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

Thursday, June 19, 2008

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Firestone called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District (arrived at 8:40 a.m.); Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Brooks Firestone (SBCAG Chair) Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District, Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Bob Orach, Councilmember, City of Santa Maria;; Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Mayor, City of Goleta, Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria; Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton (arrived at 8:34 a.m.)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Brian Bresolin, Transportation Planner; Brittany Odermann, Transportation Planner; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Kevin E. Ready, Sr., Senior Deputy County Counsel; Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5 Representative, Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Pending Litigation: Santa Barbara County Coalition Against Automobile Subsidies v. SBCAG.

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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

Member Agencies

Buellton ■ Carpinteria ■ Goleta ■ Guadalupe ■ Lompoc ■ Santa Barbara ■ Santa Maria ■ Solvang ■ Santa Barbara County

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from the May 15, 2008 board of directors meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Blum

Motion carried 11-0-2 (Armendariz, Orach abstained)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. AMTRAK PACIFIC SURFLINER SERVICE

1. *Authorize the chair to sign a letter supporting release of State Proposition 1B bond funds for procurement of new intercity rolling stock*
2. *Authorize the chair to sign a letter supporting the rescheduling of Pacific Surfliner trains to better serve the Ventura-Santa Barbara rail passenger market*

B. PROPOSITION 4/111 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Adopt a resolution establishing the Appropriations Limit and selecting the annual adjustment factors for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

C. FY 2008-09 SBCAG BUDGET

Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2008-09 SBCAG Comprehensive Budget and approving an updated SBCAG Position Classification Chart which includes a partial implementation of the recommended salary adjustments per the most recent compensation and benefits study and a salary increase of five salary ranges to all authorized position, representing a cost-of-living adjustment of approximately 2.5% to be effective pay period 14, with a pay date of July 10, 2008.

D. FY 07-08 YEAR-END BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Amend the current adopted budget for FY 2007-08 by approving the recommended year-end budget adjustments.

E. MEASURE D ALLOCATIONS

1. *Adopt a resolution allocating an estimated \$33,456,758 in Measure D revenues for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.*
2. *Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Easy Lift for the expenditure of \$75,714 in Measure D Regional Paratransit funds for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.*

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc McGinnes addressed the board stating his opposition to the Cold Springs Bridge barrier project.

James Mills addressed the board on the Cold Springs Bridge barrier project and providing public safety on highways.

8. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Recognize the excellent service provided to motorists on Highway 101 by the drivers of the Freeway Service Patrol and authorize the Chair to sign Certificates of Appreciation to present to each of the drivers.

Motion to authorize Chair to sign Certificates of Appreciation.

Motion: Alvarez

Second: Skytt

Motion carried: 13-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS

A. *Conduct public hearing to receive comments on draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan and draft allocation methodology.*

B. *Consider requests for plan revision and either:*

1. *Reject requests for modification, adopt Final Plan (including editorial corrections), and direct staff to prepare responses to local agencies requesting revisions, or,*

2. *Direct Staff to modify the plan, in consultation with TPAC, and present final plan for adoption in July*

Mayor Blum, City of Santa Barbara, asked the minutes reflect that the letter written by Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria stated that the RHNA plan was deliberated at several public meetings. Mayor Blum felt that if the Mayor was referring to the RHNA plan adopted at the SBCAG meeting of April 17, 2008 that it was not correct and the adopted plan came unexpectedly during the March 2008 board meeting.

Public Comment:

Patricia Hiles addressed the board on the need to get the State Mandated Housing law repealed.

Joe Rution addressed the board on the City of Santa Barbara's housing allocation. Stated that housing prices are out of the local worker's range, therefore more housing just increases population and does not meet the RHNA purposes.

Addison Thompson, City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission, stated that staff report did not include public comments made at a public meeting on June 5th. City Planning Commission is concerned how the proposed draft RHNA plan would affect solving future regional issues. Supports TPAC's recommendation.

Betty Weiss, planner, City of Santa Barbara, recommends that the SBCAG board adopt the 50/25/25 RHNA plan as recommended by TPAC.

