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JOINT TTAC \ TPAC MINUTES

Thursday, August 4, 2011

**Buellton Recreation Center Room A
301 Second Street
Buellton, CA**

TTAC Voting Members Present

Rose Hess	City of Buellton
Rosemarie Gaglione	City of Goleta
Richard Fernbaugh	City of Lompoc
Browning Allen	City of Santa Barbara
David Whitehead	City of Santa Maria
Matt van der Linden	City of Solvang
Chris Sneddon	County of Santa Barbara
Eric Gage	Santa Barbara County APCD
Melissa Streder	Caltrans
Charlie Ebeling	City of Carpinteria
Steve Maas	Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District

TTAC Voting Members Absent

Dennis Deitzelt	City of Guadalupe
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TPAC Voting Members Present

Marc Bierdzinski	City of Buellton
Jackie Campbell	City of Carpinteria
Anne Wells	City of Goleta
Lucille Breese	City of Lompoc
John Ledbetter	City of Santa Barbara
Brian Smith	City of Santa Maria
Arleen Pelster	City of Solvang
Jeff Hunt	County of Santa Barbara
Richard Dalton	City of Guadalupe

SBCAG Staff Present

Brian Bresolin
Bobbi Didier
Peter Imhof
Jim Kemp
Sarkes Khachek
Brittany Odermann
Aubrey Spilde
Gregg Hart
Fred Luna
Steve VanDenburgh

Others Present

Hallie Holden	City of Santa Maria
Larry Appel	City of Santa Maria
Eric Gage	Santa Barbara County APCD
Roger Aceves	SBCAG Board
Joni Gray	SBCAG Board
Angela Perez	City of Buellton

1. CALL TO ORDER \ INTRODUCTIONS

TPAC Chair Allen called the meeting to order and initiated a round of introductions.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

TTAC Chair Allen asked for public comment and there was none.

3. TTAC CONSENT CALENDAR

A. TTAC MINUTES OF July 7

B. TTAC ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. TTAC ADVANCE CALENDAR

D. Measure A Project Cooperative Agreement Template

E. FY 10/11 Local Surface Transportation Program (LSTP) Funding

F. FY 10/11 Year End Balance LTF Apportionment

Dave Whitehead noted the LSTP distribution formula reduces funding to the City of Santa Maria as compared to a straight population distribution formula. Steve VanDenburgh explained the distribution is established in state law and in the past SBCAG staff had

attempted to address this disparity but was unsuccessful in developing a statewide coalition to propose a legislative fix.

Browning Allen said the indemnification clause in the cooperative agreement Item 3D might cause concern to legal counsel in the local agencies. Steve VanDenburgh replied that it is standard language in coops of this sort and that counsels of the two agencies would be able to tweak it when a cooperative agreement is negotiated.

Jim Kemp announced that the Caltrans grant application for a license plate survey that SBCAG, VCTC and SLOCOG had jointly applied for unfortunately was not successful.

Jackie Campbell expressed concern that the joint meeting minutes are agendized separately but should be voted on jointly rather than separately. Chair Allen suggested the minutes be discussed at this time jointly and two separate votes to approve the minutes be done sequentially following the discussion.

Browning Allen asked if the funding in 3F is only available to transit operators. Bobbie Didier explained this funding is also available for other transportation purposes including streets and roads.

Brian Bresolin described changes to the minutes suggested by Anne Wells from the City of Goleta.

Following a motion by Dave Whitehead, seconded by Matt Van der Linden, with Steve Maas and Charlie Ebeling abstaining, the TTAC minutes were approved unanimously incorporating the changes discussed.

Following a motion by Anne Wells, seconded by Larry Appel, with John Ledbetter, Richard Dalton and Lucille Breese abstaining, TPAC approved the consent calendar with the changes discussed.

Chair Allen suggested a discussion of the preparation of minutes be placed on a future joint meeting agenda.

Dave Whitehead made a motion to approve the remaining items on the TTAC consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Richard Fernbaugh and approved unanimously.

