

**MASTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BY AND AMONG THE CITIES OF EL CERRITO, HERCULES, PINOLE,
RICHMOND, AND SAN PABLO, THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
AND THE WEST CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE 2019 SUBREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM**

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this _____ day of _____, 2019, by and between the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, and the County of Contra Costa, collectively referred to herein as AGENCIES; and individually as an AGENCY, and the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee, a Joint Exercise of Powers Agency organized pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement among the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo, the County of Contra Costa, and the transit agencies AC Transit, Bay Area Rapid Transit District, and Western Contra Costa Transit Authority, hereinafter referred to as WCCTAC. The AGENCIES, and WCCTAC shall sometimes be referred to collectively herein as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, AGENCIES, and WCCTAC, pursuant to the Contra Costa Transportation Improvement and Growth Management Expenditure Plan and Ordinance (referred to herein as “Measure C”) adopted and approved by the voters in 1988, and pursuant to the extension of the transportation sales tax (referred to herein as “Measure J”) adopted and approved by the voters in November 2004, hereby desire to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for transportation improvements in West Contra Costa County to be funded in whole or in part by developer fees collected under the West County Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (“STMP”). The 2019 program (the “2019 STMP”) is intended to update the STMP adopted in 2006 (the “2006 STMP”). The transition from the 2006 STMP to the 2019 STMP is outlined herein. This Agreement shall terminate and replace the prior Master Cooperative Agreement Between Contra Costa Transportation Authority, the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo, the County of Contra Costa and the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee, dated June 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the WCCTAC Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement describes the objective of protecting and advancing the interests of West Contra Costa County communities with regard to transportation issues and the utilization of Measure C and Measure J funds, and explicitly designates WCCTAC to oversee the STMP; and

WHEREAS, each AGENCY by local ordinance or resolution, enacted the 2006 STMP, which levies a fee on new development to mitigate the impacts of new trips generated by that development in conformity with the Mitigation Fee Act (Gov. Code §§ 66000 et seq., referred to herein as the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, fees from the 2006 STMP partially funded eleven regional transportation projects which are listed in the Fee Program Background section of the adopted 2019 Nexus Update of the Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) Impact Fee report; and

WHEREAS, fees from the 2019 STMP are proposed to partially fund twenty (20) regional transportation projects, as more particularly described herein (collectively referred to herein as the “Projects” and individually as a “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the conclusions of the nexus study, in conformity with Government Code section 66000 et seq. can be found in the 2019 Nexus Update of the STMP Impact Fee report which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Parties relative to the administrative, fiscal, and project management of the 2019 STMP projects; and

WHEREAS, WCCTAC is the primary responsible entity for the program, and will coordinate and administer the STMP expenditures, the priority for fee disbursements, and provide general management of the STMP consistent with its mission; and

WHEREAS, WCCTAC has evaluated the components of the 2019 STMP and finds that the establishment, imposition, collection, transfer and use of development fees for the purposes and Projects described herein are necessary to mitigate traffic impacts caused by new development and authorized by all applicable legal authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to formalize the institutional arrangements for the collection, oversight, and expenditure of the 2019 STMP fees and the close out of the 2006 STMP program.

B. LIST OF PROJECTS

Fees from the 2019 STMP are proposed to partially fund the Projects identified in this Paragraph B, as more particularly described in the 2019 Nexus Update of the Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) Impact Fee report. Each Project shall have one or more designated project sponsors (each a “**Project Sponsor**”). A Project Sponsor may be an AGENCY, WCCTAC or another governmental agency. WCCTAC will enter into a funding agreement with each Project Sponsor as part of funding of each Project, and such funding agreement shall set forth the duties and responsibilities of the Project Sponsor. The Project Sponsor(s) for each Project are listed in parenthesis below after the description of each Project.

