

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

Thursday, June 18, 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

Vice Chair Carbajal 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; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Iya Falcone, Councilmember City of Santa Barbara; Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria (arrived at 8:40 a.m.); Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Michael Cordero, Councilmember, City of Santa Maria

Members Absent: Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton.

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, Aileen Loe, Caltrans District Representative, Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

No closed session items

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from the May 21, 2009 board of directors meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes:

Motion: Skytt

Second: Bennett

Motion carried: 7-0-3 (Wolf, Falcone, Cordero, abstained, Armendariz, Gray and Hicks absent)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MEASURE D ALLOCATIONS

1. *Adopt a resolution allocating an estimated \$30,654,542 in Measure D revenues for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.*
2. *Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Easy Lift for the expenditure of \$139,174 in Measure D Regional Paratransit funds for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.*

B. MEASURE D PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Approve the recommended Measure D Program of Projects for fiscal year 2009-2010.

C. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ALLOCATIONS

Adopt a resolution allocating \$13,384,618 in Local Transportation Funds to eligible claimants for FY 2009-2010.

D. STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUND ALLOCATIONS

Adopt a resolution allocating \$ 1,602,399 in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to local claimants for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

E. FY 2009-10 SBCAG BUDGET

Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2009-10 SBCAG Comprehensive Budget and approving an updated SBCAG Position Classification Chart which includes the final implementation of recommended salary adjustments per the most recent compensation and benefits study.

F. AUDIT CONTRACT

Approve contract with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP for professional auditing services at a not-to-exceed cost of \$48,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 with the option to renew for two additional fiscal years

G. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Approve CEQA Exemption and adopt by resolution the 2009 Congestion Management Program for Santa Barbara County.

H. SANTA BARBARA COUNTY TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Receive SBCTAC 2008-09 Year End Report.

I. FUNDING MODIFICATION FOR HIGHWAY 101 ELLWOOD\HOLLISTER INTERCHANGE PROJECT

1. *Approve an exchange of STIP, SHOPP and federal stimulus funding to facilitate the delivery of the Highway 101 Ellwood\Hollister interchange project.*
2. *Authorize the Executive Director to sign cooperative agreements and certifications to implement the funding modification.*

J. GRAND JURY REPORT

Receive FY 2008-09 Grand Jury Report: SBCAG—A Road Not Taken, and direct staff to prepare a draft response for board approval.

K. ROADWAY STIMULUS OBLIGATION UPDATE

Receive a report from Caltrans on regional ARRA funding that has been obligated as of late May.

L. MEASURE A STRATEGIC PLAN

Receive report on revised schedule and committee meeting dates.

Motion to approved consent calendar.

Motion: Falcone

Second: Centeno

Motion carried: 11-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Wentz expressed his concern about a bias by SBCAG in favor of alternative transportation.

Marc McGinnes thanked the board for their work and invited them to attend the Solstice celebration.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No hearings scheduled.

ACTION ITEMS

7. **AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDING**

Authorize submittal of project grant applications for ARRA discretionary funding.

Motion to submit applications for the Santa Maria River Bridge Project and the Rail Track Improvement Project for ARRA discretionary funding.

Motion: Farr

Second: Centeno

Motion carried: 11-0

9. **FEDERAL LOBBYIST**

Consider recommendations of ad hoc board committee to authorize the chair to execute an agreement for federal legislative advocacy services for FY 2009/10.

Motion to authorize chair to execute agreement with Thomas Walters & Associates, Inc for federal legislative advocacy services for FY 2009/10 and also approved an appropriation increase in the FY 2009/10 LTA capital projects budget of \$24,000.

Motion: DeWees

Second: Centeno

Motion carried: 11-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Coast Rail Coordinating Council, May 29, 2009.

Michael Powers provided a summary of the Coast Rail Coordinating Council meeting held on May 29, 2009.

Public Comment

KK Holland, Assent, indicated their support for regional planning. She added that a celebration is planned on July 18 for (a delayed) National Train Day.

11. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jim Kemp, Executive Director reported on the following items.

- Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Highway 154 project.
- The transition of the Clean Air Express operation to the City of Lompoc for FY 2009/10.
- The Board and the North and South Subregional committees have directed staff to solicit for the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee applicants.
- Brittany Odermann, Senior Transportation Planner was elected by her peers, to be the Chair of the statewide Regional Transportation Planning Agency group and will represent the group before the California Transportation Commission.
- Effective July 1, 2009, Board members will be receiving compensation for attending meetings where they serve as appointed representatives pursuant to LTA Ordinance No. 3.
- Public meeting on the Linden/Casitas Pass Interchange Improvement project will be taking place on Monday, June 29th in Carpinteria at the City of Carpinteria, Caltrans and SBCAG specifically to discuss the traffic issues.

12. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc McGinnes addressed the board on the deletion of SHOPP funds for the Cold Springs Bridge Project.

Aileen Loe, Caltrans, District 5 reported on the following items:

- Thanked Jim Kemp and Mayor Lavagnino for attending the SLOCOG board meeting on June 10th to speak in support of funding for the Santa Maria River Bridge.
- On July 7, 2009 (Carpinteria – Canalino School) and July 8, 2009 (Montecito Country Club) there will be scoping meetings on the 101 HOV widening project. The meetings will take place from 5:30-8:30.
- Closure of Hwy 192 is extended until the end of July.
- With the State Budget cuts it may take Caltrans longer to get to some issues, but highway safety and preservation are still top priority.

Supervisor Centeno requested the funding amount that has been spent on Hwy 166 (Guadalupe to Santa Maria and from the freeway over Cuyama into Kern County) since the inception of Measure D.

Supervisor Wolf would like Caltrans to address the potholes on Hwy 154 near San Antonio Creek Rd.

She also addressed an issue with the use of the land owned by Caltrans adjacent to 154 and asked for confirmation that the conditions of approval are being met.

13. COMMUNICATIONS.

Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, County of Santa Barbara gave a presentation on the potential negative impacts of the State Gas Tax diversion from local agencies on County road maintenance funding. Mr. Steve Wagner, Public Works Director, City of Goleta and Browning Allen, City of Santa Barbara Transportation Manager described similar impacts to their cities.

EX AGENDA ITEM - STATE BUDGET

Motion to hear ex agenda item providing direction to staff on the State Budget tax diversion proposal due to the emergence of a critical funding issue following the posting of the current agenda and need to take action before next meeting.

Motion: Centeno Second: Farr

Motion carried: 11-0

Motion to submit a strongly worded resolution to state legislators modeled after the League of Cities and CSAC letters opposing diversion of local funds to the state authorizing counsel to work with other agencies to assess legal options.

Motion: Centeno Second: Skytt

Motion carried: 11-0

14. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned 10:05 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Maria.