

WCCTAC

West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee

El Cerrito

January 15, 2014

Association of Bay Area Governments
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Hercules

Dear Selection Committee,

Pinole

On behalf of the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee, I would like to express my support for the *San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Project* award application to ABAG's Growing Smarter Together Awards, under the category "On the Ground – Getting It Done Award: FOCUSED Growth."

Richmond

The project area, in its existing condition, is dedicated solely to vehicle traffic; there are no sidewalks, bike lanes, nor bus stops along this stretch of San Pablo Avenue (which crosses two cities - San Pablo and Richmond). Through an extensive community participation process a preferred concept was developed which optimizes full use of the corridor and enhances safety and accessibility for all users: motor vehicles, public transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists; and hence, develops a complete street.

San Pablo

The mission of WCCTAC is to "*create a comprehensive and cohesive transportation program that responds to our communities' present and future needs*" and the *San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Project* does just that. As a route of regional significance, San Pablo Avenue is a critical corridor through Contra Costa County. The work accomplished by the project is consistent with the previously approved policy direction by WCCTAC, including the continued use of San Pablo Avenue as a de facto bypass route when freeway incidences occur, as well as the opportunity for Rapid bus route expansion as stated in the Interstate 80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) Project.

Contra Costa
County

AC Transit

WCCTAC is committed to executing the Measure J Growth Management Program and its associated policies. This project exemplifies this program thanks to the nature of its cooperative, multi-jurisdictional planning effort. Additionally, this project is consistent with WCCTAC's Transit Access Plan, which aims to improve access and circulation for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or with any questions you may have.

BART

Sincerely,



WestCAT

Jerry Bradshaw
Interim Executive Director