

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

**Thursday, August 16, 2007
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor
Santa Barbara, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Wallis 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; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, 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; Jonny Wallis (SBCAG Chair), Councilmember, City of Goleta; Dave Murray, Caltrans District 5 Representative.

Members Absent: None.

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; Shane Stark, County Counsel; Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative.

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 action had been taken in closed session.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of minutes for July 19, 2007 Board of Directors meeting

Motion to approve the minutes: Motion: Lavagnino; Second: Armendariz; motion approved unanimously. Abstain: Alvarado, Firestone

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. **2007 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT**

Adopt FTIP amendment #12 to advance funding for a Buellton Pavement Rehabilitation Project in the SHOPP – Roadway Preservation category.

Moved to adopt the amendment; Motion: Centeno; Second: Carbajal; (Resolution Number 07-17), approved unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Wenz representing Cars Are Basic objected to the commuter survey prepared for SBCAG by a consultant stating that the methodology is flawed and the report provides incorrect results.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings scheduled.

ACTION ITEMS

8. **REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST**

Consider recommendation from Technical Planning Advisory Committee to adopt Regional Growth Forecast 2005 – 2040.

Jerry Bunin, Homebuilders Association requested more aggressive public outreach in development of the RGF.

Bill Shipsey, TPAC Chair, stated TPAC supported board adoption of the forecast report.

Dan Singer, City Manager, City of Goleta, stated that the board remanded the RGF back to TPAC approximately two months ago because of concerns with the document. The City of Goleta still has concerns which are outlined in a letter distributed to the board. Further review by SBCAG staff is needed. He stated that the city does not have data they are proposing to replace what is contained in the RGF, but contends that the methodology used in the report is flawed and needs to be revised.

Michael Bennett, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Goleta, stated that current population for the city of 31,000 in the RGF differs from figures reported from other sources. The city is

not opposed and they know that they have an obligation to provide housing. They would just like to start from a factual base with honest and accurate information.

Bob Field, Santa Ynez, thanked Michael Powers and Brian Bresolin for working through the issues he had raised at a prior meeting. His concerns have been addressed.

Motion to delete language from pages 7 and 9 of the staff report citing estimates of the number of illegal immigrants in county population:

Motion: Carbajal, Second Blum

Motion fails 5-8 Ayes: Carbajal, Centeno, Wolf, Blum, and Wallis Noes: Firestone, Gray, Alvarez, DeWees, Lavagnino, Armendariz, Hicks, and Richardson

Motion to adopt the Regional Growth Forecast and authorize staff to make technical changes identified in the staff report including changes requested by the City of Goleta peer review as feasible and revisions to the water supply language in appendix 1, page four

Motion :DeWees; Second: Gray.

Motion approved 12-1, Ayes: Carbajal, Centeno, Firestone, Gray, Wolf, Alvarez, Blum, DeWees, Lavagnino, Armendariz, Hicks, and Richardson Noes: Wallis

9. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS

A. *Conduct workshop on Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process.*

B. *Consider options for addressing RHNA requirements and provide direction.*

Jerry Bunin, Government Affairs Director, Home Builders Association, feels the Board should focus on how much is actually being built and number of building permits issued. Only 5,000 homes have been permitted in the county in the last 5 years.

William Shipsey, TPAC Chair, supports the recommendations of TPAC and recommends Option 2.

Laurie Tamura, Land Use Consultant, emphasized importance of housing allocation numbers because it really guides the jurisdictions on how they are going to go ahead with their planning efforts. Had questions about the confusion of the numbers, what do they mean and what are we planning for? Would like to have a citizens committee set up.

Bob Field, Santa Ynez, supports pursuing Option 2 as a prerequisite of engaging in Option 3. Endorses simple and clear allocation methodology. Consider the costs of commuting and locate housing where the jobs are.

Lee Moldaver, agrees that Board should go with Option 2. Would like the two State Assemblymen to attend the next SBCAG Board meeting to discuss RHNA concerns.

Moved to approve Option 2: Motion: Carbajal, Second: Lavagnino.