Patti Close addressed the board on preserving Ag land and supported adoption the draft RHNA plan as recommended at the March SBCAG meeting.

Sally Jordan, Neighborhood Defense League of California, urged board to stay with the draft RHNA plan as recommended.

Robert Collector, Neighborhood Defense League of California, understands the difficulty of coming to a consensus with the RHNA plan. His group supports the draft plan.

Judith Ishkanian, Neighborhood Defense League of California, urges the adoption of the current draft plan.

Charmaine Jacobs, City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission, feels that the current draft plan is flawed and needs to be revised.

Ann Crosby supports the draft RHNA allocation adopted in March 2008. Feels the City of Santa Barbara should provide housing where the jobs are.

Mickey Flacks, resident, discussed the RHNA process, would like to see housing built instead of housing on paper. Also, have housing built for low and middle income families.

Donna Dart, Santa Maria resident, discussed Santa Maria's RHNA numbers and the fact that Santa Maria/Orcutt has affordable housing. Supports the current draft RHNA plan.

Jennifer Weston-Larsen, Orcutt Area Advisory Group, supports current draft RHNA plan adopted during the March 2008 SBCAG meeting.

Lee Moldaver, resident, would like state legislators to attend a board meeting and have them discuss the housing mandate.

Gary Earl, discussed the unincorporated eastern Goleta Valley and the affordable housing it provides. Feels City of Santa Barbara needs to provide more housing for those employed within the city.

Doug Herthel, POLO, feels the State Housing Mandate is an economic, social and environmental disaster for the county of Santa Barbara. Would like to see housing built.

Supervisor Carbajal made a motion and seconded by Supervisor Gray to invite state legislators who represent the county to come and take part in a community workshop discussion with the board on the state housing mandate.

Motion carried 13-0

Motion to adopt draft plan to be revised in accordance with the TPAC formula of 50% existing jobs, 25% new jobs and 25% new housing then come back next month with the actual numbers for a vote.

Motion: Blum

Second: None

Motion failed.

Motion to adopt Option B1.

Motion: Skytt

Second: Gray

Motion carried 10-3 (Carbajal, Wolf, Blum no)

ACTION ITEMS

10. **MEASURE A 2008**

- A. *Adopt Santa Barbara County Local Transportation Authority Ordinance No. 5: Road Repair, Traffic Relief and Transportation Safety Measure (Measure A 2008).*
- B. *Adopt a resolution requesting that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors call an election for voter approval of Ordinance No. 5 by placing a measure on the November 4, 2008 ballot.*

Kevin E. Ready, Sr., Senior Deputy County Counsel, received a late comment letter at the start of the board meeting from Eugene Wilson dated June 19, 2008 and since he did not have enough time to read the letter before the meeting, the letter would not be accepted into the record.

Public Comment:

Marc McGinness, addressed the board with his concerns that if the Cold Springs Bridge project went forward, Measure A would be jeopardized.

Gregory Gandrud, Santa Barbara County Republican Party and Fix101.org stated that both organizations oppose Measure A as currently written.

Motion to adopt staff recommendations with revisions to Ordinance No. 5.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Alvarez

Motion carried 13-0

11. **PROPOSITION 1B: CORRIDOR MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT**

Authorize the Chair to send a letter to the California Transportation Commission expressing the position that projects that were recommended for CMIA funding by CTC staff, but not funded by the Commission, be considered for funding from project cost savings along with new projects in a CMIA-funded corridor.

Motion to accept staff recommendation.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Armendariz

Motion carried 13-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Receive a report on the adoption of the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program by the California Transportation Commission on May 29th and changes made by the CTC to SBCAG's STIP programming.

Motion to receive STIP programming report.

