

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: May 17, 2010  
Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** Proposed new Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Joint Powers Agreement

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. 2010-17 approving the Joint Powers Agreement creating the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) and approving an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) presented in Exhibit B, and authorize the Mayor or City Administrator to execute the necessary agreements.

**BACKGROUND**

At the April 19 City Council meeting, Dennis Fay, Executive Director of Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CCMA) and Tess Lengyel, Programs and Public Affairs Manager of the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), made a presentation about a number of initiatives that would plan and deliver transportation programs, and increase transportation funding in Alameda County in a more cost effective fashion. The major initiative entails a merger of the two agencies into a new one, to be named the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC). The second major initiative includes two proposals. One would be to place a \$10 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) on the November 2, 2010 ballot to be used for local transportation and transit improvements, and the other proposal is to extend the existing half-cent sales tax measure, which would then be placed on the 2012 November ballot.

At the meeting, members of the audience spoke in favor of transportation investments that reduced the number of vehicle-miles traveled in the county, particularly focusing on transit, bicycle and pedestrian investments. Council members supported in principle the proposal for the merger, but were concerned about the membership of the new entity and fairness of representation. The new proposal entails that the votes for Berkeley and Oakland would be reduced by 50% and this would affect representation for the northern part of the County.

Currently, the six northern cities in Alameda County represent 43 percent of the vote with 41 percent of the population at the Congestion Management Agency level. This vote would remain

the same under the new JPA Board. The vote might change at the city level, but the two northern county supervisors vote would balance the outcome. The proposed Commission would be governed by a Joint Powers Authority consisting of 22 members: Five County Board of Supervisors (six votes total); two Oakland representatives (four votes total); one from each: cities of Fremont & Hayward (two votes each); one from each of the remaining 11 cities (one vote each); AC Transit (one vote); BART (one vote).

Because the voting structure would be changed under the new proposal, the Council moved to delay its decision until Berkeley and Oakland voted on the merger issue.

### **DISCUSSION**

The City of Oakland approved the merger proposal on May 4, bringing the number of cities supporting the proposal to nine (9), representing approximately 70% of the population in Alameda County. Berkeley's Council will consider voting on the JPA and merger at its meeting of May 18, 2010.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

N/A

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no cost associated with approving this request. If the sales tax is reauthorized and the Vehicle Registration Fee passes, there is potential for additional funding for transportation and transit projects.

Enclosures:

Exhibit A: Resolution Number No. 2010-17

Exhibit B: Draft Agreement ACTC