

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

**Thursday, March 20, 2008
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Firestone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Brooks Firestone (SBCAG Chair), Supervisor, Third District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Lupe Alvarez (SBCAG Vice-Chair) Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Roger Horton, Councilmember, City of Santa Barbara; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria;; Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Mayor, City of Goleta, Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria (via remote); Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton

Members Absent: Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Kevin E. Ready, Sr., Senior Deputy County Counsel; Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5 Representative, Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to a closed session at 9:03 a.m. to hold a discussion regarding two confidential personnel matters — discussion with designated labor representative and the Executive Director employment agreement.

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Senior Deputy County Counsel Kevin Ready stated that no reportable action had been taken.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from February 21, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes. Motion: Carbajal Second: Skytt

Motion carried unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (5 minutes)

A. 2007 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Adopt FTIP Amendment #17 to add funding for projects in the Proposition 1B Transit Capital Program.

B. PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS FY 2008

Approve Projects for the second cycle of Fiscal Year 2007/08 Proposition 1B Transit Capital Population Program for Submittal to Caltrans.

C. REVISIONS TO FY 2007-08 TDA CLAIMS

Adopt resolutions revising the FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA) claims for the cities of Lompoc and Solvang to provide for TDA and STA adjustments as requested.

Motion to approve consent calendar. Motion: DeWees Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Cushman, President of the Santa Barbara Regional Chamber of Commerce, thanked SBCAG, staff and Salud Carbajal for the Curb Your Commuter workshop they held on February 28, 2008.

8. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Adopt Resolution of Appreciation for Bob Perkins, SBCAG Administrative Services Officer upon his retirement in recognition of his 37 years of public service and 15 years as member of SBCAG staff.

The Chair presented the resolution to Mr. Perkins.

ACTION ITEMS

9. MEASURE A-2008

A. *Receive report on County Elections Office designation of measure to renew existing local transportation sales tax as "Measure A-2008."*

- B. *Approve final Measure A Investment Plan and request consideration of approval by each city council and the County Board of Supervisors.*
- C. *Review public information opportunities and provide direction to staff.*

Public comment.

Deborah Brasket – SBCAN, thanked the board for the opportunity to participate on the North County Subregional Committee, but would have liked to see more funding go to alternative transportation as well as Safe Routes to School. Feels that overall both the new North County and South Coast Investment plans are an improvement over the current plan.

Eva Inbar – COAST, participated on the Southcoast Subregional Committee and thinks they have worked out a balanced plan. Appreciates the allocation in the South Coast Regional Plan for Safe Routes to Schools, bikes and pedestrians.

Sherrie Fisher – SBMTD, feels South Coast Regional Committee recommendation will meet the transportation needs through the Measure A Expenditure plan.

Joel Rodriguez-Flores – PUEBLO, encouraged with the current Measure A plan that everyone's needs are being represented. Glad that there has been attention paid to interregional and public transit.

Ernesto Paredes – Executive Director, Easy Lift, thanked the Board, SBCAG staff, and Bob Perkins for his help and expressed his appreciation that the needs for senior and disabled transit were included in the plan.

Marc Chytilo – Committees for Air, Land, Water and Species, offered support for the board's adoption of Measure A. Particularly encouraged with the components of Measure A that address the transit needs of the disadvantaged, transit dependent and the alternative modes of transportation. Acknowledged the North County efforts to expand their transit services. Coalition will be considering the measure, the investment plan and the ordinance issues. Waiting to see how staff responds to the Coalition's concerns especially with respect to the Oversight Committee.

Motion to approve final Measure A Investment Plan.

Motion: DeWees Second: Carbajal. Motion carried: 12-0 (Gray absent)

10. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS

Consider recommendation of Technical Planning Advisory Committee and approve Regional Housing Needs Allocation Scenario and Income Distribution.

Public Comment.

Susan Klucker – Homeowner, addressed board on Growth Greed, State Housing Mandates, local agriculture and rezoning.

Jerry Bunin – Home Builders Association, supports TPAC recommendation of 50, 25, 25. The recommendation will allow us to start fixing the current jobs/housings imbalance and plan for the future. Will stop encouraging long distance commuting, is also a step towards regional balancing between the cities and the county.

Bettie Weiss – City of Santa Barbara, current proposals do nothing to shift a new focus on the jobs/ housing imbalance. Believes TPAC's proposal does not reflect the realities of the south coast region. Would like board to adjust TPAC proposal with regard to the south coast distribution. Indicates Santa Barbara job forecast is too high.

Ann Crosby – Resident unincorporated area of county, addressed board on the preservation of rural and Ag land areas. TPAC recommendation is furthering the jobs/housing imbalance.

Judy Holloway – Orcutt resident, addressed board on traffic impacts when rural areas are developed. TPAC's recommendation will increase traffic impacts.