1. **San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Projects** – Transit, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements along several segments of San Pablo Avenue.
(*WCCTAC Cities/Contra Costa County*);
2. **Appian Way Complete Streets Project** – Pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access improvements along Appian Way in El Sobrante and in City of Pinole.
(*Contra Costa County; City of Pinole*);

3. **San Pablo Dam Road Improvements** – Multimodal access improvements along San Pablo Dam Road through downtown El Sobrante. (*Contra Costa County*);
4. **Bay Trail Gap Closure** – Improve transit access by closing three key Bay Trail gaps: along Goodrick Avenue in Richmond, between Bayfront Park and Pinole Creek in Pinole, and between Atlas Road and Cypress Avenue in unincorporated Contra Costa County. (*East Bay Regional Park District, Contra Costa County, Cities of Richmond and Pinole*);
5. **Ohlone Greenway Improvements** – Crossing, wayfinding, signing, lighting, safety, access and landscaping improvements along Ohlone Greenway. (*City of El Cerrito*);
6. **I-580/Harbor Way Interchange Improvements** – Improve pedestrian and bicycle access across interchange, to serve movements between waterfront/ferry terminal and central Richmond. (*City of Richmond*);
7. **I-580/Marina Bay Parkway Interchange Improvements** – Improve pedestrian and bicycle access across interchange, to serve movements between waterfront and downtown Richmond. (*City of Richmond*);
8. **Richmond Ferry to Bridge Bicycle Improvements** – Improve bicycle access between Richmond Ferry Terminal and Bay Trail near Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. (*City of Richmond*);
9. **I-80 Express Bus** – Capital improvements associated with implementing I-80 Express Bus service between Hercules and Oakland/Emeryville/Berkeley/San Francisco, with possible intermediate stops. (*WCCTAC, WestCAT and AC Transit*);
10. **Hercules Regional Intermodal Transportation Center** – Complete construction of new Capitol Corridor train stop, with associated track improvements, parking and access facilities. (*City of Hercules*);
11. **BART Extension from Richmond Station (Planning and Conceptual Engineering Phases)** – Planning, conceptual engineering and/or program level environmental clearance phases of potential BART extension to Contra Costa College/City of San Pablo. (*WCCTAC, City of San Pablo, BART*);
12. **San Pablo Avenue Transit Corridor Improvements** – Extension and improvement of bus rapid transit (BRT) and/or rapid bus service along San Pablo Avenue through West County, with stops including Richmond Parkway Transit Center and Hercules Transit Center. (*WCCTAC Cities/Contra Costa County*);

13. **23rd Street Transit Corridor Improvements** – Provision of bus rapid transit (BRT) and/or rapid bus service along 23rd Street from Richmond Ferry Terminal/UC Berkeley Richmond Field Station to Richmond BART, to Contra Costa College, and potentially to Hilltop Mall. (*Cities of Richmond and San Pablo*);
14. **West County BART Station Access and Parking Improvements** – Station modernization and capacity enhancements, parking, and access improvements at El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito del Norte, and Richmond BART stations, and Richmond Crossover Project to allow increased frequency along Richmond line. (*BART, WCCTAC*);
15. **Del Norte Area TOD Public Infrastructure Improvements** – Parking facilities, bicycle, pedestrian, and/or bus transit access improvements, signage, lighting, improvements to station access or station waiting areas, ADA improvements, improvements to adjacent streets, street crossings, or signals, and/or Ohlone Greenway improvements. (*BART, Cities of El Cerrito and Richmond*);
16. **San Pablo Avenue Intersection Realignment** – Intersection reconfiguration, potential signal modifications to accommodate pedestrian, bicycle, and bus rapid transit (BRT) access at intersection of San Pablo Avenue, 23rd Street, and Road 20. (*City of San Pablo*);
17. **I-80/San Pablo Dam Road Interchange Improvements, Phase 2** – Interchange reconstruction, new bridge over Wildcat Creek, and improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities. (*CCTA*);
18. **I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements, Phase 2** – Increase intersection spacing to increase vehicle capacity, connect Pierce Street and San Mateo Street, convert Pierce Street access at Central Avenue to right-in/right-out and improve multimodal access. (*CCTA*);
19. **I-80/Pinole Valley Road Interchange Improvements** – Improve merge from eastbound on-ramp to I-80, widen ramp terminal intersections, and make pedestrian crossing improvements. (*CCTA, City of Pinole*); and
20. **Future Nexus Study Updates** – Two comprehensive nexus studies and fee updates over the 22-year planning horizon of the 2019 STMP Fee. (*WCCTAC*).

C. CLOSE-OUT OF FEE COLLECTION AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE 2006 STMP

Fees will no longer be collected for the eleven projects from the 2006 STMP as of the Effective Date. All fees collected and unspent for these projects as of the Effective Date shall be used for Projects that are the same as or substantially similar to a project from the 2006 STMP, in order to further the purposes for which the 2006 STMP was adopted.