Motion: Gray

Second: Centeno

Motion carried 12-0-1 (Hicks absent)

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Kemp reported that at the *Coastal Express Policy Advisory Committee* meeting held on May 16th, VCTC staff updated the committee on the current operating statistics of the Coastal Express. Buses are running full or almost full and ridership is up 10% from last year. The future of the Coastal Express depends on the passing of Measure A in November. The committee has scheduled a follow up meeting for January 2009, to talk about what the next steps will be depending if Measure A passes or not. The Committee recommended a fare increase on the Coastal Express from \$2.00 per trip to \$3.00 per trip. The Ventura County Transportation Commission board at a hearing must approve the recommendation before its implementation. The fare increase should be in effect by January 1, 2009.

South Coast Subregional Planning Committee met on June 4, 2008. SCAG representatives did a presentation of a study that was recently completed on improving passenger service between Ventura County and the south coast of Santa Barbara, particularly addressing the needs of commuters. One of the recommendations of this study was rescheduling the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner train to a more commuter-friendly time slot that would better meet the needs of commuters. The Committee unanimously approved a motion recommending that the SBCAG board send a letter to the state requesting release of Prop. 1B funds for new train rolling stock.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp reported that on June 11th a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the US Highway 101- Milpas to Hot Springs project. The event went well and Will Kempton, Director of Caltrans attended. The media covered the ceremony emphasizing the role that Measure D had on the project.

Highway 154 Operational Improvements project will begin in July. Granite Construction won the contract. The bid was about 2.5 million dollars below the engineer's estimate for the project. Project will include a passing lane, turning lanes and a turnout near the summit. Nearly 30 million Measure D dollars have been spent on Highway 154 improvements. There will be a ground breaking ceremony on July 9, 2008.

Jim Kemp introduced Bobbi Didier, she has recently been hired as the Business Manager, replacing Bob Perkins who retired in March.

SBCAG was successful in receiving a \$900,000 grant of Highway Safety Improvement Program funding for the Cabrillo undercrossing project. It will involve replacing the

existing Union Pacific Railroad Bridge over Cabrillo Blvd, which has very narrow abutments, making it difficult for both pedestrians and bicyclists to pass from one side of the freeway to the other. This was a difficult grant to get; we competed last year and were unsuccessful. This year Steve VanDenburgh and Fred Luna put together an application and were successful in getting that grant application approved. The Cabrillo undercrossing project is part of the 101/Milpas to Hot Springs project.

Last month the SBCAG board approved Measure D funding that would allow an additional route on the Clean Air Express from Lompoc to Santa Barbara. Clean Air Express had been experiencing overcrowding and with this additional route, it should help to relieve the overcrowding. An MOU has been signed with SBMTD to operate the Clean Air Express and the Valley Express through 2009 using regional Measure D funds. Two 2002 coaches have been purchased and will be used as spare coaches when the regular buses are out for maintenance or repair work. Clean Air Express ridership is up by 12 ½ % in the first five months of this year. By the end of June, all Clean Air Express buses should be equipped with wireless internet.

15. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aileen Loe, Caltrans, District 5 Representative, thanked the board and for the 2008 STIP adoption. Also thanked the board for their continued investment in the state highway system using Measure D local funds. Highway 192 realignment project north of Highway 144 opened three weeks early.

Caltrans held two public hearings on the Cold Springs Bridge project, one in Santa Barbara and the other in the City of Solvang

Supervisor Wolf asked what could be done to lessen motorists' confusion at the Highway 154/Calle Real intersection. Motorists often misread the signals thinking that the signals to the southbound 101 on ramp are the signals they are supposed to follow when turning left onto Calle Real.

Public Comment :

Marc McGinnes addressed Caltrans on his opposition to the Cold Springs Bridge Project and the lack of public participation.

Chair Firestone, for the record, referenced two public meetings held last year on the Cold Springs Bridge Project. One was held in Solvang and the other at Santa Barbara City College. Chair Firestone stated that both meetings provided ample opportunity for public comment on the project as well as the two meetings held this year.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

Jim Kemp addressed the letter of opposition that was sent to State Assemblyman Pedro Nava, regarding bill SB 1507 being heard by the Assembly Transportation Committee on Monday, June 23rd and the impacts it would have on future highway widening projects that are within a quarter mile of any school.

17. ADJOURN

A Special SBCAG Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 3:00p.m.

The next regular scheduled Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Maria.