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From: "Matt Kelly" <mkelly@ccta.net>
To: WDoscher@energy.state.ca.us
Date: 11/17/2009 9:55:01 AM
Subject: RE: Potential project

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wanda Doscher [mailto:WDoscher@energy.state.ca.us]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 3:34 PM
To: Ellen Wilson
Subject: Potential project

Dear Ms. Wilson,

Can you please provide a list of potential projects that may contribute to traffic impacts within the Pittsburg and Contra Costa County areas. The list of projects which I currently have referenced as potential projects are as follows:

Willow Pass Road Widening and Bridge Reconstruction
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North Parkside Drive Class III Bicycle Facility
Canal Road West Bike Lanes
Canal Road East Bike Lanes
Loftus Road Bike route, Canal Road to Willow Pass Road
Willow Pass Road Bike Lanes, Mountain View Avenue to Pittsburg

If you can please provide an update on the projects listed above and any other projects on line within the next three years, it would be greatly appreciated. The proposed project that I am reviewing is located within the existing Pittsburg Power Plant boundaries.

Sincerely,

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From: "Matt Kelly" <mkelly@ccta.net>
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Hi Wanda,

I took a look at the road segments in the table you forwarded:

- Segment #2 on your list (Willow Pass Rd. from Bailey to Loftus) includes the "Willow Pass Widening/Gap Closure" project.
- Segment #3 on your list (Willow Pass Rd. from Loftus to North Parkside) includes the "Willow Pass Widening and Bridge Reconstruction" project.

No widening should have occurred on either of these segments at this point in time. I think a site visit would be very helpful as this area is a mish-mash of uses and levels of development. The area west of Loftus is unincorporated County land (Bay Point), while east of Loftus is Pittsburg. If you want to see some major traffic congestion, plan to be in the area during the morning or afternoon/evening commute, as Hwy 4 typically has miles of backup in the area between Willow Pass and Railroad, and this can often spill onto side streets, including Willow Pass, which is used as a parallel shortcut for commuters.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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Dear Matt,

I sincerely appreciate your assistance. I am not yet familiar with the project area. I have attached a table of existing road segment conditions provide to CEC by the applicants consultant. Currently, the table indicates LOS E in four roadway segments. Additionally, the table indicates a LOS which provides assumptions of potentially improved road

segments.

Can you please confirm whether the Willow Pass Road Widening and Bridge Reconstruction and/or Willow Pass Road Widening/Gap Closure listed as potential project are described listed Road Segments addressed on the attached Table. If so, can you please provide which road segment within in the chart defines these projects road segments. Has any widening of the roadway segments been implemented?

I am looking forward to making the trip to the site to view the roadway segments and intersections soon. Construction and Operational Impacts are being assessed, at this time, this project does not appear to have a significant impact during either condition.

Respectfully,

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Date: 11/17/2009 4:58 PM
Subject: RE: Peak Hour times

Wanda,

Peak hours tend to last longer on Hwy 4, because it is the only route in and out of East Contra Costa, and are generally 5-9am (Westbound) and 3-7pm (Eastbound). Those are the HOV lane hours of operation and tend to see the highest levels of traffic. However, 7-8am and 5-6pm are probably going to be the busiest overall.

I checked our most recent traffic monitoring report, and unfortunately, Pittsburg-Antioch Hwy is not on our list of monitored routes. We routinely monitor several locations in Pittsburg (Bailey, Railroad, Loveridge south of 4, etc.) but nothing in the immediate area of the plant. Once again, the City of Pittsburg (or Antioch) may have some recent traffic data for the area.

As far as contacts for the Hwy 4/eBART project:

- for the highway portion, contact Susan Miller, here at CCTA: smiller@ccta.net
- for the eBART portion, contact Ellen Smith of BART: esmith1@bart.gov

-Matt

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Dear Matt,

Do you have the hours (i.e. 6 am to 8 am or 3 pm to 6 pm?) for morning and then afternoon/evening peak hour traffic?

Additionally, do you have any current traffic analysis tables within the vicinity of the DELTA ENERGY CENTER (CALPINE/BECHTEL PITTSBURG) POWER PLANT PROJECT along the Pittsburg/Antioch Hwy?

Do you have a contact of who I can email or speak to regarding the construction schedule for Hwy. 4/eBART project at the Rapid Transit?

Respectfully,

Wanda