

**STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**DATE:** Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Zoe Merideth, Planning Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discuss Commissioner Appointment to the TRANSPLAN Committee to Be an Alternate

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Discuss and choose a potential alternate Commissioner to be appointed to the TRANSPLAN Committee.

**DISCUSSION**

The TRANSPLAN Committee coordinates the regional transportation interests of the communities in eastern Contra Costa County. The Committee also provides jurisdictions, agencies, and residents of eastern Contra Costa County with a forum to address regional transportation issues and foster regional efforts to reduce traffic congestion. Similar committees serve other parts of the County. The five member governments of the Committee are the Cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley and Pittsburg, and Contra Costa County. Contra Costa County governs the unincorporated East County communities of Bay Point, Bethel Island, Byron, Discovery Bay, and Knightsen. The TRANSPLAN Committee was formed in 1999 through a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

Meetings are held the second Thursdays of the month at 6:30pm at the Tri Delta Transit Boardroom at 801 Wilbur Avenue Antioch, CA 94509. Committee members must attend the meetings in-person.

According to the Committee's Administrative Procedures, the City Council appoints two voting members, one from the City Council and one from the Planning Commission. The administrative procedures also allow for an alternate member to be appointed from each body.

In general law cities where the office of the mayor is an elective office pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 4 of the Government Code (commencing with Section 34900), the mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall make all appointments to boards, commissions, and committees, unless otherwise specifically provided by statute. (Government Code § 40605.) Under Antioch Municipal Code section 2-5.201, the Mayor shall nominate candidates for membership on all boards and

commissions. Nominees shall be appointed to each board and commission upon receiving approval of at least a majority vote of the City Council.

At the March 20, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting, the Commission discussed the vacancy and who was willing to take on the responsibility of serving on the TRANSPLAN Committee. Commissioner Cortney L. Jones volunteered to take on the responsibilities of serving on the TRANSPLAN Committee. The Planning Commission supported forwarding her name to Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe for consideration to fill the vacancy. Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe nominated Cortney L. Jones to fill the partial term expiring December 2025, and the City Council approved the appointment at their June 11, 2024 meeting.

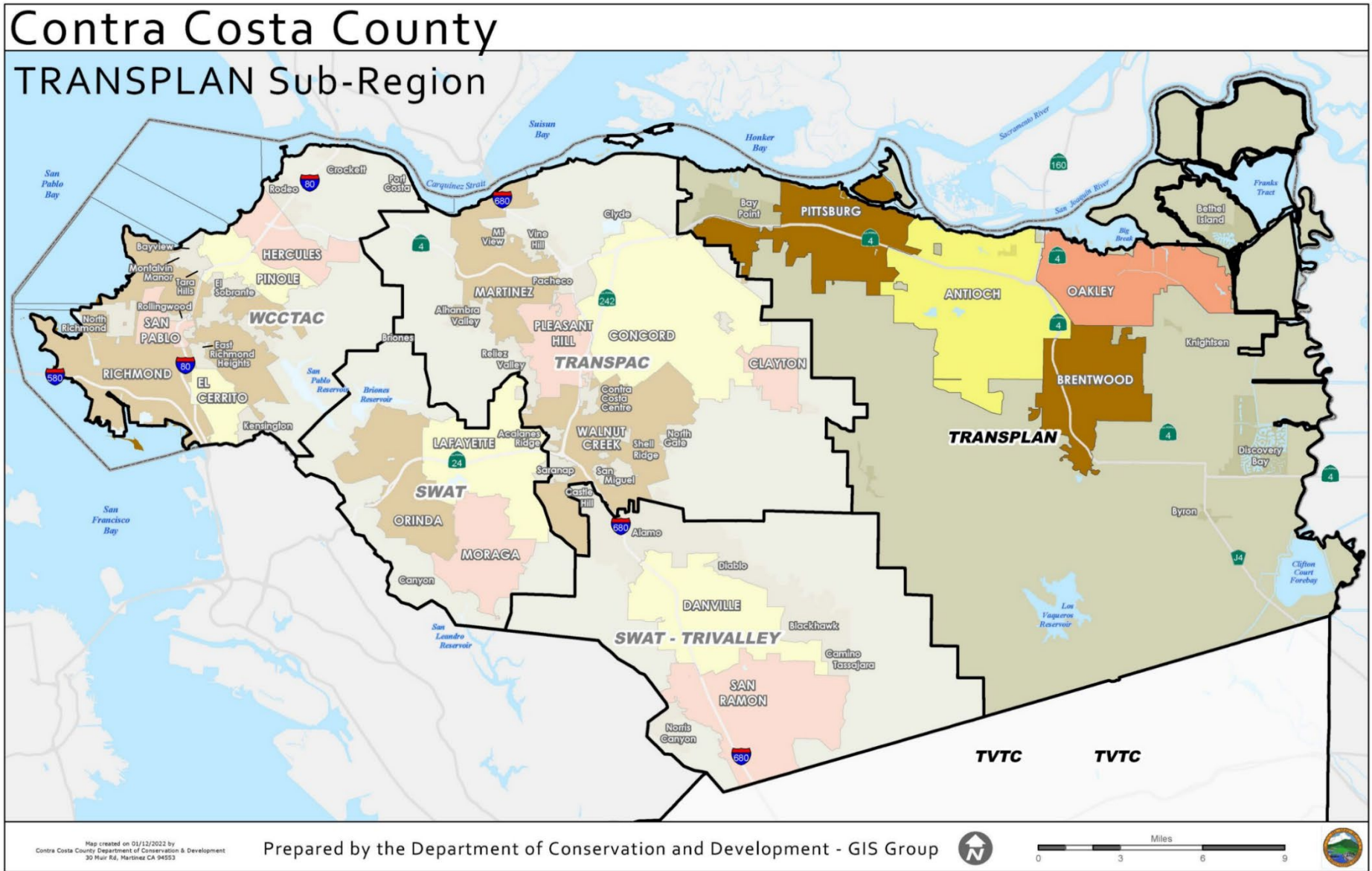
If the Commission decides to select a potential alternate candidate, the recommendation would be forwarded to Mayor Bernal for nomination.

