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Re: Contra Costa County's Draft Plan Bay Area 2040 Project List and Notes

Dear Ms. Bockelman:

Thank you for your letter dated August 4, 2016 regarding Contra Costa's project list in the Draft Plan Bay Area (PBA). We have reviewed the list and offer the following comments:

1. It is our understanding that the "Minor Roadway Expansion" program category includes projects on roadways that are classified as lower than Principal Arterial. Upon review of the project list under this program, the project titled "Widen San Ramon Valley Boulevard from 2 to 4 lanes – Jewel Terrace to Podva Road" should be listed individually as it is a Principal Arterial according to Caltrans' latest California Road System (CRS) maps.

The revised cost for the "Minor Roadway Expansion" program should be \$527M.

2. "I-680 and SR-24 interchange improvements" (Project No. 90) should be renamed to: "Construct Additional Auxiliary Lanes on I-680 – South of I-680/SR-24 Interchange".
3. The two projects below are missing from the list in your letter and should be added:
 - a. "Byron Highway Improvements" (Project Cost: \$29.7M), which can be included in the "County Safety, Security and Other" program category.
 - b. "I-80/SR4 interchange improvement – Replace SR4 to I-80 Ramp" (Project Cost: \$25M), which can be included in the project listing "I-80/SR4 interchange improvements".

4. The grouped projects under "I-80/SR4 interchange improvements" should consist of the following:
 - a. Project #81: "I-80/SR4: New I-80 EB off ramp at Sycamore"
 - b. Project #87: "I-80/SR4 Interchange Improvements – New Eastbound Willow Avenue Ramps and SR-4 to I-80 Ramp"
 - c. "I-80/SR4 Interchange Improvement – Replace SR4 to I-80 Ramp" (See 3b above)

Total cost for the grouped project listing should be \$93M.

5. There are a few projects that need to be reassigned from current programmatic category to another:
 - a. From "County Safety, Security and Other" Program to "Bicycle and Pedestrian" Program:
 - "Contra Costa County Safe Routes to Schools Program"
 - "Safe Transportation for Children"
 - "San Pablo Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing at Sycamore Avenue"
 - b. From "County Safety, Security and Other" Program to "Innovative Transportation Technology" Program:
 - "Connected Vehicle/Automated Vehicle and Other Technology Infrastructure."

The revised costs of the three programs with the changes will be as follows:

- County Safety, Security and Other (including 3a): \$139M
- Bicycle and Pedestrian: \$369M
- Connected Vehicle/Automated Vehicle & Other Technology Infrastructure: \$128M

6. We propose to combine "Express Bus Service" and "Park & Ride Lot to Support Regional Express Bus Service" into one project and list it individually instead of being under the "Minor Transit Improvements" program category. The title of the combined project would be "I-680 Transit Improvements including Express Bus Service, ITS components, and Park & Ride Lots".

The cost of the individually listed project is \$130M.

The revised cost for the "Minor Transit Improvements" program should be \$749M.

7. Though "East County Rail Extension (eBART) Phase 1" (Project #110) is nearly complete, BART would like to keep the project listed in the Plan with the project costs of \$525M to be shown as Pre-2017 funding. Please also include the "Brentwood Intermodal Transit Center" project in the Plan with a project cost of \$52M to be listed under Post 2017 Local/Committed Funding.

We appreciate the time and effort that MTC staff has spent guiding us through the RTP process. We hope this letter provides your staff with the information they need to proceed with finalizing the project list for the Plan.

Please contact Hisham Noeimi at hnoeimi@ccta.net or 925-256-4731 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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