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

Thursday, April 16, 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 8:29 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District (arrived at 8:33); Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton (via remote in Santa Maria – arrived 9:01 am)

Members Absent: Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Fred Luna, 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: People of the State of California v. 927 Indio Muerto

Motion to add two additional items to the closed session agenda:

Sustainable Transportation Advocates of Santa Barbara County versus SBCAG (2 cases).

Motion: Blum

Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried: 9-0 (Gray, Carbajal, Hicks and Armendariz absent)

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Senior Deputy County Counsel Kevin Ready stated that the board authorized County Counsel to retain the services of Oliver, Sandifer & Murphy to represent SBCAGs interest in the *People of the State of California v. 927 Indio Muerto* litigation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from the March 19, 2009 board of directors meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: DeWees

Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried 8 - 2 (Blum, Skytt abstained, Gray, Armendariz and Hicks absent)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Adopt by resolution 2009 Transit Needs Assessment and findings of unmet transit need and reasonable to meet.

B. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Find that the County of Santa Barbara and the Cities of Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Solvang, Lompoc, Buellton, Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria are conforming to the adopted Congestion Management Program pursuant to Section 65089.3 of the California Government Code.

C. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

Adopt by resolution the Fiscal Year 2009-10 SBCAG Overall Work Program and authorize submittal to state and federal agencies.

D. SAN LUIS OBISPO COMMUNITY 2050 PLAN

Receive copy of the draft plan.

E. FY 08-09 YEAR-END BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Amend the current adopted budget for FY 2008-09 by approving the recommended year-end budget adjustments.

F. LOCAL VENDOR PROGRAM

Approve SBCAG Local Vendor Program as revised.

G 101 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to the contract with Ayars & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$153,037 to continue the public information and outreach program for the Highway 101 Milpas to Cabrillo/Hot Springs operational improvements project through the end of construction.

H. FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL

Authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Bob Holzer Towing and Storage for FY 09/10 -11/12 at an annual cost of \$227,537.

K. FEDERAL STIMULUS AND STATE PROP 1B TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDING

1. *Receive an update on federal economic stimulus transit funding.*
2. *Approve the exchange of stimulus and Proposition 1B Transit Capital funds between SMOOTH and SMAT.*
3. *Approve submittal of applications to Caltrans for Proposition 1B transit capital population-based funding for 2008/09 Cycle 2.*

L. AIRPORT LAND USE PLAN CONSISTENCY REVIEW

Determine the County of Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan is consistent with the Airport Land Use Plan for Santa Barbara County subject to specified conditions.

Motion to approve consent calendar items 6A-6H and 6K-6L.

Motion: Blum

Second: Skytt

Motion carried: 10-0

Items 6I and 6J were considered separately.

I. MEASURE A STRATEGIC PLAN

Authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff for preparation of the Measure A Strategic Plan at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.

Motion to authorize Chair to execute a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff pending approval of the contract by County Counsel.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Lavangino

Motion carried 10-0

J. FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 6

Adopt FTIP amendment #6 to increase funding for projects in the Highway Bridge Program Lump Sum, add two new projects to the SHOPP Collision Reduction Program, modify funding for existing Santa Maria Area Transit FTA Section 5307 projects and program FTA Section 5307 to projects in the Lompoc, Santa Maria and Santa Barbara urbanized areas for FYs 09/10, 10/11 and 11/12.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Pritchett, SB West Downtown Neighborhood Group, addressed the board regarding time frames on the construction of six bridges in the city of Santa Barbara crossing Mission Creek.

Motion to adopt FTIP amendment No. 6.

Motion: Blum Second: Skytt

Motion carried 10-0

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherrie Fisher, Santa Barbara MTD, updated the board on the Valley Express bus service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings scheduled.

ACTION ITEMS

8. SOUTH COAST ITS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Approve South Coast ITS Implementation Plan with a prioritized list of projects for funding.

Motion to approve the South Coast ITS Implementation Plan.

Motion: Carbajal Second: DeWees

Motion carried: 11-0

9. FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING FOR ROADWAYS

A. *Approve a programming recommendation for additional federal economic stimulus funding available to the region.*

B. Adopt a resolution establishing project signage, certification and reporting requirements for local agency recipients of federal stimulus funds and delegating authority to the executive director to sign certifications on behalf of SBCAG.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Bean, City of Lompoc Public Works Director, addressed the board on the need for an FTIP amendment in order to get projects ready to send to Caltrans.

