

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

Thursday, February 19, 2009

8:30 AM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Alvarez called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Jim Richardson, Mayor, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria; Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc (arrived at 8:51 a.m.); Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton

Members Absent: Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara;

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Bobbi Didier, Business Manager Sarkes Khachek, Transportation Planner; 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

A. *Pending litigation: Sustainable Transportation Advocates vs. SBCAG.*

B. *Personnel matter: Executive director employment agreement.*

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Senior Deputy County Counsel Kevin Ready stated that three litigation cases had been discussed and that no reportable action had been taken.

Mr. Ready also reported the board directed the office of County Counsel to draft an extension to the Executive Directors current employment contract and bring it back to the board on March 19, 2009 for consideration.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from January 15, 2009 board of directors meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2009.

Motion: Lavagnino Second: Alvarez

Motion carried: 11-0-1 (Richardson - abstained)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 6 B, E, F, G, and J were considered separately.

A. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Adopt amendment #3 to add projects recently awarded funding from the Federal Safe Routes to School, Federal Transit Administration 5310 Elderly and Disabled, 5316 Jobs Access and Reverse Commute, and 5317 New Freedom programs.

B. TRANSIT RESOURCE GUIDE

Receive Transit Resource Guide for 2009 and authorize distribution to interested parties.

Motion to authorize distribution of the 2009 Transit Resource Guide.

Motion: Wolf Second: Gray

Motion carried unanimously.

C. SAFE CALL BOX PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Approve renewal of contract with MyTransitPlus, Inc. to provide private call answering center services for Santa Barbara County's call box program through February 26, 2010 at an approximate annual cost of \$8,000.

D. FY 2009-2010 TDA/LTF APPORTIONMENTS

Receive and file the estimated apportionments of Local Transportation Funds to local agencies for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

E. SBCAG PERSONNEL

Vacate the TDM Transit Coordinator position and add one Transportation Planner position.

Motion to eliminate the TDM Transit Coordinator position and add one Transportation Planner position.

Motion: Centeno Second: Carbajal

Motion carried unanimously.

F. MEASURE A AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Adopt Resolution 09-02 authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Administrative Agreement with the State Board of Equalization for the collection of Measure A sales tax revenue effective April 1, 2010.

Motion to adopt Resolution 09-02 authorizing Executive Director to execute an Administrative agreement with the State Board of Equalization.

Motion: Hicks Second: Bennett

Motion carried 12-0

G. FY 2007-2008 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file SBCAG's audited Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for FY 2007-2008.

Motion to file SBCAG's audited Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report FY 07/08

Motion: Wolf Second: Armendariz

Motion carried unanimously.

H. MEASURE D PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Authorize the Chair to execute a contract with MNS Engineers for right of way close out services on three Measure D-funded north county projects at a cost not-to- exceed \$50,632.

I. STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Approve requests for amendments to the State Transportation Improvement Program for city of Goleta's San Jose Creek Bikeway project and Ekwill Street\Fowler Road project and forward them to the California Transportation Commission for approval.

J. FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING

Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support to the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs on behalf of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians for transportation improvement projects to be considered for Federal Economic Stimulus funds through the Indian Reservation Roads program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Cohen, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, addressed the board on the stimulus bill, transportation projects on the reservation and have them on the shovel ready list to be considered for funding under the stimulus bill.

Motion to authorize Chair to sign letter of support on behalf of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

Motion: Carbajal Second: Bennett

Motion carried: 11-1 (Richardson – no)

Motion to approve consent items 6A, 6C, 6D, 6H and 6I

Motion: Carbajal Second: Gray

Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Katherine Holland, Alliance for Sustainable and Equitable Regional Transportation (ASERT) addressed the board on transportation forums, sustainable transportation and commuter rail.

ACTION ITEMS

8. HIGHWAY 101 MILPAS TO CABRILLO/HOT SPRINGS PROJECT

Authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to the construction cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the 101 Milpas to Cabrillo/Hot Springs project providing short term loans of SBCAG funding to avoid construction delays.

Caltrans District 5 Director, Rich Krumholz reported that since the state had just adopted a budget, the Department of Finance has authorized continued funding for Proposition 1B bond funded projects, including the Milpas to Cabrillo/Hot Springs project at least through the end of the fiscal year.

No action required. Staff will continue discussions with Caltrans per prior board direction and return to board if local funding is needed to keep project going.

9. MEASURE A IMPLEMENTATION

Discuss the implementation of Measure A and authorize staff to release a Request for Proposals for assistance in preparing the Measure A Strategic Plan.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp reported that item 12, the SB 375 workshop was to be an information briefing to bring the board up to a common level of understanding of what is included in SB 375 and what will be required of SBCAG in the future if it is decided that SBCAG will move forward in implementing SB 375. Staff is beginning to make preparations for next year's budget and staffing resources. The draft Overall Work Program will be presented next month at the March 19, 2009 board meeting. The board will need to provide direction in March whether to go forward with implementing SB 375.

With the passing of Measure A and per the board's direction SBCAG staff has opened up discussions with north county agencies regarding the possibility of reassigning the existing contract for Clean Air Express service.

Mayor Lavagnino asked if staff knew what percentage of County of Santa Barbara employees rode the Clean Air Express.

Chair Alvarez suggested that a survey could be done on Clean Air Express ridership.

15. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5, reported that Governor Schwarzenegger has issued a mandatory furlough, two Fridays a month (1st and 3rd) for all state employees, including Caltrans. Caltrans will have their offices closed on these two days. Maintenance crews will be working on a rotating system to cover any emergencies that come up in the system.

Caltrans held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Santa Maria Six Lane project on January 30, 2009.

The comment period on the Linden/Casitas Project EIR has been extended to March 23, 2009.

Councilmember Armendariz suggested that Caltrans hold a meeting with the Cameo Rd. neighborhood. Rich Krumholz, stated that he has asked his project team to find a way to communicate with the residents of the neighborhood addressing their concerns with the project. Mr. Armendariz would like Caltrans to emphasize the importance of this project with relation to the widening of highway 101.

Mr. Krumholz also reported that two additional closed circuit televisions have been installed on the 101 corridor, at Las Positas and also Carrillo St. This is part of an ongoing effort by Caltrans to be informed as to what is going on and provide the information back to the public via the internet.

Caltrans has established a website for the Hwy 192/Mission Canyon Project it is www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/mission_canyon/index.htm.

Caltrans expects final approval of the Union Valley Parkway EIR in mid March.

The AMGEN tour will be riding through Solvang on Friday, February 20th. They will be riding on Mission Drive/Hwy246 for most of the day.

Supervisor Centeno asked where Caltrans stood with CEQA analysis and design work on the Santa Maria River Bridge Project.

Mr. Krumholz, reported that the project will be “ready to list” in December 2009. The environmental work has been done and the project could be ready to go to construction in the Spring if there are funds available to start the project.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Armendariz thanked Chair Alvarez for all the effort he put in on the Tranquillon Ridge Project project.

17. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Maria.