Donna Dart – Orcutt resident, addressed board on TPAC's recommendation and that it does not address SBCAG's direction on fixing the jobs/housing imbalance, reducing commutes and congestion and plan for growth where growth is most appropriate.

Andy Caldwell – COLAB, addressed the board on the jobs/housing imbalance indicating that not enough housing has been built in the south coast.

Judith Ishkanian – Neighborhood Defense League of California, addressed the board on the need for the cities to provide housing for their workforce. Hopes that real purpose of the RHNA planning is not to arbitrarily distribute housing but to address anticipated growth in a responsible balanced way. Current RHNA methodology does not address jobs/housing imbalance but makes it worse. Neighborhood Defense League of California prefer the 80, 10, 10 ratio but also recognize the good planning arguments of compromise number 2.

Sally Jordan - Neighborhood Defense League of California, addressed the board and commented on TPAC not developing a methodology to restore balance in the housing market. Their refusal to work together on the jobs/housing imbalance makes the problem worse.

Deborah Brasket – SBCAN, stated that housing, open space and transportation are interconnected issues and are the key to the future of Santa Barbara County. Maintain job/housing balance within the geographical distinct areas of Santa Barbara County. Correct the current job/housing imbalance.

Jennifer Weston-Larsen – Orcutt resident, addressed the board on the jobs/housing imbalance. Stated Orcutt Advisory Board could support column 6 of Attachment 1.

Doug Herthel – POLO, can support 80,10,10 seems the most fair while preserving Ag Land.

Motion to adopt last column of Attachment 1 of Board report, with revisions to City of Santa Maria allocation numbers from 2,941 to 3,199, City of Goleta from 1,841 to 1,641, and, the City of Solvang from 228 to 170.

Motion: Lavagnino Second: Alvarez

Motion carried: 9-3 (Carbajal, Wolf, Blum – no)

Councilmember Armendariz left at 12:24 p.m.

11. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

Review and comment on draft FY 2008-2009 Overall Work Program.

Report only therefore no action was taken. Board was requested to contact staff with any questions or comments on the draft OWP.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp attended the California Transportation Commission hearing held on Tuesday, March 18 regarding the 2008 STIP funding. Most of SBCAG's Regional STIP funding has gone to completing projects that have been previously programmed and take care of cost increases on existing projects. Majority of funding has gone into the design work on the Highway 101 widening project going on between Santa Barbara and Carpinteria .

At the CTC hearing it was emphasized that Santa Barbara County has an expectation in receiving a fair of state and interregional STIP funding. This money goes to Caltrans for purposes of interregional improvements and interregional highway projects. Caltrans receives 25% of total funding and the regions receive 75%. Mr. Kemp told commission that SBCAG hopes to pass Measure A that will provide \$140 million dollars for the widening of Highway 101 and SBCAG will continue to provide regional funding for 101, but our expectation would be that the state would put up \$150 million towards the project which has a total cost of approximately \$425 million.

Breaking ground in June on the first phase of widening Highway 101 with the Highway 101 Operational Improvements Project. Invited the Commission to the ground breaking ceremony.

Bids for the Highway 101 Operational Improvements project opened up on March 11, 2008. Seven bids were received, low bid was \$46.2 million which is slightly below the engineer's estimate. Caltrans will be reviewing the low bid and should be able to announce in a couple of weeks that they are ready to award a contract.

June 11 is the tentative date for the Highway 101 Operational Improvements project ground breaking ceremony. Caltrans Director, Will Kempton, will be attending the

ground breaking ceremony, also sent a letter from Chair Firestone to the Governor inviting him to attend.

This 101 operational improvement project is going to take four years of construction and SBCAG has been engaged in an extensive public information program to lessen the impacts on businesses, residents and 101 users. Many meetings have already been held with different groups and additional meetings are scheduled in the near future with the Conference and Visitors industry (March 26), local public schools (April 9) and UCSB faculty and housing staff (April 16).

Curb your Commute Program will be attempting to engage employers in the south coast to assist in reducing traffic during construction. Held a successful workshop on February 28 at the Biltmore with more than 120 business executives and representatives of major employers.

14. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5 Director, reported that the Board received in their packet a copy of the Caltrans monthly report with information about ongoing and upcoming construction projects.

Caltrans will be putting up two changeable message signs, one at Highway 101 and Las Positas and the other at Highway 101 and Highway 154.

Widening of Highway 101 in Santa Maria expected to be complete by late summer of 2008.

Alvin Elementary School in Santa Maria secured \$286, 000 dollars as part of the Safe Routes to Schools program. They were the only school in Santa Barbara County that competed successfully during this grant cycle.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

16. ADJOURN

The next Board meeting will be held on April 17, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Barbara.