Any fees collected and unspent from the 2006 STMP that are not able to be used in this manner, shall be refunded or used in accordance with Government Code section 66001(e)&(f).

D. FEES

1. Imposition of the Fees. In order to fund the 2019 STMP, AGENCIES shall consider the adoption, by ordinance or resolution, the following developer fees, to be payable at the time of issuance of building permits:

<u>LAND USE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
Single-Family Residential	\$5,439/DU*
Multi-Family Residential	\$2,679/DU
Senior Housing	\$1,469/DU
Hotel	\$3,481/Room
Retail/Service	\$6.59/SF**
Office	\$8.72/SF
Industrial	\$5.56/SF
Storage Facility	\$0.76/SF
Other	\$7,350 per AM peak hour trip

*DU = Dwelling Unit

**SF = Square Foot

AGENCY is responsible for determining the appropriate land use category and fee amount to apply to specific development projects being considered by their jurisdiction. AGENCY will refer to the STMP Administrative Guidelines for guidance on how to apply these land use categories to development projects.

2. Administrative Fee.

In addition to the STMP fee imposed by section D.1 above, each AGENCY may impose an administrative fee payable to the AGENCY at the time of issuance of a building permit. The administrative fee shall be no greater than the cost incurred by the AGENCY to adopt the ordinance or resolution establishing the 2019 STMP and to collect, report, and transmit appropriate reports and funds to WCCTAC. Any administrative fee applied by AGENCY shall be kept separate from the STMP funds.

3. Tribal Gaming Facility Developments.

The Parties agree that a tribal gaming facility's subregional traffic impacts should be mitigated and that WCCTAC shall be included in any evaluation and determination of such impacts and their mitigation. Monies to pay for mitigation of such subregional impacts may be governed by a tribal-state compact or a tribal-local agency agreement. The collection of any such monies shall be subject to

applicable state and federal law, including but not limited to the Indian Gaming and Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 2701-2721.

4. Transfer of the Fees.

No more than thirty (30) days following the close of each calendar quarter ending after the Effective Date, all STMP fee revenue collected by an AGENCY, and any interest accrued on such revenue, not including any AGENCY administrative fee pursuant to Section D.2, will be transferred by the AGENCY to WCCTAC with a brief Quarterly Report that identifies each development project subject to STMP, and the revenue collected for the development during the reporting period. WCCTAC shall deposit the funds into a separate interest-bearing capital facilities account for the STMP revenues to be used solely for the purposes described herein, and in the fee resolutions or ordinances adopted by the AGENCIES pursuant to this Agreement. The revenues, including any accrued interest from the account, will be disbursed and expended only for the twenty projects identified in Section B above.

5. Reports.

Pursuant to Government Code section 66006(b)(1), within 150 days after the end of each fiscal year, WCCTAC, in cooperation with the Project Sponsors, shall make available to the public and to AGENCIES a status report on the progress attained and costs incurred to date on each Project in the 2019 STMP, including but not limited to:

- i. A brief description of the type of fee in the account or fund.
- ii. The amount of the fee.
- iii. The beginning and ending balance of the account or fund.
- iv. The amount of the fees collected and the interest earned.
- v. An identification of each public improvement on which fees were expended and the amount of the expenditures on each improvement, including the total percentage of the cost of the public improvement that was funded with fees.
- vi. An identification of an approximate date by which the construction of the public improvement will commence if the local agency determines that sufficient funds have been collected to complete financing on an incomplete public improvement, as identified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 66001 of the Government Code, and the public improvement remains incomplete.
- vii. A description of each interfund transfer or loan made from the account or fund, including the public improvement on which the transferred or loaned

fees will be expended, and, in the case of an interfund loan, the date on which the loan will be repaid, and the rate of interest that the account or fund will receive on the loan.

- viii. The amount of refunds made pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 66001 and any allocations pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 66001.

6. Report Reviews.

Pursuant to Government Code section 66006(b)(2), the WCCTAC Board shall review the information contained in the report referenced in Section D.5 of this Agreement at the next regularly-scheduled public meeting not less than fifteen (15) days after this information is made available to the public. Thereafter, such report and any comments or amendments made by the WCCTAC Board, shall be forward to the AGENCIES.

7. Periodic Findings.

After the fifth fiscal year following the first deposit of 2019 STMP revenues and every five (5) years thereafter, WCCTAC shall make all findings required by Government Code section 66001(d). Such findings shall be made in connection with the release of public information required by Government Code section 66006(b) and Section D.6 of this Agreement.

