

**ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM OF MARIN'S "TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE MARIN"
2007 WORKSHOP SERIES**

TRANSPORTATION

Members, and their guests, are welcome to attend classes, as visitors, but conditions apply.

Permission from the Director is mandatory prior to attendance.

Please inquire three days minimum prior to class date: Workshop@MarinEFM.org – thank you!

Session #7: Saturday, March 24, 2007: 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Coordinators: Karen Nygren (19)
Location: 555 Northgate Dr, San Rafael ("Marin Nonprofit Resource Center" on entrance doors)
Directions: http://cvnl.org/contact_directions.html

OBJECTIVES:

1. Review the history of how Marin's transportation systems developed and the challenges that its transportation corridor presents today.
2. Learn about the operation and financing of Marin's transportation systems:
 - TAM: Measure A sales tax; state and federal funds
 - MCTD: local bus service provider
 - SMART: Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit project
 - Safe Routes to School
 - Marin County Bicycle Coalition
3. Learn about Marin's challenges in implementing sustainable energy technologies and practices into its transportation systems.
4. Explore how Marin, its businesses and citizens are reducing, and can further reduce, the environmental impacts of our transportation systems.

SPEAKERS:

Steve Kinsey	Marin County Supervisor, District 4
Larry Laino	Marin County Department of Public Works
Dianne Steinhauser	Executive Director, Transportation Authority of Marin (<u>TAM</u>)
Amy Van Doren	Transit Planning Manager, Marin County Transit District (<u>MCTD</u>)
Lillian Hames	Project Director, Sonoma, Marin Authority for Rail Transit (<u>SMART</u>)
Wendi Kallins	Safe Routes to School Program Director
Deb Hubsmith	Marin County Bicycle Coalition, Advocacy Director

SCHEDULE:

- 8:45 Check In
- 9:00 Introductory comments by Karen Nygren
- 9:10 What Happened in Marin:
"The History and Hierarchy of Transportation in Marin" (Supervisor Steve Kinsey) (50 min)
- 10:00 What's the County Doing regarding Alternative Fuels, Current and Future? (Larry Laino)
(30 min w/ Q & A)
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Where are we now? Where do we get our transportation dollars? How we spend our transportation money?
TAM: Transportation Authority of Marin, (Diane Steinhauser)
Administers \$300 million in sales tax from passage of Measure A, plus Federal & State Funds (50 mins)
- 11: 35 Marin County Transit Authority (MCTD), its functions, its relationship to GGBHTD & the GGBHTD's

ferry service. Responsible for intra county bus service run through the GGBHT District (Amy Van Doren)
(25 mins)

12:00 Lunch

12:30 SMART: Rail for both Sonoma & Marin Counties – Where it is now and where is it going? (Lillian Hames) (30 m)

1:00 Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) & Safe Routes to Schools (Wendi Kallins & Deb Hubsmith)
(40 mins)

1:40 Wrap Up (Karen Nygren)

1:50-2:30 Closing remarks (Donna Miller)

READING & WEB RESOURCES:

Moving Costs – A Transportation Funding Guide for the Bay Area
http://www.mtc.ca.gov/library/funding_guide/fund_guide-hm/funding_guide01.htm

Citizens Guide to “Transportation Finances”
http://www.mtc.ca.gov/library/funding_guide/fund_guide-hm/funding_guide15.htm

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/>

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/>

Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) <http://www.marintraffic.org/>
Marin’s Transportation Vision as well as description of Measure A and the MCTD Short Range Transit Plan

Marin County Transit District (MCTD)
http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/pw/main/transit_district.cfm

Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District
<http://www.goldengate.org/>

Golden Gate Transit
<http://www.goldengatetransit.org/>

Golden Gate Ferry
<http://goldengateferry.org/>

Water Transit Authority
<http://www.watertransit.org/>

Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART)
<http://www.sonomamarintrain.org/>

Marin County Bicycle Coalition
<http://www.marinbike.org/Index.htm>

Safe Routes to Schools Program
<http://www.marinbike.org/Campaigns/SafeRoutes/Index.htm>

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Steve Kinsey

Steve Kinsey is a third-term Marin County Supervisor representing District Four—a critical land use area that encompasses over two-thirds of the county. Since 1998 he has represented all of Marin County at the 19 member Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), which is the region's transportation planning, financing and operating agency. He is Chair of the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and a strong advocate for creating mobility choices by developing a multi-modal system of transit. His other activities have included working to preserve agriculture in West Marin, to protect S.F. Bay Delta estuary and restore Marin's fisheries and watersheds. He has been active for over 20 years on children's health and childcare issues and is an advocate for affordable housing, actively seeking funding for projects within the county.

