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## Planning Directors/Planning Advisory Committee

### MEETING AGENDA

*Thursday, December 10, 2015, 9:30 a.m.*

*Sonoma County Transportation Authority*

SCTA Large Conference Room

Phone participation: (707) 565-3433

#### ITEM

1. Introductions
  2. Public Comment
  3. Administrative
    - 3.1. Approval of the agenda – changes, additional discussion items- ACTION
    - 3.2. Review Meeting Notes from October 15, 2015\* – ACTION
    - 3.3. Notice of Officer elections – to be held in January
  4. Round table members discussion (includes CA 2020 update)
  5. Regional Update
    - 5.1. Review Plan Bay Area, changes in regional forecasts, discussion of scenarios – presentation by ABAG
    - 5.2. Displacement in Sonoma County - Discussion
  6. Moving Forward 2040 – SCTAs Comprehensive Transportation Plan update
    - 6.1. CEQA review\*
    - 6.2. Status of content
  7. OBAG 2 – INFORMATION – Complete Streets documentation reminder
  8. Other Business /Next agenda
  9. Adjourn
- \*Attachment

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The next **Planning Directors/PAC** meeting will be held **January 21, 2016**

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**PLANNING DIRECTORS/PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOTES**

**Meeting Notes of October 15, 2015**

Jurisdiction	March	April	June (May meeting cancelled)	July	August	October (September meeting cancelled)
Cloverdale						
Cotati			√			√
County of Sonoma PRMD		√	√	√	√	
Graton Tribe		√			√	
Healdsburg						
LAFCO	√		√			
Petaluma		√		√	√	
Petaluma Transit						
Rohnert Park						
Santa Rosa			√	√	√	√
Santa Rosa CityBus					√	
Sebastopol		√	√	√		
SMART	√	√	√	√	√	√
Sonoma County Transit						
Sonoma						
Windsor	√	√	√	√	√	

**ITEM**

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:43 a.m. by Janet Spilman.

*Committee Members:* Stephanie Hom, MTC; Lisa Kranz, City of Santa Rosa; Linda Meckel, SMART; Vicki Parker, City of Cotati.

*Guests:* Bob Anderson, United Winegrowers.

*Staff:* Brant Arthur, Chris Barney, Lauren Casey, Nina Donofrio, Carolyn Glanton, Janet Spilman, Dana Turr y.

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Administrative

3.1. Approval of the agenda – changes, additional discussion items- ACTION  
Approved as submitted.

3.2. Review Meeting Notes from August 20, 2015\* – ACTION  
Approved as submitted.

4. Round table members discussion  
*City of Cotati:*

Vicki Parker reported on management changes with new department heads.

Two projects that were approved prior to the recession and then suspended have been restarted.

Ms. Parker next reported that construction on the Old Redwood Highway Project is under way, and

cited other projects on the west side that are in progress.

Ms. Parker announced the addition of a new planner to staff.

*Santa Rosa:*

Lisa Kranz announced the first of four community workshops on the Roseland Plan to be held Wednesday, October 21. After this meeting staff will be developing a specific plan to bring back to the public, hopefully in March.

In mid-November staff is anticipating a meeting with Supervisors and negotiations have started on the Roseland annexation process.

City Council initiated a General Plan Amendment for the Southeast Greenway.

The Council will conduct a study session on affordable housing Tuesday October 20 at 2:00 p.m.

*SMART:* Linda Meckel reported that station construction is under way.

Hiring new staff continues.

A SMART/Bus Transit Integration Study draft report is anticipated soon.

The first rail cars crossed the Haystack Bridge last week.

Ms. Meckel explained the operation of the bridge and how ships pass through the Petaluma River.

*RCPA:*

Lauren Casey provided an update on Climate Action 2020. Work is continuing on the administrative draft, with the public draft to be released by the end of the year. Staff has been meeting with jurisdictional staff on rewrites of the draft.

A meeting is scheduled October 29 to discuss critical issues that need to be addressed and changes prior to releasing the final document. This is scheduled to be presented to the Board at its December meeting.

Ms. Casey responded to Committee questions as to the reason for an EIR for the document.

5. Moving Forward 2040 – SCTAs Comprehensive Transportation Plan update

5.1. Outreach status\* –INFORMATION

Brant Arthur summarized recent meetings and activities, including an online survey. Questions included recommendations for reducing GHG emissions.

Poll questions included EV interest. Results of the survey are available online.

Future outreach will involve collaborating and joining in existing meetings with various jurisdictions.

In November BAAQMD will be holding a public meeting in Petaluma.

Ms. Parker added that City staff is discussing the possibility of a joint meeting with Rohnert Park staff on bicycle/pedestrian transportation. She agreed to keep in touch with Mr. Arthur to coordinate this meeting.