8. Annual Fee Adjustments.

A provision shall be included in the fee resolutions or ordinances adopted by AGENCIES pursuant to this Agreement, requiring automatic annual fee increases or decreases, effective July 1 of each year after 2019, based on the annual percentage change in the Engineering News-Record Construction Cost Index for the San Francisco Bay Area for the 12-month period ending with the February index of the same calendar year. WCCTAC will calculate the annual percentage increase in the STMP fee and notify all AGENCIES of this change. Each AGENCY shall be responsible for implementing this annual change in the STMP Fee.

9. Exemptions and Waivers.

No exemptions for any development subject to the 2019 STMP Fee shall be allowed without pre-approval of WCCTAC except as described in the STMP Administrative Guidelines. Developments may be exempted from the 2019 STMP and the development fees pursuant thereto to the extent allowed by law, and any such exemption shall be reported to WCCTAC.

10. Credits and Reimbursements.

An applicant may receive credit against fees for the dedication of land for right-of-way and/or construction of improvements for specific 2019 STMP projects,

where such right-of-way or construction is beyond that which would otherwise be required for approval of the proposed development. The calculation of the amount of credit against fees for 2019 STMP dedications or improvements shall be based upon a determination by AGENCY that such credits are, in fact, exclusive of the dedications, setbacks, improvements, and/or traffic mitigation measures which are required by local ordinance, standards, or other practice. In addition, the credit shall be calculated based upon the actual cost of construction of improvements or, in the case of land dedication, on an independent appraisal approved by the AGENCY. AGENCY must report any credit to WCCTAC prior to awarding the credit.

An applicant may receive reimbursement from STMP fees paid by other development projects to the extent that the amount of the credit is greater than the STMP fee obligation of the development project. The award of any reimbursement by AGENCY must be preapproved by the WCCTAC Board; in making that decision, the Board will take into consideration criteria and metrics related to funding availability and project prioritization that they use in making other STMP funding decisions.

11. Appeals.

Should an applicant or AGENCY seek an appeal of the fee due, the appeal shall be made in writing to WCCTAC with supporting documentation. The WCCTAC Board shall consider the appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting, and shall make a decision on the appeal. The decision of the WCCTAC Board is final.

12. Verification.

In addition to the quarterly reporting form submitted by the local jurisdictions, WCCTAC in conjunction with the AGENCIES may undertake steps to verify AGENCIES compliance with the 2019 STMP Program. This may include periodic reports to the WCCTAC Board and City/County Managers about compliance with reporting requirements, and/or requesting information on building permits issued to compare with the information contained in the quarterly reporting form.

13. STMP Administrative Guidelines

WCCTAC has adopted administrative guidelines to assist WCCTAC and Agency staff with implementation of the STMP Fee, and provide additional detail not included in this Agreement. The STMP Administrative Guidelines are attached hereto as Exhibit B, and incorporated herein. The Parties understand and agree that the STMP Administrative Guidelines may be changed from time to time in the sole discretion of the WCCTAC Executive Director, as long as such changes do not conflict with this Agreement or applicable law. Prior to adopting any changes to the STMP Administrative Guidelines, the Executive Director shall submit the proposed changes to the WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee for

review. Upon a change in the STMP Administrative Guidelines, WCCTAC will provide copies of the revised STMP Administrative Guidelines to all Agencies.

E. FUNDING AND ELIGIBLE COSTS

1. Use of Fees.

Fee revenues shall be available for Project costs through completion of construction. Costs include, but are not limited to, environmental clearance, conceptual planning and engineering, traffic studies, design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and costs of construction. Funding amounts are in 2018 dollars and actual funding commitments will depend upon the 2019 STMP fee revenues collected by the AGENCIES. Eligible Project costs will be determined by WCCTAC consistent with applicable law, in WCCTAC's sole discretion. Project costs will be reimbursed pursuant to procedures determined by WCCTAC.

2. STMP Projects and Nexus Amounts.

The table below shows the maximum potential nexus amount for each project, as determined in the 2019 Nexus Update of the STMP Impact Fee report. The fees shown in Section D.1. of this Agreement are lower than the maximum potential STMP fees determined in the 2019 Nexus Update; therefore, the actual amount of future STMP funding that may be awarded to each project is likely to be less than the maximum potential amount.