District Four is Marin's most ethnically diverse district, and Steve's supervisory work has emphasized access to government for under-represented groups, fair housing, violence prevention and support for literacy and citizenship programs. Prior to becoming a supervisor in 1996, Steve served on the Board of Marin Conservation League and operated his own design firm. He has a bachelor's degree in Architecture from Arizona State University, and has lived in West Marin for 29 years with his wife, Jean, and 22 year old son, Breeze.

Larry Laino

Larry Laino is the Garage Supervisor for the County of Marin. For the past 17 years, he has over seen the repairs, replacement and disposal of the fleet for the county. Larry and his crew of eleven are responsible for keeping 500 plus vehicles and equipment in good running order, such as sheriff, fire and road equipment to name a few. From small to big, it's an enormous operation to keep the fleet rolling. Over the years, Larry has experimented with using natural gas, electric and hybrid vehicles, and most recently bio diesel.

Before Marin, he worked as an automotive mechanic for eight years at a dealership in Petaluma. Larry went through a four year apprenticeship program with the Automotive Machinist Union at Santa Rosa Junior College. He became a journeyman mechanic and also was certified with the State of California to perform smog tests. Over the years, he took several General Motors classes to become certified to work on their vehicles. Larry lives in Petaluma with his wife Dee Dee, and his two children, Brittany, 14, and Stefan, 12.

Dianne Steinhauser

Dianne Steinhauser has spent over 25 years managing transportation in the Bay Area. Most recently, Dianne joined the Transportation Authority of Marin as the Executive Director in August 2005. In addition to working effectively with Caltrans to manage the multi-million dollar construction projects such as the Highway 101 Gap Closure, under Dianne's leadership, TAM has been made great strides in the area of public transit and alternative transportation modes. She and her team have completed the bike/pedestrian path design over Puerto Suello Hill in record time, allowing its incorporation into the Caltrans Hwy. 101 carpool lane project. She also has begun development of a first-ever bike/pedestrian path maintenance strategy to address deteriorating path systems in Marin County. Under Dianne's guidance, a comprehensive Community-Based Transportation Plan for the San Rafael Canal Neighborhood was adopted by TAM's board in September 2006 and community outreach for a similar plan in Marin City is underway.

Prior to joining TAM, Ms. Steinhauser served as the Deputy Director for Capital Projects for the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, where she was instrumental in developing the first Strategic Plan for San Francisco's 30 year Proposition K sales tax. She also resolved critical design issues on the Doyle Drive Replacement Project, clearing the way for the release of the Doyle environmental document this fall.

She spent four years at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as the Manager of Programming and Allocations. While at MTC, she guided the agency through the State financial crises of the last three years, securing hard fought funding for a number of projects in the Bay Area, including the backfill of over \$100 million in lost State funds with redirected regional funds. She helped guide MTC into a number of flexible funding policies to address the area-wide transit operating shortfalls facing the Bay Area's 29 transit operators. She refashioned the annual transit audit process to afford both MTC and transit operators an opportunity to address critical transit performance issues. She was able to keep critical transportation projects going through a number of Air Quality Conformity lawsuits against MTC. She also set up and managed the \$1.5 billion Regional Measure 2 toll program, streamlining traditional processes to enable sponsors to access needed funds.

Before MTC, Ms. Steinhauser spent 20 years at Caltrans working as an engineer and manager of projects around the Bay Area and rose to the level of Deputy Director. She managed the completion of the Marin 101 HOV Lane EIS/EIR. She managed the funding, design and delivery of a number of large and complex highway projects including the Alameda 680 Sunol Grade Southbound HOV lane project. She successfully managed a number of innovative environmental processes, working in cooperation with advocacy groups. These included the first ever Caltrans Regional Water Quality Control Board NPDES permit and the first ever Caltrans Dept. of Toxic Substances Control Hazardous Waste variance for roadside aerially deposited lead. Earlier in her career at Caltrans, she served as spokesperson for the Alameda and Contra Costa 15-mile, I-80 HOV Lane consensus process, facilitating the I-80 Reconstruction Advisory Committee and a number of subcommittees. She began her career as a Resident Engineer for a number of construction projects in Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties.

