

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments  
Board of Directors**

**Thursday, April 19, 2007**

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
511 East Lakeside Parkway  
Santa Maria, CA**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Members Present:** Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Brooks Firestone (SBCAG Vice-Chair), Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; John Sabedra, Councilmember, City of Guadalupe; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria; Russ Hicks, Councilmember, City of Buellton; Jim Richardson, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta; Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5 Representative.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Gregg Hart, Public Information/Government Affairs Coordinator; Scott Spaulding, TDM Transit Coordinator; Sarkes Khachek, Transportation Planner, Cathy Muneio, Board Clerk; Kevin Ready, Deputy County Counsel.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-Chair Firestone called for the pledge of allegiance.

**3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Approval of minutes from March 19, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.*

Moved to approve: Lavagnino; Second: Carbajal. Motion carried with Gray abstaining.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM**

*Adopt by resolution the Fiscal Year 2007-08 SBCAG Overall Work Program and authorize submittal to state and federal agencies.*

**B. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

1. *Adopt a determination, pursuant to Section 65089.3 of the California Government Code that the Cities of Santa Maria, Solvang, Lompoc, Buellton, Guadalupe, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, and, the County of Santa Barbara are conforming to the adopted Congestion Management Program.*
2. *Add the Route 192-Foothill Road intersection at San Ysidro Road to the CMP network of intersections. This intersection is located in the unincorporated County area of Montecito.*

**C. CALL BOX UPGRADE PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT**

*Receive the Project Report on the completion of the Santa Barbara County Call Box Upgrade Project.*

**D. ROUTE 154 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS – GROUP II**

*Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the project development cooperative agreement with Caltrans to extend the termination date to June 30, 2010.*

**E. 2007 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT #5**

*Approve Amendment #5 to the FTIP to update funding, scopes or schedules for the Local Agency Highway Bridge and Seismic Safety Lump Sum, SHOPP Roadway Preservation Lump Sum, JARC, New Freedom and the Jalama Road Permanent Restoration Project.*

**F. PUBLIC INFORMATION**

*Approve a letter regarding recently approved state funding for 101 improvements and authorize distribution to local media.*

**This item was removed from the agenda.**

**G. REVISIONS TO FY 2006-07 TDA ALLOCATIONS**

*Adopt a resolution revising the FY 2006-07 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Fund (LTF) allocations for the City of Lompoc to provide for adjustments as requested during the current year.*

Marc Chytilo said he was not in support of shifting \$400,000 in funds from transit to roads.

**H. STATE LEGISLATION**

1. *Support AB 61 (Nava) which would expand the SBMTD board of directors to include representatives appointed by the cities of Goleta and Carpinteria.*
2. *Oppose AB 1337 (Nava) which would require that Caltrans employees perform construction management and engineering for all projects on the state highway system.*

Public comment:

Ashley Paine of Community Partners in Caring expressed appreciation to staff for work on her project which is included in item 6E.

Marc Chytilo objected to Lompoc's request to move \$400,000 in TDA funds from Transit to Streets and Roads.

Moved to approve Items 6A-6E and Items 6G-6H with Item 6F being removed from the agenda: Motion: Carbajal; Second: DeWees. Motion carried unanimously. Blum absent.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**9. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

*Receive presentation and provide comments on the draft Transit Needs Assessment 2007 and findings of "unmet need" and "reasonable to meet".*

Marc Chytilo questioned the public notification process.

Barry Stotts, a member of SBCTAC, stated the workshops and public outreach had proven to be very helpful and noted that there had been some Hispanic outreach. He said that they have been reviewing the Gary/Sisquoc area and that the farmworkers program was moving forward and looked promising.

Motion: Lavagnino; Second: Richardson. Motion carried unanimously. Blum absent.

**8. REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST**

*Receive presentation on 2007 Regional Growth Forecast and authorize staff to conduct public workshops on draft forecast.*

Mayor Blum arrived at 10:02 a.m.

Motion: Carbajal; Second: DeWees. Motion carried unanimously.  
Vice-Chair Firestone called for a break at 10:05 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

**10. CLEAN AIR EXPRESS TRANSITION**

*Receive update on North County Transit Plan recommendation to transition the operation of Clean Air Express from SBCAG to North County transit agencies.*

Motion to direct staff to work with the local agency staff to develop an interim strategy for continued operation of the Clean Air Express until the Measure D renewal election, and report back to the board on the interim strategy.

Motion: Lavagnino; Second: DeWees. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. SANTA MARIA AIRPORT**

- A. *Receive presentation from Santa Maria Airport on update of Specific Plan.*
- B. *Discuss potential consistency issues between Specific Plan and Airport Land Use Plan.*

Gary Rice, Manager of the Santa Maria Airport introduced this item and Laurie Tamura and Brian Schwartz with Urban Planning Consultants provided the board with a status report of this project. No action was taken.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Kemp reported that he and councilmember Hicks had recently attended the California Association of Councils of Governments Regional Issues Forum and that Russ Hicks had been elected to be President of CALCOG for FY 07-08.