ID	Project Name	Maximum Potential STMP Amount	Possible STMP Amount Based on Fees in Section D.1.
1	San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Projects	\$9,672,000	\$7,254,000
2	Appian Way Complete Streets Project	\$4,429,000	\$3,322,000
3	San Pablo Dam Road Improvements in El Sobrante	\$1,980,000	\$1,485,000
4	Bay Trail Gap Closure	\$2,333,000	\$1,750,000
5	Ohlone Greenway Improvements	\$579,000	\$434,000
6	I-580/Harbour Way Interchange Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Improvements	\$156,000	\$117,000
7	I-580/Marina Bay Parkway Interchange Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Improvements	\$197,000	\$148,000
8	Richmond Ferry to Bridge Bicycle Network Improvements	\$2,450,000	\$1,837,000
9	I-80 Express Bus Service	\$20,749,000	\$15,562,000

ID	Project Name	Maximum Potential STMP Amount	Possible STMP Amount Based on Fees in Section D.1.
10	Hercules Regional Intermodal Transportation Center	\$10,175,000	\$7,631,000
11	BART Extension from Richmond Station	\$2,793,000	\$2,095,000
12	San Pablo Avenue Transit Corridor Improvements	\$36,509,000	\$27,382,000
13	23rd Street Transit Corridor Improvements	\$23,142,000	\$17,356,000
14	West County BART Station Access, Parking & Capacity Improvements	\$16,896,000	\$12,672,000
15	Del Norte Area TOD Public Infrastructure Improvements	\$7,175,000	\$5,381,000
16	San Pablo Avenue Intersection Realignment at 23rd Street and Road 20	\$1,814,000	\$1,360,000
17	I-80/San Pablo Dam Road Interchange Improvements (Phase 2)	\$16,110,000	\$12,082,000
18	I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements (Phase 2)	\$2,588,000	\$1,941,000
19	I-80/Pinole Valley Road Interchange Improvements	\$1,534,000	\$1,150,000
20	Future Nexus Study Updates	\$500,000	\$375,000
Totals		\$161,781,000	\$121,334,000

Note: The fees shown in Section D.1. have been set at 75% of the maximum potential STMP fee determined in the 2019 Nexus Update report. Therefore, the values shown in this table as the Possible STMP Amount Based on Fees in Section D.1. are 75% of the Maximum Potential STMP Amount.

F. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

WCCTAC and AGENCIES will work to promote steady progress on all Projects, to the extent that funding and Project readiness permit.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND COST RECOVERY

1. The following parties shall be entitled to recover the following costs and expenses:
 - i. WCCTAC. WCCTAC is entitled to recovery of reasonable administrative costs and expenses actually incurred, not to exceed 4% of the STMP fees collected under this Agreement to provide the 2019 STMP services relating to or incurred in the performance of the following duties: coordination, administration and oversight of Project expenditures; determination of the priority of fee disbursements; provision of general management of the Projects; provision of financial and accounting

services, including but not limited to serving as the repository of the STMP fee revenues and other funds collected under this Agreement and preparation of quarterly reports with the amount of fee revenues collected and the distribution of fees to the Projects.

- ii. AGENCIES. In addition to the STMP fee imposed by section D.1 above, each AGENCY may impose an administrative fee payable to the AGENCY at the time of issuance of a building permit as set forth in Section D.2. The administrative fee shall be no greater than the cost incurred by the AGENCY to adopt the ordinance or resolution establishing the 2019 STMP and cost to collect, report, and transmit appropriate reports and funds to WCCTAC.

H. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2019, (the “Effective Date”) and shall terminate on December 31, 2040, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

I. TERMINATION

This Agreement will remain in effect until the termination date stated in Section H. above, unless terminated earlier by written agreement of the Parties. However, in no event shall the Parties to this Agreement terminate this Agreement if such a termination would conflict with, cause a default under or otherwise violate the terms or conditions of any revenue bonds.

J. INDEMNIFICATION

1. WCCTAC shall defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo; and the County of Contra Costa and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, costs and liability arising out of or in connection with an act or failure to act under this Agreement, or breach of any term of this Agreement, by WCCTAC, except to the extent such claims, costs or liability arise from the negligence of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, Contra Costa County or their officers, agents or employees.
2. El Cerrito shall defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless WCCTAC; the cities of Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo; and the County of Contra Costa; and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, costs and liability arising out of or in connection with any act or failure to act under this Agreement, or breach of any term of this Agreement, by El Cerrito, except to the extent such claims, costs or liability arise from the negligence of WCCTAC, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, Contra Costa County or their officers, agents or employees.