Motion approved 10-2 Ayes: Carbajal, Centeno, Gray, Wolf, Alvarez, Blum, Lavagnino, Hicks, Richardson and Wallis. Noes: Dewees and Armendariz, Absent: Firestone

Supervisor Firestone left at 10:22 a.m.

10. HIGHWAY 101 MILPAS TO CABRILLO-HOT SPRINGS PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION
(15 minutes)

- A. *Authorize the Chair to execute a construction cooperative agreement with Caltrans and the City of Santa Barbara for the US 101/Milpas to Cabrillo-Hot Springs project.*
- B. *Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Ayars & Associates for community outreach services during construction at a cost not-to-exceed \$421,500.*

Barry Siegel addressed item 10(B). He emphasized the size, complexity and impact of this project and that whoever SBCAG uses for public relations that they be very good at community relations and have experience in handling big projects. Especially with Measure D renewal coming in November.

Gregory Gandrud, Fix101.org. addressed Item 10(B). He expressed his organization's concern about this expenditure. He suggested that if possible, SBCAG use current or new SBCAG staff for public relations. He asked that the Board possibly require that the consulting firm provide name of the subcontractors and employees who will be receiving the money.

Moved to approve Item 10A. Motion: Lavagnino; Second: None; approved unanimously (Firestone absent).

Moved to continue Item 10B to the September 20, 2007 Board meeting: Motion: Gray; Second DeWees; approved unanimously (Firestone absent).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. North County Measure D Renewal Policy Development Committee meeting—August 1

Councilmember Hicks reported that the NCSPC received a comprehensive presentation from the Public Works Directors which brought everyone, including the stakeholders up to speed on what the current Measure D has done and can do, and the importance of it to all the jurisdictions. They are ready to move forward and start building a plan. Santa Maria has put a draft out and will build from that at the next meeting.

B. South Coast Measure D Renewal Policy Development Committee meeting—August 1

Supervisor Carbajal reported that the SCSPC also received a presentation from the Public Works department and also received a presentation on 101 in Motion; both serve as the foundation for understanding the transportation needs in the South County. He

said that the South Coast committee was poised to entertain an expenditure plan for the next meeting.

C. LOSSAN Policy Board meeting—August 8

Supervisor Carbajal reported that the LOSSAN meeting of August 7, 2007 was hosted by SBCAG and four items were discussed.

1. Board adopted the LOSSAN North Strategic Plan.
2. Considered and approved integrating the LOSSAN North plan with the corridor wide plan so a comprehensive view of the service between San Diego and San Luis Obispo is attained.
3. Received a report pertaining to on time passenger train performance. Board expressed great concerns on that issue. There has been a long time issue with train infrastructure in light of various constraints on the corridor.
4. Received a report from the State Division Rail Chief, Bill Bronte, indicating potential delays in rail projects due to shifts in state public account resources.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kemp reported that on August 28, 2007 a public scoping meeting will be held on the environmental document for the Santa Barbara/Ventura 101 widening project. The project was approved by the California Transportation Commission using Proposition 1B bond funds. The meeting will be held at the City of Carpinteria Council Chambers starting at 6:00 p.m. with a viewing display and at 7:00 p.m. CalTrans will start the presentation.

Mr. Kemp also reported that SBCAG is proceeding with the development of a request for proposals for the operations contract for the Clean Air Express. This will be for the interim period for the next two years. The RFP should be released by mid September and expects to bring the recommendation for a contract approval back to the Board at their November meeting.

Mr. Kemp reported that SBCAG has a Public Participation Plan document and that due to new requirements by the Federal Transportation Legislation the document needs to be updated. An email was sent out to the stakeholders. Interested parties should express their views on any changes that need to be made to the document. Will be updating the document over the next two months.

CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dave Murray, Caltrans, reported that the Board received in their packet a copy of the CalTrans monthly report with information about ongoing and upcoming construction projects

Supervisor Wolf requested that a report be provided to the Board and SBCAG on the condition of bridges within the county.

Mayor DeWees requested the status on two projects.

1. Status of the Hwy 246 passing lane project.

2. Status of corridor study between Purisima and the City of Lompoc.

Supervisor Gray thanked Caltrans for their updates on the Union Valley Parkway on/off ramps. She will be meeting with Rich Krumholtz of Caltrans on August 27, 2007.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Maria.