EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
June 17, 2015

John F. Kennedy Park: May 16, 2015
OC Jones and Sons partnered with Alta Vista Solutions and KNBR to rebuild the ball field at the John F. Kennedy Park in the City of Richmond. I participated along with many staff members of both companies.

Integrated Corridor Mobility Project: May 19, 2015
Hisham Noeimi and Ivy Morrison provided an update to the El Cerrito City Council on the I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) project. Construction activities on the project are nearing completion and rigorous testing is now underway. When activated in late 2015, the project will be the first deployment of a comprehensive integrated active traffic management system in California.

Active Transportation Program (ATP): May 19, 2015
We applied for $2 million of ATP funds from MTC in Cycle 1 call for projects. The Riverside Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing, which is part of the San Pablo Dam Road Interchange (SPDR) Project Phase 1, was on the cut line and did not receive any funds. After discussions with MTC, the project received $682,000. We were subsequently notified that, due to the deletion of a project in Santa Rosa and the transition of the Bay Area Bike Share Program to a private company, Contra Costa would receive an additional $3.674 million of Cycle 1 ATP funds. Consequently, our original SPDR request for the full $2 million was granted. In addition, Contra Costa County’s Port Chicago Highway and Willow Pass Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Project received $800,000. A third project, the Contra Costa Boulevard Improvements Project (from Beth Drive to Harriet Drive in Pleasant Hill ($1,556,000) now made it above the cut line and was also funded.

ATP Cycle II: May 2015
During May, we provided technical assistance to six local jurisdictions for the preparation of eight Cycle II grant applications. Stephanie Hu, Associate Transportation Engineer for CCTA, oversaw work performed by Paul Fassinger of CTP Planning and Economics to provide technical assistance to ATP applicants recommended through the RTPCs. The ATP “call for projects” was released in late March, with applications due by June 1. The application is very complicated and requires a lot of technical information, including benefit/cost ratios, and existing and projected bicycle and pedestrian activity. Some jurisdictions might decide that it is not worth it to invest staff resources to compete for limited funding. To encourage local participation, we provided technical support to help local staff submit competitive applications under a tight deadline.
COG Directors Association of California (CDAC) Meeting: May 19, 2015
I attended the CALCOG meeting in Sacramento. Hasan Ikhrata was appointed as the Chair of the Directors Group for the upcoming year. He is the Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments.

CITI: May 19, 2015
Randy Carlton and I met with Ron Marino, Alex Zaman, and Darren Hodge. Ron Marino gave us an update on the situation in Washington DC with respect to the extension of MAP-21.

Investor Road Show: May 20, 2015
Authority Chair Julie Pierce, Randy Carlton and I participated with Adam Aranda from Morgan Stanley to tape the audio for an electronic slide presentation that will be used to explain why investing in Contra Costa Transportation Authority’s refinancing of $200 million of floating rate notes is a good investment.

Caltrans Planning Academy Tour & Presentation: May 20, 2015
Matt Kelly hosted the Caltrans Planning Academy. About 30 Caltrans Planning staff from all over the state were hosted by CCTA. They toured the Contra Costa Centre’s Transit Oriented Development. After the tour, I greeted them and answered questions. Matt Kelly spoke to the group about CCTA.

Nossaman and Overland Pacific & Cutler, Inc.: May 20, 2015
I met with Artin Shaverdian from Nossaman and Polly Walton and Joey Mendoza from OP&C to discuss CCTA’s capital program. They are very interested in participating in future projects providing Right-of-Way support.

California Transportation Foundation Awards Luncheon: May 21, 2015
Authority Chair Julie Pierce, Ross Chittenden, Linsey Willis and I attended the CTF Awards luncheon. Past CCTA Commissioner and current Assembly Member and Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee Jim Frazier was honored as the Elected Official of the year.

California Transportation Foundation Board Meeting: May 21, 2015
I attended the CTF Board meeting after the awards ceremony. We discussed the finances and future projects. CTF is going to use more social media tools to gain interest in its programs. There is interest in finding ways of raising an endowed scholarship program for the children of workers killed in the line of duty that are going to college.

Construction Management Association of America (CMAA): May 21, 2015
Ross Chittenden and I emceed the annual CMAA Awards banquet. CCTA won two awards. The first was the Caldecott Tunnel and the second was for the Sand Creek Interchange. Both awards were for transportation projects over $25 million.

