

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

**Thursday, September 20, 2007
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Wallis called the meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Brooks Firestone (SBCAG Vice-Chair), Supervisor, Third District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; 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; Iya Falcone, Councilmember, City of Santa Barbara; Jim Richardson, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Jonny Wallis (SBCAG Chair), Councilmember, City of Goleta; Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5 Representative.

Members Absent: Joni Gray, Fourth District Supervisor,

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Fred Luna, Transportation Engineer; Brian Bresolin, Regional Analyst; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Kevin E. Ready, Sr., Senior Deputy County Counsel.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wallis called for the pledge of allegiance.

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to a closed session at 8:35 a.m. to hold a discussion regarding potential litigation.

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Senior Deputy County Counsel Kevin Ready stated that no reportable actions had been taken in closed session.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes for August 16, 2007, Board of Directors meeting

Motion to approve the minutes. Motion: Firestone, Second: Carbajal. Abstain: Falcone
Motion carried 11-1

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

No consent calendar items

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. HIGHWAY 101 MILPAS TO CABRILLO-HOT SPRINGS PROJECT: RIGHT OF WAY

Adopt a resolution making a finding of public necessity for the acquisition of certain real properties for the construction of the Highway 101/Milpas to Cabrillo-Hot Springs project.

A hearing was opened; no requests to speak were submitted. The hearing was closed.

Motion to adopt resolution 07-18, making a finding of public necessity for the acquisition of properties required for the construction of Highway 101 Operational Improvements: Milpas to Cabrillo-Hot Springs project.

Motion: Carbajal, Second: Falcone. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

9. HIGHWAY 101 MILPAS TO CABRILLO-HOT SPRINGS PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Ayars & Associates for community outreach services through the first year of construction at a cost not-to-exceed \$185,000.

Andy Caldwell, COLAB, addressed the Board on Public Information Programs. COLAB supports the program but they have an issue that the contract did not go out for bid. Encourages in the future SBCAG go out for bids on contracts.

Motion to authorize agreement with Ayars & Associates for community outreach program

Motion: Carbajal. Second: Lavagnino. Motion carried 11-1, Armendariz, no.

10. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION

Review regional housing needs allocation determined by the Housing and Community Development Department and direct staff to submit formal appeal of allocation.

Jacob Johnson, Coastal Housing Coalition, addressed the Board on the community housing needs and feels it is better for the community to plan where growth should go. There should be housing opportunities for those that actually support our community.

Motion for staff to file a formal appeal of housing allocation with the Housing and Community Development Department

Motion: Hicks, Second: Carbajal. Motion carried unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. 2008 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Receive report on the Fund Estimate for 2008 STIP and the proposed programming schedule.

No action was taken.

12. TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS ONLINE COMMUTER MATCHING DEMONSTRATION

Receive a demonstration of the new Traffic Solutions Online commuter matching system.

No action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Measure D North County Policy Development Committees

Councilmember Hicks reported that the Measure D North County Committee would be meeting twice in the month of October. The stakeholders and local agencies have brought forward their transportation funding needs and provided information on what Measure D means to their communities. There is a draft plan with input from all the North county agencies that the City of Santa Maria brought forward.

- Measure D South Coast Policy Development Committees

Supervisor Carbajal reported that the Measure D South Coast Committee is in the process of working on their expenditure plan. They are dealing with the share that goes to the local and regional projects. The committee has come up with a concept for looking at maintenance of effort as it relates to providing MTD some direct resources. They are continuing to work through the process and are changing their facilitation a little bit by looking at how to enhance their strategies to accomplish their plan.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp addressed the Board about the State Budget signed on August 24, 2007 specifically as it relates to transportation. The budget includes 13 billion dollars in transportation appropriations. This amount is almost 2 billion dollars more than last year due largely to the Proposition 1B bond funding. The budget also does fully appropriate the Proposition 42 Funds; these are the sales tax revenues on gasoline, which the voters, under Proposition 42, allocated for transportation purposes. Over the last several years they have been diverted to non-transportation/general fund purposes to help balance the State's budget shortfall. This year Proposition 42 is fully allocated to transportation, consistent with State law. There are over 4 billion dollars in the Prop 1B Fund that are appropriated. Almost a billion dollars will be going to local cities and counties for local streets and roads programs under Prop 1B Fund.

The Governor proposed and State Legislators agreed that 1.3 billion dollars of the Public Transportation Account (spillover funds) would be diverted away from Public Transit

purposes and be used for repayment of bond debt service on Transportation Bonds in obligation of the State's General Fund and for other non transit services. The Legislature in a Budget Trailer Bill determined that in future years this trend would continue. Half of spillover funds will go for General Fund purposes in perpetuity. The California Transit Association filed a lawsuit alleging that the diversion of the funds is illegal. The State Legislative Analyst office has suggested that there are some legal problems with the proposal. Locally this means that all Transit Operators in fiscal year 07/08 will receive a little over 2 million dollars. This is about half of what has been received in the current budget year.

Mr. Kemp reported that the Board received a report from Caltrans, on the condition of bridges state bridges in their packet and SBCAG is currently working with the local government agencies on the condition of local bridges and expects to bring a report back to the Board in November.

The City of Santa Barbara has approved a plan known as *On TRAC* for enhancing rail services between Ventura and Santa Barbara County specifically for commuters in an attempt to reduce congestion on Highway 101. It focuses on near term efforts by implementing changes in the current AMTRAK schedules to serve the commuter market. It will provide information to measure how much demand there is for rail service between Ventura and Santa Barbara. The plan when presented to the Ventura County Transportation Commission was endorsed.

Mr. Kemp reported that Ginger Gherardi, Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission is retiring in mid October. VCTC has signed a contract with Darren Kettle to be the new Executive Director.

Mr. Kemp reported that Scott McGolpin was appointed Director of Public Works with the County of Santa Barbara.

Mr. Kemp also reported that the Highway 166 task force continues to meet. The task force works with the Highway Patrol and local government agencies to enhance safety and reduce accidents along this stretch of highway.

CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans, reported that the Board received in their packet a copy of the Caltrans monthly report with information about ongoing and upcoming construction projects. Also included were answers to questions raised at the meeting of August 16, 2007 about the condition of bridges within the state, the status of the Hwy 246 passing lane project and the status of the corridor study between Purisima and the City of Lompoc.

He reported that the six lane Highway 101 widening project through Santa Maria is proceeding along and now is about 40% complete. Caltrans expects to have the work completed by next fall.

Bids for the Highway 166 Rehab Project will open on October 30, 2007. Caltrans expects to award the bid in November and start work in December.

On August 28, a public hearing was held in Carpinteria regarding the widening of Highway 101 in both Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Caltrans will keep the public and the board informed as the project progresses.

Mayor DeWees would like the corridor study between Purisima and the City of Lompoc started as soon as possible. Mayor DeWees would also like to know the condition of the Robinson Bridge.

Supervisor Centeno will convey to the citizens of Maricopa the status of the Highway 166 Rehab project and that the project will be going out for bid starting October 30, 2007.

Chair Wallis would like Caltrans to reconsider the use of the Los Carneros overpass as a storage area. Chair Wallis would like Caltrans to work with staff at the City of Goleta on this issue.

Supervisor Carbajal will be sending a letter to Caltrans regarding litter pickup in the Highway 101 corridor of Montecito to Summerland. In this letter, he will also be addressing the litter and vegetation issues in the 2700-3300 block of Hwy 192.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be October 18, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Barbara.