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These formal letters, as well as several emails, received responses from the Alameda CTC as documented in the attached *TEP Comments Spreadsheet*.

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ALAMEDA TRANSIT ADVOCATES

January 24, 2012

To: Tess Lengyel and Beth Walukas FAX: (510) 836-2185 or 893-6489
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suites 220 & 300
Oakland, CA 94612

From: Alameda Transit Advocates
c/o Jon Spangler (TEL/FAX 510-864-2144)
2060 Encinal Avenue Apt B
Alameda, CA 94501-4250

Re: TEP, CWTP Need Changes for Successful Transportation Sales Tax

As we stated in our previous letter (November 10, 2011), Alameda Transit Advocates (ATA) remains deeply concerned that the current draft Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) overemphasize the building of expensive new projects over maintaining our existing transportation infrastructure and restoring our regional transit system.

Because we believe that the existing "new Measure B" proposal contains insufficient safeguards against cost overruns and does not meet Alameda County's most pressing needs we cannot in good conscience support it at this time.

ATA strongly supports significant changes by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to the draft proposal, as suggested in the Community Vision Platform. We support CWTP and TEP program and project priorities that meet the needs of Alameda residents and represent the policies of the City Council, as witnessed by their historic support for comprehensive and sustainable transportation plans and policies.

ATA members considered many factors in evaluating transportation funding to meet Alameda County's future needs, which will be affected by rapid changes in energy use, technologies, global climate, sea level rise, macroeconomic activity, and requirements in work and housing. Because everything will change in 25 years, ATA strongly supports the Community Vision Platform recommendations so that the final draft:

- * Strongly supports public transportation, especially service restoration.
- * Provides adequate taxpayer safeguards against cost overruns on large capital projects.
- * Provides a youth bus pass.
- * Protects funds for pedestrian and bicycle projects, transit-oriented development, paratransit for the elderly and disabled, and repairs for local streets and roads.

The current CWTP/TEP package falls far short of meeting community needs with its new-construction-heavy projects (such as the Livermore BART extension) as well as in its lack of adequate cost controls to protect taxpayers against another round of 244% cost overruns on such capital projects. These upside-down priorities and continuing fiscal irresponsibility of ACTC's current proposal—especially in combination—are wholly unacceptable in light of Alameda County's current transportation needs.

If the currently constituted proposal remains unchanged and appears on the November ballot ATA will have no choice but—quite reluctantly—to vigorously oppose it in the upcoming countywide election. We anticipate significant voter opposition to the current measure, which is doubly unfortunate: ACTC's own polling and community workshops show that a more manageable and community-based measure could pass with strong support.

The members of ATA deeply regret having to consider this avoidable option: we would much rather continue to support and cooperate with ACTC and other agencies in improving local transportation options for City of Alameda and Alameda County residents.

If the current CWTP/TEP package is significantly modified to present more equitable, responsible, and community-supported transportation funding priorities to the voters in 2012, ATA will be pleased to support it wholeheartedly, and we hope we have the opportunity to choose that not-yet-available option.

Thank you for considering the concerns and recommendations of Alameda Transit Advocates, a community-based organization supporting cost-effective transportation solutions in the City of Alameda.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Spangler
Member, Alameda Transit Advocates

CC: Mayor Marie Gilmore, Vice-mayor Robert Bonta (via email)
Members of the City Council (via email)
City Manager John Russo and staff (via email)
Public Works Director Matt Naclerio and staff (via email)
Kent Lewandowski, Sierra Club (via email)
Alameda Transit Advocates (via email)

January 23, 2012

Art Dao
Executive Director
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suite 300
Oakland, CA 94612
Sent electronically

Dear Art,

I would like to thank you and your staff for all of your hard work on the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) thus far.

I am writing this letter to ask that your staff give serious consideration to the input of the Citizens Advisory Working Group. Specifically, I would like to ensure that the TEP enhances both transit and bike/pedestrian programs as much as possible. Additionally, I would like to request that funding for transit programs are not in competition for the same funding as bike/pedestrian programs.

Again I thank you and your staff for all of your hard work.

Sincerely,

Wilma Chan
Alameda County Supervisor, Third District

cc: Lindsay Imai, Transportation Justice Program Coordinator, Urban Habitat
John Knox White

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January 25, 2012

Mr. Arthur L. Dao
Executive Director
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suite 220
Oakland, CA 94612
RE: Support and Accept Staff TEP Recommendations

Dear Director Dao,

On behalf of the Bay Area Council, we applaud the efforts of yourself and the Alameda County Transportation Commission for developing both the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) and the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). Together, they represent a vision of an Alameda County that is more efficient, better connected, and economically strengthened for the future.

