

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

Thursday, July 16, 2009

8:30 AM

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, 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; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria; Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria

Members Absent: Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District;

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

A. *Pending litigation: State of California v. 927 Indio Muerto*

B. *Pending litigation: Coalition Against Automobile Subsidies v SBCAG (1 case)
Sustainable Transportation Advocates of Santa Barbara v. SBCAG (2 cases)*

C. *Threatened litigation—one item.*

D. *Personnel matter—Executive Director performance evaluation*

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

B. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

1. *Rescind adoption of Resolution No. 08-17 certifying the Environmental Impact Report and approving CEQA findings and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan.*
2. *Rescind adoption of Resolution No. 08-18 approving the Final 2008 Regional Transportation Plan.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Story addressed the board on the process of reestablishing the EIR for the Regional Transportation Plan and also advocated for alternative transportation.

Motion to rescind adoption of Resolution No. 08-17 certifying the Regional Transportation Plan EIR and approving CEQA findings and rescind Resolution No. 08-18 approving Final 2008 RTP.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Skytt

Motion carried: 12-0

C. FUNDING MODIFCATION FOR HIGHWAY 101 ELLWOOD/HOLLISTER INTERCHANGE PROJECT, COLD SPRING CANYON BRIDGE SUICIDE BARRIER PROJECT AND 101 MILPAS TO CABRILLO/HOT SPRINGS 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 Chairman and Executive Director to sign cooperative agreements and certifications to implement the funding modification.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc McGinnes addressed the board on the diversion of funds from the Highway 101/Milpas to Hot Springs Road to the Cold Springs Bridge project and traffic safety. He strongly objected to using funds for the Cold Springs Bridge project barrier.

Jarrell Jackman addressed the board on highway congestion, traffic safety on Highway 101 between Santa Barbara and Carpinteria and his opposition to the diversion of funding to the Cold Springs Bridge project.

Kellam de Forest, Pearl Chase Society, addressed the board on the diversion of funding to the Cold Springs Bridge project.

Judith Ishkanian addressed the board on traffic safety in the Highway

101/Milpas to Hot Springs Road area and the importance of getting the project completed.

Ed Laing, addressed the board on the traffic in the Milpas area of Highway 101 and the diversion of funding to the Cold Springs Bridge project.

1. Motion to approve an exchange of STIP, SHOPP and federal stimulus funding to facilitate the delivery of the Highway 101 Ellwood\Hollister interchange project and to authorize the Chairman and Executive Director to sign cooperative agreements and certifications to implement the funding modification.

Motion: Farr

Second: Bennett

Motion carried: 12-0

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Story, Coastal Rail Now, invited the board to attend the Central Coast Train Day being held on July 18, 2009 at the Santa Barbara train station.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings scheduled

ACTION ITEMS

8. SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT

Review and consider approval of response to FY 2008-09, Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury Report: "SBCAG; A Road Not Taken"

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brett Honig addressed the board on the Grand Jury and stressed that changes are needed.

Dennis Story, Coast Rail Now and ASERT, expressed his approval of the report's findings and recommendations on regional planning.

Motion to send response letter to the Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried: 12-0

9. MEASURE A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Receive a report on the status of the recruitment effort for the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee and provide direction to staff on the selection process.

Motion for staff to proceed with Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee selection process.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Wolf

Motion carried: 12-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

July 1, 2009 LOSSAN Board/TAC meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Story, addressed the board on the Seacliff rail sidings and the Metrolink.

Jim Kemp provided a written summary of the LOSSAN Board meeting held on July 1, 2009.

Motion to accept written summary

Motion: Skytt

Second: Wolf

Motion carried: 12-0

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp, Executive Director reported on the following items:

- The status of ARRA discretionary applications – 4 projects
 1. Track tie replacement projects in Santa Barbara/SLO counties
 2. Electric switch projects in Santa Barbara/SLO counties
 3. Seacliff rail siding
 4. Additional rail siding project that SBCAG is working on. The rail siding project will be somewhere between Seacliff and Santa Barbara.
- TIGER Program – Surface transportation projects – 2 Projects
 1. Seacliff rail siding
 2. Santa Maria Bridge project

- Coastal Express fare increase approved by VCTC
- SB 406
- Census Status
- The 101 HOV project public scoping meetings
- Resignation of Will Kempton from Caltrans

12. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans, reported on the following items:

- Board received in their packet a copy of the Caltrans monthly report with information about ongoing and upcoming construction projects and a copy of a letter addressing concerns brought up at the last SBCAG board meeting.
- Randy Iwasaki the new Director of Caltrans.
- Caltrans district office, maintenance department and maintenance workers on mandatory furlough for three of the four Fridays each month.
- With the 14% pay cut and three Friday furloughs a month, Caltrans is still focused on most important safety maintenance projects.
- TIGER Program and the role Caltrans plays in the nomination process.
- The South Coast HOV project. Two scoping meetings were held to inform the public on the project.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

14. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.