3. Hercules shall defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless WCCTAC; the cities of El Cerrito, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo; and the County of Contra Costa and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, costs and liability arising out of or in connection with any act or failure to act under this Agreement, or breach of any term of this Agreement, by Hercules, except to the extent such claims, costs or liability arise from the negligence of WCCTAC, El Cerrito, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, Contra Costa County or their officers, agents or employees.
4. Pinole shall defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless WCCTAC; the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Richmond and San Pablo; and the County of Contra Costa and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, costs and liability arising out of or in connection with any act or failure to act under this Agreement, or breach of any term of this Agreement, by Pinole, except to the extent such claims, costs or liability arise from the negligence of WCCTAC, El Cerrito, Hercules, Richmond, San Pablo, Contra Costa County or their officers, agents or employees.
5. Richmond shall defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless WCCTAC; the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole and San Pablo; and the County of Contra Costa and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, costs and liability arising out of or in connection with any act or failure to act under this Agreement, or breach of any term of this Agreement, by Richmond, except to the extent such claims, costs or liability arise from the negligence of WCCTAC, El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, Contra Costa County or their officers, agents or employees.
6. San Pablo shall defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless WCCTAC; the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole and Richmond; and the County of Contra Costa and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, costs and liability arising out of or in connection with any act or failure to act under this Agreement, or breach of any term of this Agreement, by San Pablo, except to the extent such claims, costs or liability arise from the negligence of WCCTAC, El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, Contra Costa County or their officers, agents or employees.
7. Contra Costa County shall defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless WCCTAC; the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo and their officers, agents or employees from any and all claims costs and liability arising out of or in connection with any act or failure to act under this Agreement, or breach of any term of this Agreement, by Contra Costa County, except to the extent such claims, costs or liability arise from the negligence of WCCTAC, El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, or their officers, agents or employees.

K. PRIMACY OF THE DOCUMENTS

If a dispute arises, the terms of this Agreement shall take precedence over the WCCTAC Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (“JEPA”) and /or the model Ordinance Establishing the 2019 West Contra Costa Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (“Ordinance”).

L. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. In General. This Paragraph L. establishes the exclusive process by which disputes between or among the Parties to this Agreement concerning or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved. The dispute resolution process established herein shall apply to disputes related to the interpretation or enforcement of, or compliance with, the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Disputes that are not alleged to relate to the interpretation of, or compliance with, this Agreement are not subject to this dispute resolution process.
2. Informal Conferral. If a dispute arises as described above in Paragraph L.1., the parties to the dispute (the “Disputing Parties”) will first attempt to resolve it through informal discussions, which may include designated representatives of the staff of WCCTAC and AGENCIES, at their discretion. Disputing Parties will advise the other Parties of the existence of a dispute and coordinate the date, time and location of informal conferral. If that Informal Conferral is not successful, then the Executive Director, City Managers and County Administrator shall meet to attempt a resolution.
3. Mediation. In the event a dispute cannot be resolved through informal conferral within twenty-one (21) calendar days, the aggrieved Disputing Party, acting through its governing body, shall give written notice to all other Parties to this Agreement, setting forth the nature of and basis for the dispute and facts demonstrating that such Disputing Party is materially and adversely affected thereby. The Disputing Parties, acting through their designated representatives, including counsel, shall endeavor to settle the dispute by mediation. The Disputing Parties shall select a neutral third party with expertise in land use matters to mediate the dispute. The other Parties may, but are not required to, participate in the mediation.
4. Judicial Review. The dispute resolution process described above shall be undertaken in good faith and exhausted prior to resorting to judicial review; provided, however, that by agreeing to this dispute resolution process, no Party hereby loses or waives its right to sue under any applicable statute of limitations or loses or waives its right to assert the operation of any applicable statute of limitations as an affirmative defense. In the event that an applicable statute of limitations would run during the pendency of the dispute resolution process described above, the Disputing Parties shall agree in writing to toll such statute of limitations for such period as may reasonably be necessary to complete the dispute resolution process.