Critically important are the recommended investments in freight and transit capital projects, including \$271 million for vital improvements to the Port of Oakland, and \$710 million for BART system modernization and expansion. The Port of Oakland supports tens of thousands of jobs in the region, hundreds of thousands of jobs across America, and processes approximately \$40 billion worth of cargo every year. The TEP's recommended funding for the 7th Street Grade Separation, the Outer Harbor Intermodal Terminal, and the Oakland Army Base Transportation Infrastructure Improvement projects, represents a critical opportunity for the Bay Area to create jobs, improve air quality, and to further cement the region's global standing. In addition, the TEP's prioritization of transit capital expansion, especially with regards to BART to Livermore, represents precisely the types of investments necessary to build a smart-growth, transit oriented Bay Area.

The Bay Area Council is a business-sponsored, public policy advocacy organization, supported by more than 275 of the largest employers in the region. We strongly recommend that the Alameda County Transportation Commission support and accept the staff's TEP recommendations and fund these vital investments.

Sincerely,

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Jim Wunderman
President and CEO
Bay Area Council

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January 25, 2012

Mr. Arthur L. Dao
Executive Director
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suite 220
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Dao:

On behalf of the Bay Planning Coalition, I want to thank you for the efforts that have been undertaken by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to prepare the Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), both of which recognize and prioritize key investments that will deliver an efficient, multimodal transportation network for Alameda County residents and businesses.

BPC appreciates the recognition that the TEP places in funding effective goods movement projects in the region. We are particularly appreciative of the inclusion of \$156 million for the 7th Street Grade Separation and the Outer Harbor Intermodal Terminal projects, in addition to \$115 million for Oakland Army Base Transportation Infrastructure Improvements, requested by the City of Oakland. These three projects will help transform the former Oakland Army Base into a world-class trade and logistics center that will create thousands of construction and construction-related near-term jobs and support tens of thousands of jobs in the long-term.

The Port of Oakland is one of the most important transportation-dependent job-creating agencies in Alameda County. Together, through Port operations and those of its tenants and users, the Port of Oakland supports more than 73,000 jobs in the region and over 800,000 jobs across the United States. The Port of Oakland manages the only container port in Northern California, and the only international airport within Alameda County. The Port of Oakland is critical to the Alameda County transportation network.

We strongly encourage the ACTC Board to accept your staff's TEP recommendations to fund these critical goods movement projects, and we pledge our support to you and your colleagues in meeting the key objectives outlined in your deliberations.

Sincerely,



John A. Coleman
Executive Director

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cc: Alameda County Board of Supervisors
ACTC Board
Mayor Jean Quan
Oakland City Council
Oakland Board of Port Commissioners



California State Legislature

January 23, 2012

Alameda County Transportation Commission
Attn: Mayor Green, Chairman
1333 Broadway, Suite 300
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Measure B3 BART to Livermore Project

Dear Mayor Green:

As state elected officials we would like to applaud the efforts of the Alameda County Transportation Commission in proactively extending its "self help" status by seeking to extend and enhance the transportation sales tax funding in this region. The proposed Measure B3 transportation expenditure plan addresses recent state legislation (AB32 and SB375) which seeks to reduce vehicle miles traveled and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We are especially pleased to see the BART to Livermore Phase 1 extension project shown with \$400 million in funding. This project is sorely needed in an area where traffic congestion ranks 2nd highest in the Bay Area and existing transit services are limited. This project increases the Tri-Valley area's access to transit service area to 13% from the current 2%. The project is a major contributor to environmental goals. This project alone reduces vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by over 400,000 miles and removes 260,000 lbs of green house gasses annually. The project also reduces energy consumption by over 400,000 million BTU's/year.


The extension of BART to Livermore also is key to serving the state designated Tri-Valley innovation hub. Livermore's i-HUB, targeted as Innovation for Green Advanced Transportation Excellence, is a regional public-private partnership designed to support small businesses and maximize the economic potential of green transportation and clean-energy technologies. Currently over 8,000 jobs are within the i-HUB with over 5,000 new jobs projected within the region over the next decade.


This connection is also essential to the ultimate state goal of linking High Speed Rail and/or the ACE train to the entire region. This link when completed would afford access from Sacramento and the Central Valley to then entire Bay Area which would further spur mobility and economic viability. We look forward to partnering with this region to enhance mobility and economic vitality.

