

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. Composition. The Southwest Area Transportation Planning Committee (“SWAT”) is composed of representatives from Danville, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, San Ramon and the County.
2. Membership of the SWAT.
 - (a) Composition
 - (1) There shall be six voting members on the SWAT Board. Voting members must be elected officials, one each from the five city/town councils, and one from the County Board of Supervisors. If there are two supervisors who represent the region, the Board shall decide which of them is the voting member.
 - (2) Each Council/Board of Supervisors shall appoint a representative to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) This representative may be a Planning or Transportation Commissioner or Committee member who will serve at the discretion of the Council/Board of Supervisors. The role and term of this representative are to be defined by the Council/Board of Supervisors, and shall be forwarded to SWAT. Citizen Advisory committee representatives are not voting members of SWAT.

(b) Terms of Office

Appointments to the Committee are for two-year terms, coterminous with those of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA). The appointee must remain a council member, mayor, or supervisor to serve.

(c) Alternate

Each member jurisdiction may appoint an alternate who must be and remain a mayor, council member or supervisor in order to serve.

(d) Removal

Alternates or representatives may be removed from office by the appointing jurisdiction. If a member is removed, the appointing jurisdiction shall appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of the member’s term within 30 days after the removal.

3. SWAT Chair and Vice-Chair

- (a) The SWAT Chair and Vice-Chair shall rotate on a 12-month term, from January through December.
- (b) The sequence of rotation shall be, Contra Costa County, Lafayette, Danville, Orinda, Moraga, San Ramon.
- (c) The Vice-Chair shall be the jurisdiction that is next in rotation to hold the Chair seat.

4. Representation on Contra Costa Transportation Authority

- (a) The voting members of SWAT will appoint from among themselves two representatives and two alternates to the CCTA. Representatives and alternates must be and remain mayors or city council members.

One representative and one alternate shall be selected from the San Ramon Valley (SRV) cities and one representative and one alternate shall be selected from the Lamorinda cities. Representatives shall serve two-year terms.

- (b) Commissioners shall adhere to the policy direction of the SWAT.

Representatives or alternates may be removed from office by an absolute 2/3 vote of the Committee (four votes). If a member is removed, the Committee shall appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of the member's term as soon as possible after the removal. It is up to the subregions to make their determinations on selecting their representatives.

- (c) It is important to be fully represented at the Authority meetings. If the member or alternate cannot be present, the member shall attempt to have another elected official from the same area (Lamorinda or SRV) attend the Authority meeting.
- (d) The position of the representative to the Authority should be rotated among the member cities of the subregion (Lamorinda, SRV) at the end of each term.
- (e) In order to achieve maximum participation at the CCTA from SWAT jurisdictions, whenever the Mayors' Conference or Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) representative to CCTA is from a SWAT jurisdiction, then no other council member from that jurisdiction shall serve as a SWAT representative to CCTA.

5. Functions of SWAT

- (1) To review and coordinate transportation plans and project proposals for the southwest region.
- (2) To serve as an advisory unit to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, on all matters concerning the "Transportation Improvement and Growth Management Program" adopted by the voters of Contra Costa County on November 8, 1988.
- (3) To provide a forum on transportation issues which are regional in nature and to convey information on these issues to each jurisdiction.
- (4) To consider other transportation issues of mutual concern both in the southwest region and at a countywide level. Examples of such issues are integration of traffic signal systems, improvement in transit and paratransit systems, and transportation systems management.
- (5) Determine, pursuant to Section 27 of CCTA Ordinance No.88-01, the financial programming of the "Major Arterials" as defined therein, and provide input into the CCTA Strategic Plan update.
- (6) Review all proposed official actions of the Authority and provide the Authority with recommendations on such proposed action.
- (7) To coordinate and facilitate the process of taking appeals from actions of the Commission pursuant to Section 8 and 9 of Commission Ordinance No. 88-01.
- (8) To administer the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinances of member jurisdictions, at their options, and to accept grants for this purpose. Grant funds will be administered by a member jurisdiction designated by SWAT.
- (9) To assign members of the SWAT TAC to the CCTA Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) to serve as representatives of the Committee and its member jurisdictions.

6. SWAT Staffing

SWAT may engage a member agency to provide staff services. Those services shall include:

- Attendance at monthly SWAT and SWAT TAC meetings.
- Maintenance of historical documents, records, and correspondence of the SWAT Board.
- Recordation and production of written minutes of SWAT Board meetings.
- Production and dissemination of the monthly agenda packet in accordance with state law governing public meetings.
- Develop and disseminate correspondence as directed by the Board or the Chair.
- Respond to administrative or historical inquiries from SWAT member jurisdictions, outside, agencies, and the public. Refer other questions to SWAT chair or other appropriate individuals.
- Act as primary contact point and disseminate environmental documents, as outlined by SWAT, CCTA Lamorinda Project Management Committee, Tri-Valley Transportation Committee, and other agreements, as requested by the SWAT Board and /or the Chair.
- Perform other administrative duties only as directed by the SWAT Board.
- The member agency providing staff services may determine the most appropriate method of providing above service, as agreed by the SWAT Board.

7. Agenda Setting Procedures

The agenda for each meeting will be set by SWAT staff in consultation with the TAC members, Authority staff, and the Chair of SWAT, except that any member of SWAT can place an item on the agenda for the upcoming meeting by notifying SWAT staff of their request at least one week before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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