4. Federal TIGER III Program

Sarkes Khachek made the staff presentation. Browning Allen asked if SBCAG staff is working with our federal lobbyist to prepare the TIGER III funding applications. Gregg Hart replied SBCAG staff has scheduled a conference call with our federal lobbyist and representatives from the Department of Transportation that will be reviewing funding applications, to gain insight into the program and receive an evaluation of our previous applications in order to improve our TIGER III chances for success. Browning asked if all three projects discussed in the staff report would be submitted and Steve VanDenburgh

replied yes, that they had been submitted last year, and the applications could be updated, and for the 246 project, it qualified as a rural project which could end up being a small group of projects.

5. 2012 STIP Fund Estimate

Brittany Odermann made the staff presentation. Browning Allen asked when the reserved TE funds would be available. Brittany Odermann said it may be possible to allocate TE funds in the current funding cycle.

6. FY 12/13 Project Initiation Document Work Program

Brittany Odermann made the staff presentation. Rosemarie Gaglione expressed strong opposition to the new state policy that local agencies would be required to reimburse Caltrans for work on project initiation documents. Brittany Odermann explained the statewide Self-Help Counties Coalition has made changing this policy their highest priority for the current year's legislative agenda. Browning Allen said Caltrans' long delay in resolving this issue has frozen local agencies ability to move forward with funding applications for projects.

Chris Sneddon asked that the Hollister Circulation Improvements Project be added to the work program in FY 12/13 if possible. Steve VanDenburgh replied the project would be added in the order specified by the guidelines.

7. TPAC CONSENT CALENDAR

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Chair Bierdzinski asked if there were any items TPAC members would like to discuss on the consent calendar. Brian Smith asked if the titles of the items on the advance calendar use the same names as the items that occur on the agenda and that the SB-375 items relate to the project flowchart. Peter Imhof said SBCAG staff will attempt to address this concern.

Following a motion by the Larry Appel that was seconded by Anne Wells, TPAC unanimously approved the remaining items on the TPAC consent calendar.

8. SBCAG Board Strategic Planning Session of July 21.

Jim Kemp made the staff presentation. There was no discussion of this item.

John Ledbetter asked that item 10 precede item 9. Chair Bierdzinski asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, the items were reordered.

9. Sustainable Communities Strategy Goals, Objectives & Performance Measures

Peter Imhof made the staff presentation. John Ledbetter suggested moving the no net increase in GHG over the next planning period to the primary goal of this effort rather than as a performance measure. He asked what the relationship of the Sustainable Community Strategy Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures to the public participation plan is. Peter Imhof said the different strategies that are developed to potentially meet the goal of zero net increase in GHG will be shared with members of the public and the SBCAG Board at a number of stages in the public participation process in order to determine the political viability of the various scenarios.

Steve Maas asked if the numbering of the goals implies a hierarchy. Peter Imhof said that they do not represent a hierarchy. Steve Maas asked if this item was under consideration for approval today. Chair Bierdzinski noted there is a discrepancy between the staff report and the agenda that will prevent taking action on this item. Brian Smith said we will need to do a great deal of research in a short period of time before we will be prepared to make a recommendation. Peter Imhof agreed and said this effort will operate under a very tight time frame.

Anne Wells suggested addressing the goals in order. Chair Bierdzinski asked if there were comments on goal number 1. Jackie Campbell asked what definition of urban areas will be used. For example, the entire City of Carpinteria is urban but large areas are in agriculture, similarly areas of the unincorporated county are developed at greater density than many incorporated areas. Anne Wells suggested tracking conversion of agricultural lands separately by cities and unincorporated areas. Jackie Campbell said state law allows for streamlined environmental review for in-fill development and suggested examining to see if this is being utilized locally. John Ledbetter suggested moving meeting the state GHG reduction target to the highest goal in the document. Jeff Hunt disagreed, noting there are many other benefits from SB 375 other than greenhouse gas reduction. Brian Smith suggested removing reference to a green print as an objective because we have not had a detailed discussion of this issue.

Chair Bierdzinski asked if there were any questions or comments on goal number 2. Anne Wells said tracking development of new bike lanes and sidewalks compared to new road construction over time should be a goal or strategy. Steve VanDenburgh said the goal as written appears to be based on what percentage of local roads in a city, for example, have sidewalks actually have sidewalks or should have sidewalks. Dave Whitehead asked if there is an agreed upon rate of bicycle and walking. Peter Imhof said the SBCAG model will have to measure number of alternate mode trips in order to calculate the greenhouse gas reduction benefits of mode shifts. Jim Kemp suggested consulting with Bob Leiter for suggestions to resolve this issue.