5. **Conduct of Judicial Review.** Should any Party to this Agreement ultimately seek judicial review of a dispute concerning or relating to the implementation, interpretation or enforcement of, or compliance with, the terms and provisions of this Agreement, all Parties will submit to the jurisdiction of a court of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that the Parties shall cooperate in seeking the appointment of a neutral Judge as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure section 394 to sit in Contra Costa County Superior Court, to preside over any such dispute.
6. **Equitable Relief.** Because the amount of damages in the event of a breach of this Agreement may be difficult or impossible to determine, the obligations of the Parties to this Agreement shall be enforceable by specific performance or other equitable relief, in addition to any other available remedy.

M. NOTICES

Any notices which may be required under this Agreement shall be in writing, shall be effective upon receipt, and shall be given by personal service, by certified or registered mail, or by U.S. mail, to the City Clerks of the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo; and to the Board Clerk for the County of Contra Costa, and to the individuals and addresses set forth below, or to such other addresses which may be specified in writing to the Parties.

To WCCTAC:
6333 Potrero Ave., Suite 100
El Cerrito, CA 94530
Attn: Executive Director

To City of El Cerrito:
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530
Attn: City Clerk

To City of Hercules:
111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94574
Attn: City Clerk

To City of Pinole:
2131 Pear Street
Pinole, CA 94564
Attn: City Clerk

To City of Richmond:
1401 Marina Way South
Richmond, CA 94804
Attn: City Clerk

To City of San Pablo:
13831 San Pablo Avenue
San Pablo, CA 94806
Attn: City Clerk

To County of Contra Costa:
651 Pine Street, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

N. ADDITIONAL ACTS AND DOCUMENTS

Each Party agrees to do all such things and take all such actions, and to make, execute and deliver such other documents and instruments, as shall be reasonably requested to carry out the provisions, intent, and purpose of the Agreement.

O. INTEGRATION

Except with respect to matters provided for in the JEPA and/or the Ordinance and subject to the primacy of this Agreement as provided in Paragraph K hereto, this Agreement represents the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No representation, warranties, inducements, or oral agreements have been made by any of the parties except as expressly set forth herein, or in other contemporaneous written agreements.

P. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may not be changed, modified, or rescinded except in a written instrument signed by all of the Parties. Any attempt at oral modification of this Agreement shall be void and of no effect.

Q. INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

The Parties are and at all times shall be considered entirely independent parties. The Parties will each act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees or agents of the other. No Party shall have the right to control the other, except as expressly referenced in this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement establishes, constitutes or shall be construed to establish or constitute a partnership, agency or employment relationship between the Parties.

R. ASSIGNMENT

The Agreement, and the rights, duties, and obligations of a Party hereunder, may not be assigned, transferred, hypothecated, or pledged by any Party without the express written consent of the other parties.

S. BINDING ON SUCCESSORS, ETC.

The Agreement shall be binding upon the successor(s), assignee(s), or transferee(s) of the AGENCIES, or WCCTAC as the case may be. This provision shall not be construed as an authorization to assign, transfer, hypothecate, or pledge this Agreement other than as provided above.

T. SEVERABILITY

Should any part of this Agreement be determined to be unenforceable, invalid, or beyond the authority of any Party to enter into or carry out, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement which shall continue in full force and

effect; provided that, the remainder of this Agreement can, absent the excised portion, be reasonably interpreted to give effect to the intentions of the parties.

U. HEADINGS; RECITALS

The headings of sections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Agreement are included for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute part of this Agreement or to affect its construction. The recitals are intended to be, and shall be deemed to constitute, part of this Agreement.

V. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and attested by their respective officers, duly authorized so to act, as of the date set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

City of Pinole

City of San Pablo

Mayor / City Manager

Mayor / City Manager

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Pinole City Clerk

San Pablo City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Pinole City Attorney

San Pablo City Attorney

County of Contra Costa

Chair, Board of Supervisors / County
Administrator

ATTEST: David Twa, Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors and County Administrator

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sharon Anderson

County Counsel

**West Contra Costa Transportation
Advisory Committee**

Chair

ATTEST:

Board Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WCCTAC Legal Counsel

City of Hercules

Mayor / City Manager

ATTEST:

Hercules City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hercules City Attorney

City of El Cerrito

Mayor / City Manager

ATTEST:

El Cerrito City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

El Cerrito City Attorney

City of Richmond

Mayor / City Manager
ATTEST:

Richmond City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richmond City Attorney

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- Exhibit A: 2019 Nexus Update of the Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) Impact Fee (December 2018), accepted by WCCTAC Board on December 14, 2018.
- Exhibit B: 2019 STMP Fee Administrative Guidelines