Ms. Julie Pierce, Chair
Contra Costa Transportation Authority
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RE: Measure C Renewal Principles Endorsed by Bus Transit Operators

Dear Ms. Pierce,

The Bus Transit Coordinating Council (BTCC), composed of the four transit operators in Contra Costa County, endorses the following principles for the reauthorization of Measure C:

- At a minimum, 10% of Measure C funds for the countywide programmatic base for fixed route transit.

  \textit{Increasing funds for fixed route transit is necessary to maintain the many programs already funded through Measure C and allow enhancements such as additional evening and weekend service, more seamless regional connections, and reduction of headways on feeder routes.}

- At a minimum, 6% of Measure C Funds for the countywide programmatic base for special service for the elderly and disabled (paratransit) mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

  \textit{Increased funding for ADA paratransit service would assist us in keeping up with the ever growing demand for service as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and which has been well documented in MTC’s Older Adults Transportation Study.}
• Funding of the capital and operating expenses for the enhanced countywide Express Bus Program as outlined in the *Contra Costa Express Bus Study*

  *The Express Bus Study was funded by CCTA in 2001, and has been supported by all of the transit operators in Contra Costa County. It has also been cited as the most cost-effective option in the recent Corridor Investment Options Analysis sponsored by CCTA. Express Bus service offers integrated and seamless mobility options to relieve the County’s most congested corridors.*

• Funding of highway and roadway improvements that would support both Express Bus Service and carpooling through the inclusion of HOV lanes, exclusive access/egress, the addition of transit hubs/park and ride facilities, queue jump lanes, and bus prioritization signaling.

  *Funding highway and roadway improvements that support the Express Bus program would provide additional benefits for carpoolers, increase mobility options for everyone, and assure the success of the Express Bus program.*

• Additional subregional projects that would allow local targeted funding and control for enhancing bus transit and special services for the elderly and disabled as the different areas of the county see fit.

  *In addition to the baseline funding proposals, we support flexibility for the local Regional Transportation Planning Committees to craft additional bus transit and/or paratransit projects of particular benefit to those areas.*

The BTCC believes that the incorporation of these principles is critical to present a balanced program to the voters, and to ensure the success of the reauthorization of Measure C. We believe that this renewal presents a unique opportunity for the voters to choose to enhance mobility choices for everyone and would enjoy the same success that measures in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Francisco County have achieved.
Thank you for your consideration of our request, and we look forward to working with you throughout the development of a balanced Expenditure Plan for the renewal of Measure C.

Sincerely,

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Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority
BTCC Ex Officio Member, CCTA Board

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Tom Hansen, Vice Chair
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