Assembly Member Catharine Baker: May 22, 2015
Linsey Willis and I met with Assembly Member Baker and her District Director Cindy Chin. We talked about projects and programs in her district.
I provided the keynote speech at the 2015 ITS Canada ACGM. The conference attendees were interested in how our agency is using technology to ‘redefine mobility’. This year’s conference has the largest attendance numbers in its history. Canada is also working on its Surface Transportation Bill, which is called the Canada Act. Two of the advisors for the Act discussed how technology will be embedded in the Act. Expenses for the trip totaled $910.89.

California State Association of Counties (CSAC) – Housing, Land Use & Transportation Policy Committee: May 28, 2015.
I was invited to make a presentation on “New Transportation Technology: Contra Costa Transportation Authority GoMentum Station” in Sacramento. Because of a prior commitment to attend a Long Term Pavement Performance Committee meeting, I requested that Jack Hall give the presentation. This was approved by CSAC staff, and Jack made the presentation to approximately 80 county representatives.

I attended the LTPP Committee meeting in Washington DC. Pavement test sites on State Highways and the Interstate system have been built over the past few decades. The FHWA has hired consultants to gather data about the performance of various pavement types. There are a number of factors such as truck traffic, weather, volumes, and pavement types which are collected and input into a database. The states work with the FHWA to ensure the integrity of the test sites is maintained. The LTPP has been an advisory committee to the FHWA for over 30 years. I would like to see if the Cities and Counties can benefit from the data, which could be helpful for making decisions on the type of treatment used on roadways.

Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) Annual Meeting: May 31 - June 3, 2015
Ross Chittenden attended the ITS America Annual Meeting help in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. There were about 2,000 attendees for this year's annual meeting, including a number of partners and potential partners on our GoMentum and connected vehicles programs.

Adelphes, Inc.: June 2, 2015
Susan Miller, Ivan Ramirez and I met with Stacey Dyke of Adelphes, Inc. She works with construction management firms to put together RFP proposals. Ms. Dyke is interested in our capital program.

East Bay Leadership Council Transportation Task Force: June 2, 2015
Linsey Willis made a presentation to the transportation task force about CCTA’s intention to begin putting together a potential transportation expenditure plan. It was mentioned that no decision had been made by the CCTA Board to place a measure on a future ballot. Authority Chair Julie Pierce also attended the meeting and spoke about regional transportation funding efforts.

Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee (EPAC): June 3, 2015
Authority Chair Julie Pierce, Martin Engelmann and I made presentations at the first EPAC meeting. It was mentioned several times that no decision has been made by the CCTA Board to
place a measure on a future ballot. Martin presented the status of the Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan. I presented the history of the measures in Contra Costa and the reasons why a future measure is being contemplated by the CCTA Board.

**Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I) Consortium:** June 4 – 5, 2015

I was asked to be the Institute of Transportation Engineer’s representative on the V2I consortium which was held in Pittsburg, PA. The consortium is a partnership between ITS America, American Association of State Transportation Officials, and ITE to facilitate the deployment of the connected vehicle. I could not attend the first day of the meeting, but I was able to attend the second day. There are five focus areas. They are Deployment Initiatives, Deployment Research, Infrastructure Operator, Deployment Guidance, and Deployment Standards. I was able to attend the Deployment Guidance and Infrastructure Operator sessions. CCTA is on the right track with our application for a connected vehicle test bed in the U.S.

**Concord and Diablo Rotary Clubs:** June 5 and 8, 2015

Hisham Noeimi made a presentation on the I-80 ICM project to the Concord and Danville rotary clubs on June 5th and 8th, respectively. The clubs are interested in learning more about technological advancements that help relieve traffic congestion.

**Technology Focus Groups:** June 10-11, 2015

Working as subconsultant to Gray-Bowen, EMC Research conducted two in-person focus group sessions and one on-line focus group session to explore attitudes and awareness of technology by itself, and related to transportation. Each of the in-person focus groups included 10 people, with one group comprised of younger people and one group comprised of older people. Each focus group session lasted approximately two hours. EMC’s professional facilitators asked each group the same pre-determined set of questions covering a wide array of technology-related topics. The focus groups are part of a larger public outreach effort currently underway, including stakeholder interviews, and polling, to obtain public feedback that will help guide the development of a potential expenditure plan. It was interesting to see the different perspectives on technology. EMC will provide a summary report of the feedback we received from the focus groups.

**Staff Out-of-State Travel – Prior Reporting Period**

As reported in April, Vice Chair Dave Hudson, Ross Chittenden, Linsey Willis and I traveled to Washing DC April 12-14 on our federal advocacy trip. As a correction to the June 17, 2015 Executive Director’s Report, expenses for the trip totaled $7,425.12.

As reported in May, I attended the ITS World Congress Board Meeting in Melbourne Australia May 10-11, 2015. Expenses for the trip totaled $2,735.79.