**ATTACHMENT**

- A. Map of the TRANSPLAN Committee Sub-Region
- B. TRANSPLAN Administrative Procedures

ATTACHMENT A

# Contra Costa County TRANSPLAN Sub-Region



## ATTACHMENT B

Approved May 11, 1989  
Revised September 13, 1990  
Revised December 12, 1996  
Revised September 9, 1999

### TRANSPLAN COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

#### ARTICLE I - THE COMMITTEE

Section 1.     Name. The official name of the eastern Contra Costa County regional planning committee shall be “TRANSPLAN Committee.”

Section 2.     Calendar Year. The calendar year for determining terms of office shall begin on January 1, and end on December 31.

Section 3.     Composition. The TRANSPLAN Committee shall be composed of representatives from the member jurisdictions, which include the City of Antioch, the City of Brentwood, the City of Pittsburg, the City of Oakley and the County of Contra Costa.

Section 4.     Membership. There shall be eleven (11) voting members on the TRANSPLAN Committee. Each city council shall appoint two (2) voting members, one (1) from the city council and one (1) from the planning commission. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint three (3) voting members, two from the Board of Supervisors and one from the planning commission.

Section 5.     Terms of Office. Appointments to the TRANSPLAN Committee are for two years. The appointee (TRANSPLAN Member) must remain a local elected officeholder to serve on the TRANSPLAN Committee.

If for any reason a TRANSPLAN Member is no longer an elected official or planning commissioner, his or her alternate shall serve in his or her place until a successor is named and qualified. If no qualified alternate has been appointed such TRANSPLAN Member shall continue to serve until the earlier of (1) the appointment of his or her successor, (2) the end of the 60th day following the date such TRANSPLAN Member ceases to be an elected official or planning commissioner.

Section 6.     Alternates. Each city may appoint an alternate from their city council to serve in place of the city council appointee, and may appoint an alternate from the city planning commission to serve in place of the planning commission appointee. The Board of Supervisors may appoint an alternate from the County Planning Commission, the East County Regional Planning Commission, or other County transportation committees to serve in place of the Board of Supervisors or planning commission appointee. Alternates shall serve as voting members.

Section 7.     Chair. The TRANSPLAN Chair shall be elected from among the voting members

by a majority vote. The term of office shall be from the date of his or her election to the end of the calendar year as established in Section 2.

Section 8. Vice Chair. A Vice Chair may be elected from among the voting members by a majority vote. The term of office shall be for the date of his or her election to the end of the calendar year as established in Section 2.

Section 9. Representation on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. The TRANSPLAN Committee shall appoint two representatives and two alternates to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCCTA). These representatives and alternates must be from the City Councils of Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley or Pittsburg. The terms of the representatives and alternates will be set by the CCTA; thereafter, they shall serve two-year terms. Representatives or alternates may be removed by an absolute two-thirds vote of the TRANSPLAN Committee (8 votes). If a representative or alternate is removed, the TRANSPLAN Committee shall appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of that individual's term as soon as possible after their removal.