Scott McGolpin, County of Santa Barbara Public Works Director, spoke in support of the TTAC recommendation and also would like to have only Attachment A of the resolution approved. He also addressed the board on the funding needed to meet the County of Santa Barbara's needs. During the comment period he addressed the STIP funding issue presented by staff during their presentation.

Christine Andersen, City of Santa Barbara, spoke in support of the TTAC recommendation.

David Whitehead, City of Santa Maria, asked board to have staff submit an application for National Surface Transportation Discretionary grant program for the Santa Maria bridge project. Mr. Whitehead also asked board for approval of the TE funding for the Santa Maria Railroad Bikeway project.

Steve Lebard, Old Town Orcutt Revitalization, requested that SBCAG appropriate funding for the next phase of the Old Town revitalization.

Steve Wagner, City of Goleta, addressed the board on allocating money to local infrastructure. Would like the board to go with Certification A and authorize Executive Director to generate the FTIP amendment.

Motion to approve the programming of all \$20.025 million dollars of roadway stimulus funding for local agency projects through the population formula, with the exception of the \$1.5 million currently programmed for the Milpas /Hot Springs project and \$568,000 in TE programmed for the SM Railroad Bikeway project.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 10-1 (Centeno – no)

Motion to have staff to bring FTIP amendments to the May 21, 2009 board meeting.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 11-0

Motion to approve resolution and to include local agency certification in Attachment A.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Bennett

Motion carried 11-0

Motion withdrawn and reconsidered.

Mayor Hicks left at 11:26 a.m.

Motion to approve resolution as revised to include local agency certification in Attachment A and setting funding authorization deadline at Oct 15, 2009.

Motion: Carbajal Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried: 10-0

Motion to have staff submit grant application for the Santa Maria River Bridge project for the National Surface Transportation Discretionary Grant Program.

Motion: Bennett Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 10-0

10. CLEAN AIR EXPRESS FUNDING AND OPERATOR CONTRACT

- A. *Approve an allocation of \$500,000 in regional Measure D funds to continue operating the Clean Air Express in FY 2009/10.*
- B. *Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Clean Air Express operator contract with AmericanStar Transportation, Inc., to extend the contract term to June 30, 2010 and adjust the contract rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as specified in the contract.*

Motion to approve staff recommendation.

Motion: DeWees Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried 10-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, addressed the board on the following four items:

- The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors denied the request by SBCAG to have the election fee for having Measure A on the ballot waived until April 2010. SBCAG is in the process of paying the \$202,000 election fee with Measure D funds which will be paid back once Measure A begins in 2010.
- A letter sent by Caltrans Director, Will Kempton, informing SBCAG of the sale of approximately \$6.5 billion in general obligation bonds. The sale will help the

Proposition 1B projects currently under construction, including the Highway 101 Milpas to Hot Springs Project.

- Implementation of SB 375 and lack of state funding. SB 406 was passed out of the Senate Local Government committee and authorized any metropolitan planning organization responsible for implementing SB 375 to impose an additional vehicle registration fee on all cars registered within the county of up to \$2.00 to provide funding for the implementation of SB 375.
- Highway 101 CMIA Project – Widening of 101 between Mussel Shoals, Ventura County and Carpinteria creek in Santa Barbara County. Project is being considered by the state for a design-build contract which may accelerate project delivery.
- CALCOG Regional Issues Forum on April 30-May 1 in Monterey will be attended by Chair Alvarez and SBCAG members Hicks (CALCOG delegate) and Wolf (alternate CALCOG delegate).

13. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aileen Loe, Caltrans addressed the board on the following four items:

- Caltrans Local Assistance Branch.
- Purisima Road Safety Improvement information meeting being held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Lompoc.
- Highway 192 project has started and will be concluded in August.

Supervisor Carbajal asked that Caltrans address the graffiti issues that are taking place along the Milpas/Hot Springs retaining walls.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Carbajal addressed the board requesting they look into hiring a lobbyist to represent SBCAG in Washington.

15. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Maria.