5.2. Performance assessment findings\* - ACTION

Chris Barney presented a slide show of the assessment process, including analyzing projects, policies and technology. He noted that staff is coordinating with Climate Action 2020 on reduction of GHG emissions.

Staff presented projects and policies to the Board and referred to the detailed policies outlined in the staff report.

Mr. Barney reviewed composite scenario components for the scenario that came the closest to fulfilling target goals.

Mr. Barney next reviewed approaches that may be effective in promoting a shift to walking, biking, and transit travel modes.

Mr. Barney pointed out the Communities of Concern as identified by SCTA.

In 2010 it was determined that 17% of the average household budget was expended on transportation.

Mr. Barney next summarized goals, including the new goal established by staff to support local mobility.

Further discussion took place regarding the mode shift process.

Discussion also included the issue of no growth outside urban growth boundaries.

Mr. Barney added that all analysis of 2040 conditions assumes growth as forecast by ABAG for the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Mr. Barney responded to further questions regarding VMT reduction metrics.

5.3. Status of content\* - INFORMATION/ACTION

Ms. Spilman reported that this is in progress, and referred to the outline, which is similar in format to the previous CTP. The future and performance analysis are expected to have the most changes.

Ms. Spilman invited further feedback from the Committee.

Ms. Meckel requested that rail and track be included under "goods movement."

6. Plan Bay Area Update - Scenarios, Targets, Projects – Performance – INFORMATION will be sent under separate cover

Stephanie Hom reported that three preliminary scenarios have been developed and reviewed for feedback. This information is still available online for further comment.

Investment in PDAs was identified and Scenario #2 is the closest to that which is in Plan Bay Area.

Almost all goals have been adopted. Economic vitality will be added.

The Call for Projects has closed. Staff is reviewing projects and will be contacting CMAs.

7. OBAG 2\* – INFORMATION

Ms. Spilman reported significant changes, including the Complete Streets requirement to either adopt a Circulation Element with MTC language between Jan 1, 2011 – Jan 31 2016, or to adopt a resolution.

Funding and distribution issues have been under evaluation. This will be presented to the Commission in November. Ms. Spilman referred to the distribution alternatives.

Ms. Hom responded to questions regarding Bikeshare Program funding distribution and noted that she would get further clarification on this.

Ms. Parker inquired as to what discussions have taken place regarding PDAs and mixed use development, and the issue of low income housing. Discussion ensued regarding impact on current goals and policies.

Cecily Condon of the County Planning Department had questions regarding OBAG funding eligibility for Sonoma County, and requested the link to the information. She responded to questions from Linda Meckel regarding the County RFP.

8. Other Business /Next agenda Policies regarding affordable housing.

Next meeting November 19, 2015.

9. Adjourn  
11:08 a.m.

## Staff Report

**To:** Planning Directors/Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)  
**From:** Dana Turréy, Transportation Planner  
**Item:** **Moving Forward 2040, Comprehensive Transportation Plan 2015 CEQA Approach**  
**Date:** December 10, 2015

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### **Issue:**

How is SCTA addressing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the Moving Forward 2040, Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) update?

### **Background:**

A full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was completed for the 2009 CTP. SCTA staff is currently drafting the updated CTP. While the draft document is being completed, staff is working with legal counsel to determine what CEQA review is needed in light of the changes in the updated plan, "Moving Forward 2040." Changes from the 2009 CTP will include the following:

1. **Existing conditions, context discussion, and goals** - Moving Forward 2040 is an update of the 2009 CTP, not a complete re-write. In addition to updating the data, the content changes include some rearranging of sections for better flow, so the document is likely to look different. Information about performance measurement, the new goal of improving economic vitality, and emerging trends in transportation will also be addressed.
2. **Project list** - The list of projects has been revised from the 2009 CTP as some projects have been completed, some have been shelved, and new projects are planned.
3. **Baseline and forecast data** - Moving Forward 2040 uses updated baseline and forecasted projections for population, employment, and vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The 2009 CTP used a 2005 baseline and 2035 forecast (using ABAG projections from 2007), while the CTP update uses a 2010 baseline and 2040 forecast (using ABAG projections from 2012 - the Regional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)). The 2040 forecasts include lower projections of housing and employment growth, resulting in a reduction of growth in VMT, congestion, GHG, and housing from the 2035 forecasts.

SCTA is working with legal counsel to determine what level of CEQA review will be required.

### **Policy Impacts:**

The CTP serves as guidance for transportation projects and policies.

### **Fiscal Impacts:**

If a subsequent EIR, supplement to the 2009 EIR, or addendum to the 2009 EIR is required, there would be fiscal impacts. Funding for environmental review has not yet been identified.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Please review.