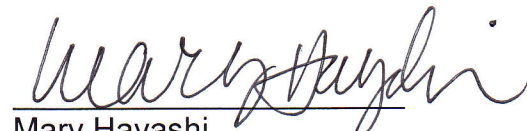
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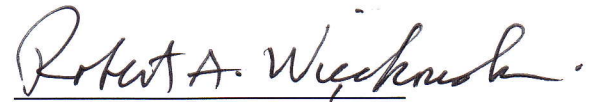
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CC: Alameda County Transportation Commissioners
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January 23, 2012

Mr. Art Dao, Executive Director
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suite 220
Oakland, CA 94612

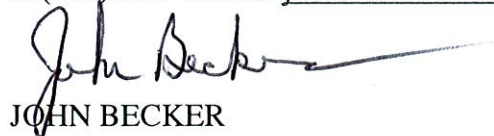
RE: CITY OF NEWARK SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN

Dear Mr. Dao:

I want to thank you and your staff for working diligently with City of Newark staff to attempt to address our concerns with the proposed Measure B Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) and the Countywide Transportation Plan. We know that development of these plans continues to be a long and challenging process with a wide array of interests. Although we still see very serious potential inequities in the distribution of funding through both plans, we certainly recognize that the extension and augmentation of Measure B is important to the future of transportation in Alameda County.

Newark staff will be recommending support of the TEP to the City Council based upon the Alameda CTC staff commitment to evaluate geographic equity in a timely fashion and recommend appropriate modifications to the Local Streets & Roads formula to the Board. We also understand that Alameda CTC will be evaluating the distribution of all discretionary funding through the two-year capital improvement program at a Planning Area level. In the interest of equity, this evaluation should be extended to each individual jurisdiction.

Thank you again for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at (510) 578-4272 or john.becker@newark.org.



JOHN BECKER
City Manager

c: Newark City Council
Public Works Director
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January 25, 2012

Mr. Arthur L. Dao
Executive Director
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suite 220
Oakland, CA 94612
RE: Support and Accept Staff TEP Recommendations

Dear Director Dao,

On behalf of the Engineering and Utility Contractors Association (EUCA)*, I am writing to express our support for the Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP).

EUCA represents more than 450 union-affiliated contractors and industry associated firms throughout the Western United States, employing more than 25,000 people in the construction industry. Our contractor members build California's most vital infrastructure systems, including our roads, highways, bridges and water infrastructure systems.

The TEP's planned ballot measure, Proposition B, would augment and extend the existing half-cent sales tax through 2012 and extend the full cent in perpetuity, providing approximately \$7.7 billion in new transportation funding through 2042. The plan funds a number of critical improvement projects including congestion relief projects on I-80, I-580, I-680, I-880 and State Routes 84 and 262. This plan will provide California's construction industry with thousands of jobs at a time when our infrastructure and our economy need it most.

EUCA strongly recommends that the Alameda County Transportation Commission support and accept the staff's TEP recommendations, as presented, and fund these vital transportation programs. Now is the time to invest in our federal, state, and local transportation infrastructure systems.

EUCA looks forward to working with you to help pass this critical measure. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (925) 855-7900.

Sincerely,

Emily Cohen
Director of Government Relations
Engineering and Utility Contractors Association

*On March 1, 2012, EUCA will become United Contractors.

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OMAR R. BENJAMIN
Executive Director

January 24, 2012

Mr. Arthur L. Dao
Executive Director
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suite 220
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Dao:

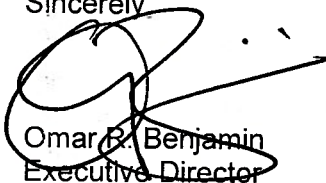
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The Port appreciates the recognition that the TEP places in funding effective goods movement projects in the region. We are particularly appreciative of the inclusion of \$156 million for the 7th Street Grade Separation and the Outer Harbor Intermodal Terminal projects, in addition to \$115 million for Oakland Army Base Transportation Infrastructure Improvements, requested by the City of Oakland. These three projects will help transform the former Oakland Army Base in to a world-class trade and logistics center that will create thousands of construction and construction-related near-term jobs and support tens of thousands of jobs in the long-term.

We strongly encourage the ACTC Board to accept your staff's TEP recommendations to fund these critical goods movement projects, and we pledge our support to you and your colleagues in meeting the key objectives outlined in your deliberations. Please contact me at your convenience if you would like to discuss any of the projects in greater detail.

Sincerely,



Omar R. Benjamin
Executive Director

cc: ACTC Board
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January 24, 2012

Chairman Mark Green
Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suites# 220 & 300,
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Mark Green and Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Board Members,

On behalf of the United Seniors Board, I am writing to inform you that our leadership supports the Measure B3 Reauthorization of the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) as proposed by the ACTC staff. Our Board on January 13, 2012 voted to endorse the TEP that the ACTC staff developed for the Steering Committee.

We recognize the need for consensus and furthermore realize that Measure B3 will provide a generous amount of new monies for transit, Paratransit, and for pedestrian activities and safety for youth and older adults.

We look forward to a successful reauthorization for November 6, 2012.

Sincerely,

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Michelle Taylor Lagunas
Executive Director, USOAC

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