Councilmember Hicks stated that regional blueprint planning which ties land use and transportation policies together was a major theme at this year's conference. SBCAG is one of only two agencies that did not have a regional blueprint planning effort underway. He noted that several speakers at the conference had described their blueprints and some of the benefits. In particular, access to some state funding programs requires a blueprint plan.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Kemp reported on the 2006 STIP augmentation. He said Caltrans will receive 25 percent of the STIP augmentation funds and has recommended through its Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) \$19.9 million for the 101 widening between Mussel Shoals and Carpinteria Creek to match \$131 million in Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funds recently approved for this project.

Mr. Kemp stated that the ITIP included funding for the engineering and design for several rail sidings at locations to be determined.

He noted that SBCAG and SLOCOG have committed \$0.4 million each for project development costs for the Santa Maria River Bridge widening project and that the regional agencies had requested that Caltrans partner with them by providing \$1.2 million. Unfortunately, Caltrans elected not to program ITIP funding for the project which creates a shortfall and will make it difficult to get the project ready to go to construction.

### **CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S**

Rich Krumholz further explained that the Santa Maria River Bridge would most likely not be funded from the ITIP because the funding needs far exceed the ITIP funds available through the STIP augmentation. He expressed his disappointment and noted that completing the widening is a high priority.

Mr. Kemp said that the California Transportation Commission will be holding a hearing on the STIP augmentation the following week in San Luis Obispo and he indicated that a request that the CTC approve the ITIP funding for the Santa Maria River Bridge could be made and suggested a board member attend the meeting also.

The Board concurred that Mayor Lavagnino should attend this meeting to present testimony in support of the project.

Mr. Krumholz mentioned that a Litter Removal and Enforcement Day was planned for May 8 to educate the public on the highway litter problem and for removal of that litter. He requested support from the local agencies.

Supervisor Carbajal noted that there was a group of constituents working in the Montecito area, particularly the Cold Springs area, on the Safe Routes to School program. He said they were interested in setting up a meeting with SBCAG staff and Caltrans to discuss this issue.

Mr. Krumholz said he would be happy to meet with Supervisor Carbajal on that program.

Supervisor Centeno asked what Caltrans procedures are in dealing with the homeless population along the corridor.

Mr. Krumholz stated that the public could report to Caltrans or the police relative to the homeless situation but said it was a sensitive issue.

Councilmember Sabedra noted that a street lighting project on Route 1 in Guadalupe has been delayed for over a year because of problems with the light poles meeting Caltrans standards and asked Mr. Krumholz for assistance.

Mr. Krumholz said he was disappointed the poles had not been tested and that he would continue to work on resolving this issue.

Councilmember Bennett suggested that the vegetation along the corridor could be removed to expose the homeless areas.

Supervisor Gray said that Caltrans staff could come and talk on the local radio show to inform the public of Litter Removal Enforcement Day.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

Vice-Chair Firestone requested the Board take a break for lunch at 11:26 a.m. and would reconvene at 1:30 p.m. when the time certain Measure D Renewal Workshop will begin.

### **12. MEASURE D RENEWAL WORKSHOP**

- A. *Discuss key issues related to proposed Measure D renewal including:*
- *Should SBCAG proceed with development of a renewal ballot measure for the November 2008 election?*
  - *Time for development of ballot measure*
  - *Framework for expenditure plan*
  - *Process for involving the public, stakeholders and opinion leaders in development of plan*
- B. *Hear public input on proposed Measure D Renewal*
- C. *Approve actions on key issues and provide direction to staff*

Iva Inbar with COAST requested that the board hear from the public first at the subregional meetings to hear what they have to say.

Marc Chytilo said the goal should be to achieve consensus within the community to support transportation for the future and requested that the board provide direction to staff to create a process to gather input from all perspectives.

Deborah Brasket, Executive Director for SBCAN, requested that the board address this issue as one county and urged the board to create a plan that works across the board.

George Dailey, a resident of Santa Maria, stated you would need to convince him that Measure D will be equitable to everyone and that funding for rail should be provided for all areas in the county.

Alex Pujo stated that a straight renewal of the existing Measure D will fail and that the board should hear from the public.

Barry Siegel said the campaign should be focused on local governments and as far as regional funding the subregional committees should develop their own plan for their region.

Greg Grandrud said he supported a simple renewal of the measure and requested the 101.org have a seat at the table.

Marc Bradley, with COAST, encouraged evening meetings to discuss the renewal measure.

Marty Mariscal requested evening meetings and encouraged that SBCAG work with those who opposed Measure D 2006.

1. Motion to place a renewal of Measure D at ½ cent on the November 2008 ballot.

Motion: Centeno; Second: Carbajal. Motion carried with Gray and Richardson opposed.

2. Motion for each member of the board to go back to its own jurisdiction to see what they would like to see on the ballot and bring this item back to the board in May.

Motion: Centeno; Second: Carbajal. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further action the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.