Chair Bierdzinski asked if there was any discussion of goal number 3. Anne Wells proposed a new goal to ensure socially equitable investment of funding resources throughout the

region. John Ledbetter said another approach could be tracking the number of workers moving to areas near jobsites. Jackie Campbell suggested tracking development of affordable housing in proximity to low wage employment centers. John Ledbetter said the City of Santa Barbara has attempted to track this information and has found it very difficult to get reliable data. Jackie Campbell suggested perhaps focusing this effort on housing for agricultural workers.

Chair Bierdzinski asked for comments on goal number 4 or 5. Anne Wells suggested adding a performance measure for goal number 4 to do public outreach and education. Larry Appel said that is an objective rather than performance measure. The performance measure is how well the information gets distributed. John Ledbetter suggested adding a performance measure to goal number 5 the percent increase in affordable/workforce housing adjacent to jobs.

Chair Bierdzinski said this item will be brought back again in the future with the incorporated changes.

10. Public Participation Plan for 2040 Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy

Peter Imhof made the staff presentation. Mark Bierdzinski asked if Bob Leiter had assisted in developing the public participation plan. Peter Imhof said Bob had reviewed all the material and assisted in developing this plan.

Steve Maas asked how TTAC and TPAC would operate as a joint steering committee. Peter Imhof suggested the recent practice of holding joint meetings would be the staff recommendation. John Ledbetter suggested revising reference to “charettes” and informal workshops. Browning Allen advised that holding regional workshops could pose a legal challenge because state law requires local city councils to meet within the incorporated boundaries of their city. Jackie Campbell raised a concern about planning to hold special city council meetings. Browning Allen suggested discussing this issue with the city managers to determine if this approach will work or to check in with the SBCAG Board as to the viability of this approach. Jackie Campbell asked if there were a minimum number of public workshops required. Peter Imhof said the minimum was three. John Ledbetter said the City of Santa Barbara had good success with an e-mail distribution list.

Chair Bierdzinski described a motion summarizing the changes that had been discussed. Jackie Campbell made the motion to approve the public plan and recommend its approval to the SBCAG Board. The motion was seconded by John Ledbetter and approved unanimously by TPAC.

Chair Allen suggested using the same motion that TPAC had just approved. Rosemarie Gaglione made the motion which was seconded by Matt Van der Linden and approved unanimously by TTAC.

11. Regional Growth Forecast Assumptions

Brian Bresolin made the staff presentation. Anne Wells said the City of Goleta has serious concerns about the fundamental structure of the Regional Growth Forecast. John Ledbetter said the City of Santa Barbara is concerned about the different approaches local agencies are using to develop build out data for the Growth Forecast. Jackie Campbell expressed concern that since the State Housing and Community Development uses the Regional Growth Forecast to develop SBCAG's RHNA target this effort should be done very carefully. Jim Kemp replied that State HCD doesn't rely on the growth forecast in making RHNA allocations. Rosemarie Gaglione said a third party should independently evaluate the Regional Growth Forecast and noted that is the practice in many other regional agencies. Peter Imhof said SBCAG staff does not currently have the resources to hire a third party consultant but Bob Leiter has agreed to research how this forecasting effort is being conducted by other regional agencies around the state. Jim Kemp said we should focus on making this effort transparent and making sure the data and methodologies are consistent among local agencies. Anne Wells said these same issues were a concern in 2007. John Ledbetter said hiring a consultant would not necessarily solve the problem. Anne Wells said the City of Goleta is willing to offer funding to assist in resolving this issue. Brian Smith said he is concerned that there will not be sufficient time to work with state HCD on the RHNA allocation because of the tight timelines required by the SB 375 timetable.

12. Census Report

Chair Bierdzinski suggested tabling this item until the next meeting.

13. Other Items or Announcements

There were no announcements.

14. ADJOURN

Chair Bierdzinski adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.