included under connectivity?
 - Ties in under cost effectiveness
- For Equity, consider social equity, such as reducing equity gaps in transportation system so that more people have access to the same basic service (how will this be measured?)
- In general, need to measure flexible access to “use” the transportation system (e.g., freedom of using multiple transport modes)
- Measure whether modal connectivity is being improved (e.g, bus, car – connectivity)
- Measure whether complexity of transit transfers is being reduced
 - This goes back to complete streets
 - Maybe it’s a policy rather than a specific performance measure

Issue Papers (Agenda Item 09A)

Issue Paper 1: Sustainability Principles

- Include health – public health as case studies
- Consider the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as a case study
- Alameda County case studies
 - Fruitvale
 - Hayward

Issue Paper 2: Land Use and Countywide Transportation Plan

- Include cost of free parking
- Consider parking revenue to offset transit cost - Cities: 21 possible pilot programs
- Case studies

Issue Paper 3: Transit Integration and Sustainability

- Address air quality issues with regard to infill development
- When addressing transit sustainability include faster, speedier service

In general address the following in the Issues Papers:

- Transportation investment to support existing/promote affordable housing and promote connectivity in neighborhoods/jobs
- Partnership of various jurisdictions for resources
- Victoria Transport Policy Institute (VTPI) – study regarding increasing transit funding and how more investment on transit provides effectiveness
- Sustainability – Portland and Vancouver as examples
- What is impact of redevelopment funding shortfall?
 - How does it impact transport improvements for
 - BART
 - Other transportation systems
- Redevelop funding in underdeveloped areas, a big/emerging finance/funding issue
 - Equity issues
- Include design guidelines policy
- Address the need for street furniture
 - Racks (papers)
 - Benches
 - Loading points for bikes
 - Etc
 - Focus on configuring streets to meet transit user needs
 - Streets, integrated transit, L.V.?
 - Apply context sensitive solutions
- Develop guidelines for public rights of way
- Other Funding options?
 - Vehicle registration
 - Innovative strategies
 - Gas tax
 - Pricing

- Private partnerships
 - Impact fees
- Free Transit Downtown
 - Parking restrictions(coupled with free transit)
 - Park and ride schemes
- Street Parking should not be free
 - Parking Management
- Goods Movement Issues
 - Private operation rules
 - Better access – try to avoid delivery trucks occupying bus stops
 - Truck route enforcement
 - Local street loading
 - Double parking issues
 - Enforcement or plan for adequate loading zone
 - Could be part of complete streets
- Provide links (web) to National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) documents from sustainability white papers