

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 12, 2015
11:00 a.m.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Update – focus on Committee Structure, update on other CCA topics

Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency presented introductory comments and Bruce Jensen, Senior Planner, Community Development Agency, updated the Committee on the Community Choice Aggregation program.

The Transportation and Planning Committee directed the Community Development Agency to create a single Steering Committee for the Community Choice Aggregation program. The single Steering Committee would consist of between 26 and 33 and also the following:

1. Two to three appointees from each of the five Supervisorial Districts. These appointees would represent both geographical diversity across the county and diversity in stakeholder interests and expertise.
2. One representative from each of the County's 13 cities. These participants would be selected by city officials and may or may not be city staff or councilmembers. Whoever is designated will, by proxy, be participating open behalf of their jurisdiction and should have decision-making authority.
3. A small number of "at large" representatives that have either a: a) energy expertise b) county-wide or regional interests. Staff recommends that these committee members be appointed by their respective organizations and staff would report these appointments to the Board.

The Community Development Agency also presented a proposed application, application deadline and proposed first meeting for the Steering Committee the week of May 18th or May 25th 2015.

Additional updates:

- The Community Development Agency reported that the CCA website is online and available for viewing
- CDA to request load data from Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)
- The CCA logo survey is online, to allow citizens to rank a set of six logos.
<http://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/cca/survey.htm>
- Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consultant to be issued April 1, 2015
- Invitation letter to municipalities for Steering Committee Participation to be drafted

Speakers

Jack Kurzweil
Beth Weinberger
Jessica Tovar
Barbara Stebbins

Frank Burton
David McCord

All speakers spoke in favor of the CCA update.

Purpose:

- Report progress
 Advocacy or Education
 **Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation **
 Other:

Recommendation from the Transportation and Planning Committee: The Transportation and Planning Committee approved the application to apply for the CCA Steering Committee and moved the application deadline from March 31, 2015 to April 7, 2015. Approve. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

II. Consider authorization to request an amendment to an existing Statewide Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the West Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) to include Alameda County's participation in the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) program

Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency presented introductory comments and Darryl Gray, Assistant Deputy Director, Community Development Agency, presented a memorandum to request approval to participate in a Joint Powers Agreement with the West Riverside Council of Governments to participate in the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) program.

In 2008, The Governor signed in to law AB 811, which authorizes counties or groups of cities and counties in California to create municipal financing programs. The bill authorizes counties to establish a program to enter into contractual tax assessment agreements with property owners to finance installation of energy efficiency or distributed renewable energy generation improvements that are permanently fixed to the property. Under these municipal financing programs, property owners repay assessments through an increase in their property taxes.

The Community Development Agency proposes to draft a resolution for the Board of Supervisors authorizing the County Administrator to execute an amendment to an existing Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the West Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) program to include Alameda County participation in the HERO Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program.

Speaker

John Law supports staffs' recommendation.

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Recommendation from the Transportation and Planning Committee: Approve. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

III. Well Permitting Ordinance Public Works Agency

Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented a memorandum to request an amendment to the County's Well Permitting Ordinance.

The current County Water Wells Ordinance, Article 14, Chapter 6, Title 3, of the Alameda County Ordinance Code, has not been updated since it was adopted in 1973. The proposed amendment will accomplish the following:

- Update the language to bring the ordinance into compliance with current State code
- Provisions have been added to enhance enforcement of the ordinance
- Provisions have been added to allow for the creation of “special requirement areas” to allow for better control of drilling activities where there is greater concern with movement of contaminants into and within the groundwater aquifers
- Provisions have been added to provide the mechanism by which the administering authority may be delegated to other public agencies, such as Zone 7

Zone 7 has expressed their need to exercise regulatory authority under a water wells ordinance for well drilling activities in the east County area. Zone 7 staff has initiated the process for their Board of Directors to adopt a competing and overlapping Water Well Ordinance for the East County area.

The proposed amendment of the ordinance facilitates and clarifies authorization for Zone 7 to assume administering authority for the east County area. Zone 7 would then be better able to control well activities that directly affect groundwater supply by implementing rules and regulations that are specific to the needs of the east County area without the need to enact their own ordinance.

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The Committee directed staff and County Counsel to monitor Zone 7 activities in relation to implementing their own Well Permitting Ordinance, with fee setting authority. This would make constituents in the Zone 7 region subject to two (2) ordinances. The County has previously requested Zone 7 to not implement their ordinance and they complied.

IV. Happy Valley Traffic Study

Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented a memorandum requesting the Transportation and Planning Committee to select the best of three (3) options for modifications to lanes on Happy Valley Road in the unincorporated area.

Option A: Modify of the left-turn restriction from Westbridge Lane onto Happy Valley Road to restrict left turns from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. This option provides the substantial exclusion of golf course traffic onto Happy Valley Road while allowing residents to access Happy Valley Road until 10:00 am.

Option B: Modify of the left-turn restriction from Westbridge Lane onto Happy Valley Road to restrict left turns from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. This option provides the maximum exclusion of golf course traffic onto Happy Valley Road while allowing residents to access Happy Valley Road until 9:00 am.

Option C: No Action. This option leaves the existing 24 hour left-turn restriction as it currently exists. Under this option, residents of Westbridge will not be able to make left turn on to Happy Valley Road at all times.

Staff recommends option B.

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Public Works Agency will install flashing speed limit signs to make drivers aware of the speed they are traveling.

The Transportation and Planning Committee would like a follow up report on this modification within one year.

V. Public Comment

None.

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