She brings a robust background in engineering management to the position of Executive Director, coupled with detailed knowledge of funding programs at the federal, state, and regional level. Her experience in assessing and responding to transit operating needs while at MTC is also critical background for her role at TAM.

Amy Van Doren

Amy manages the Marin County Transit District (MCTD), which uses buses provided by the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD). MCTD has developed a market analysis as part of its first Short Range Transit Plan Master Plan recently released for public review and comment. It details proposed changes and improvements for existing regular and local bus routes that begin and end in Marin County and includes para transit services and supplemental school services in Marin.

Before Marin, she worked as a National Park Service transportation planner. She has worked on both coasts as a consultant in transportation management and transit service development, including the Multimodal Planning Program for the National Transit Institute, where she identified and addressed training needs for transportation and transit planning. Amy has an AB from Bowdoin College in Maine, studied public policy at the University of Chicago, and earned a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University.

Lillian Hames

Ms. Hames is the General Manager of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) District. She reports to the 12 member SMART Rail District Board, which is made up of elected county and city officials located along the two county rail corridor and representatives of the Golden Gate Bridge District Board. She is responsible for overseeing the development of the SMART commuter rail corridor. Her responsibilities include directing the on-going rail planning efforts, coordinating the project's community outreach and education efforts and managing the project's environmental analysis and preliminary engineering efforts. In addition, Ms. Hames oversees the Northwestern Pacific Rail corridor ownership issues.

Prior to joining SMART, Ms. Hames was a principal with Pittman & Hames Associates, a San Francisco based transportation planning firm. In that capacity she specialized in transportation project development, project management and financial analysis. Prior to her career in consulting, Ms. Hames was the Director of Transit Development for the regional transit provider (Tri-Met) in Portland, Oregon. While at Tri-Met she worked on rail corridor financing, rail station and facility planning and corridor project development. Prior to working with Tri-Met, Ms. Hames was a Transportation Planner with the Portland Planning Commission working on transit and land use projects. While attending graduate school, Ms. Hames was a master's degree intern for the Federal Railroad Administration. Ms. Hames attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and holds a B.A. and M.A. in transportation planning. Ms. Hames resides in Greenbrae, California with her husband and two daughters.

Wendi Kallins

Wendi Kallins has promoted sustainable land use and transportation practices since 1980. She is currently the founder and Program Director for the suburban national model known as Safe Routes to Schools in Marin County. She is the author of the National Safe Routes Tool Kit, and has traveled extensively training others on how to start a safe route to school program. She has worked as a field representative for the North Bay Environmental Institute--an educational, environmental organization that promotes solutions to regional problems in transportation and land use. Wendi has served on the boards of Urban Ecology, Friends of Solar Village, San Geronimo Valley Planning Group and San Geronimo Community Alliance and is a member of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition. She served as a columnist for the Point Reyes Light for 15 years and has written numerous articles for the Pacific Sun on land use issues.

Deb Hubsmith

From 1998 to 2005, Deb Hub smith, the MCBC's founding Executive Director, led the organization's growth from an all volunteer group to a well-established, nationally recognized non-profit. In the spring of 2005, Deb stepped down as Executive Director into a new role as part-time Advocacy Director. She initiated the change to apply her talents more fully at the national level. She now also works as the Coordinator for the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, an organization that is helping to ensure the best use of the \$612 million in federal Safe Routes to School funds, a program that Hubsmith was instrumental in creating. At the MCBC, Hubsmith now works on infrastructure projects, public policy and legislation. She has collaborated with elected officials and public works directors to secure over \$40 million in government grants for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects in Marin County, including bike lanes, bike racks, sidewalks and large projects such as the planned opening of the Cal Park Hill Tunnel. She played a critical role in shaping and campaigning for Measure A, Marin's transportation sales tax which was approved by voters in November 2004, and she led the campaign to secure the \$25 million for Marin through the federal Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program.