

DRAFT TPAC MINUTES

Thursday, April 2, 2015
Solvang City Council Chambers
Solvang, CA
9:00 AM

TPAC Voting Members Present

Marc Bierdzinski (Chair)	City of Buellton
Campbell, Jackie	City of Carpinteria
Cindy Slavin	City of Goleta
Irma Unzueta	City of Santa Barbara
Peter Gilli	City of Santa Maria
Matthew Schneider	County of Santa Barbara

SBCAG Staff Present

Peter Imhof
Steve VanDenburgh
Gregg Hart
Bobbi Didier
Andrew Orfila
Michael Becker

Others Present

Michael Hecker	Caltrans
Larry Newland	Caltrans
Hana Mengsteab	City of Solvang
Matt Van der Linden	City of Santa Maria
Austin O'Dell	County of Santa Barbara
Brittany Heaton	City of Santa Barbara
Browning Allen	SBMTD
Steve Maas	City of Lompoc
Mike Luther	City of Goleta
James Winslow	City of Buellton
Jeff Edwards	City of Santa Barbara
Ashley Shue	
Jessica Shly	
Jessica Cogan	
Kirk Nordgren	
David Preese	
John Padfield	
Julia Geshon	

1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Bierdzinski called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and initiated a round of introductions.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bierdzinski asked for public comment and there was none.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. TPAC MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 201

Motion made to approve the March 5, 2015 TPAC Minutes

Motion by: Campbell

Second by: Bierdzinski

Motion Carried: 6-0

Yes: Bierdzinski, Campbell, Gilli, Schneider, Slavin, Unzueta,

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Carter, Breese, Pelster, Wilburton

b. TPAC ADVANCE CALENDAR

4. DRAFT REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Michael Becker made the staff presentation.

Jackie Campbell asked when the local jurisdictions should schedule their City Council meetings to adopt resolutions of support for the Regional Bicycle Master Plan. Peter Imhof said the SBCAG Board is scheduled to adopt the plan in June.

Mike Hecker from Lompoc said SBCAG should invest more in bicycle facilities and equestrian trails in the Santa Ynez valley to improve the quality of life and support bicycle tourism. Jessica Shly, representing the Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Trails Association, said she would like to be more involved in this effort.

Jessica Cogan said she also supports safer bicycle infrastructure in the Santa Ynez Valley. Kirk Nordgren said he relocated to the Santa Ynez Valley because of the opportunity for bicycle recreation and he supports more investment in bicycle infrastructure. David Preese said bicycle recreation is growing very fast in the Valley and is a big part of the local economy so more funding needs to be invested in bicycle infrastructure. John Padfield said he agrees with the other public speakers that more money needs to be invested in maintaining and expanding bicycle infrastructure in the Santa Ynez Valley. Bill Arnerich said he has nearly been killed cycling three times in the Santa Ynez Valley and he supports greater investment in safe, dedicated bicycle paths and facilities. Julia Geshon said she is a cycling coach and the Valley is relatively safe for cycling but motorists need to be more respectful of bicyclists. She is concerned about the safety of the connections between the few dedicated bicycle paths and local roads.

Jackie Campbell said the draft plan is excellent but the term "complete streets" could be better defined. She added that SBCAG's role as a funding provider should be more clearly defined in the document. Marc Bierdzinski said the pedestrian routes in Buellton are not included in the SBCAG maps and should be more precisely defined in the regional plan. Jackie Campbell asked that there be more discussion of bicycle and pedestrian rail crossing conflict and collision issues. James Winslow asked that the image of a flashing beacon project in Goleta be removed because that particular facility is being replaced. Matt Van der Linden said the competing demands by regulatory agencies particularly in regards to NPDS permit requirements regarding impervious

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surfaces conflict with expansion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. James Winslow asked how SBCAG will integrate changes by local jurisdictions to their own bicycle and pedestrian plans. Michael Becker said the document will reference local plan status. Peter Imhof said the SBCAG plan will need to be updated periodically. One of the most important purposes of the SBCAG regional plan is to make sure that the local jurisdictions that have not yet adopted a local bicycle master plan are eligible for state Active Transportation Program grants.

5. DRAFT CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2040

Larry Newland, from Caltrans, introduced this item.

Cindy Slavin asked why there are no workshops scheduled in the Central Coast. Larry Newland said District 5 expressed that same concern to headquarters but the workshop schedule was not changed.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Bierdzinski adjourned the meeting at 10:03 AM.