Section 10. Quorum. A quorum constitutes a majority six (6) TRANSPLAN Committee members.

## ARTICLE II - DUTIES

Section 1. Coordination. The TRANSPLAN Committee shall review and coordinate transportation plans and transportation project proposals within the area described in Attachment A of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for TRANSPLAN.

Section 2. Advise Commission. The TRANSPLAN Committee shall advise the CCTA on all matters concerning the Transportation Improvement and Growth Management Expenditure Plan as described in Ordinance 88-01, adopted by the voters of Contra Costa County on November 8, 1988, and on programming of State and Federal transportation funds in eastern Contra Costa County.

Section 3. Regional Forum. The TRANSPLAN Committee shall provide a forum to address regional transportation issues and other transportation issues in eastern Contra Costa County, convey information on these issues to the member jurisdictions, and foster regional efforts to reduce traffic congestion.

## ARTICLE III - REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Section 1. Role of TRANSPLAN STAFF. TRANSPLAN Staff will be responsible for maintaining a monthly *Register of Environmental Notices and Documents* that have been received by the TRANSPLAN Committee. Staff will regularly review and comment on environmental documents for regionally significant projects in East County and proposed changes to local General Plans. In general, a comment letter sent by TRANSPLAN Staff will

seek to ensure that impacts on Routes of Regional Significance designated in the East County Action Plan are accurately and fully analyzed and appropriate mitigation measures are identified. The comment letter may also suggest specific mitigation measures to reduce traffic or travel demand that would be consistent with the East County Action Plan and/or other relevant adopted plans. In addition, Staff will be responsible for informing local jurisdictions of the Measure C Growth Management Program procedures to evaluate the impact of a General Plan Amendment (GPA generating more than 100 additional peak hour trips) would have on maintaining the Traffic Service Objectives for the East County Action Plan.

Section 2. Role of the TRANSPLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. There are situations in which it is appropriate and necessary for the TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee to participate more directly in the review and preparation of comments on an environmental document. This participation may take the form of assisting TRANSPLAN Staff in the review and comments on an environmental document, or, providing concurrence on a TRANSPLAN Staff prepared comment letter. The following thresholds are to be used in determining when the TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) would be directly involved in review of an environmental document <sup>1</sup>:

- 1) Any proposed residential development or plan of more than 500 dwelling units;
- 2) Any commercial, industrial, or retail development or plan exceeding 250,000 square feet of floor area;
- 3) Any proposed project (public or private action) that has the potential to adversely impact the transportation system in East County, in particular the Routes of Regional Significance (e.g., road closures, expansion, or extensions).

Section 3. TRANSPLAN COMMITTEE. The TRANSPLAN Committee will receive in its a monthly agenda packet a ***Register of Environmental Notices and Documents***. The TRANSPLAN Committee will also receive a copy of all comment letters on environmental documents prepared by Staff/TAC. There are situations in which it is appropriate and necessary for the TRANSPLAN Committee to participate more directly in the review of an environmental document based on the previously described development size threshold. The TRANSPLAN Committee will review relevant excerpts from the environmental document and the Staff/TAC prepared comment letter on the environmental document. In some situations, the lead agency on the environmental document would be requested to make a presentation to the TRANSPLAN Committee on the proposed project's impacts on East County's regional transportation system and proposed mitigation measures to reduce these impacts. The purpose of this presentation

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<sup>1</sup> Development size threshold is similar to that used by Metropolitan Transportation Commission in determining whether or not to review and comment on environmental documents. It is also similar to CEQA's project of regional significance definition [ Sec. 15206 (b) (2) (A, B,C, D and E)].

would be informational only, so that the TRANSPLAN Committee will understand the basis for the Staff/TAC prepared comment letter on the environmental document, and, if necessary, provide additional input on the comment letter. The request for a presentation to the TRANSPLAN Committee would be based on a recommendation from either the TRANSPLAN Committee Chair or the TRANSPLAN Technical Advisory Committee.

Section 4.     ADHERENCE TO CEQA. The TRANSPLAN Committee's procedures on the review and comment on environmental documents will be done in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and other applicable laws. The submittal of a comment letter on an environmental document, which is prepared by Staff or TAC, and any subsequent review of the environmental document by the TRANSPLAN Committee, will occur within the 45-day comment period establish by CEQA.

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