

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

**Thursday, November 19, 2009**

**8:30 AM**

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
511 East Lakeside Parkway  
Santa Maria, CA**

**Alternate Meeting Location:**

**Monterey Conference Center  
Larkin Conference Room  
One Portola Plaza  
Monterey, CA 93940**

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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 (via remote arrived at 8:31); Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District (via remote); Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District (via remote); Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Michael Siminski, Mayor, City of Lompoc (arrived at 8:47 a.m.); Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria;

**Members Absent:** Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District

**Staff Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director of Programs; Sarkes Khachek, Transportation Planner (via remote); Andrew Orfila, Transportation Planner (via remote); 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

No closed session items.

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Member Agencies

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



E. HIGHWAY 101 MILPAS-HOT SPRINGS

*Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 6 to the contract with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers to increase the amount by \$25,000 for design support services during construction.*

F. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

*Adopt Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) amendment #18 to increase funding for projects in the Highway Bridge Program Lump Sum, modify a federal earmark to add new project listings and make revisions to federal transit projects.*

Consent Item 6F pulled by Supervisor Farr

Supervisor Farr would like a list of projects in the Highway Bridge Program to be sent to the SBCAG Board.

Motion made to approve the consent calendar Items 6A-6C and Items 6E- 6F

Motion: Lavagnino                      Second: Bennett

Motion carried: 12-0

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Toru Miyoshi addressed the board on state taxes and local tax revenue diversion.

Marc McGinnes paid his respects to former Lompoc Mayor Dick DeWees. He also thanked Caltrans for putting emergency parking only signs at the ends of the Cold Springs Bridge.

Dale Stockdale addressed the board the on the Union Valley Parkway project between Highway 135 and Blosser Rd requesting that the board reconsider the funding approved for this project .

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No public hearings.

**ACTION ITEMS**

No action items.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

8. MEASURE A STRATEGIC PLAN

A. *Receive a presentation on the cash flow scenarios being developed for the Measure A Strategic Plan.*

B. *Approve a contract amendment with Parsons Brinckerhoff of \$61,000 to complete the Strategic Plan.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Wagner, City of Goleta, addressed the board on TTAC and the challenges it faces in putting together funding scenarios. TTAC does not want to include RSTP funds in the strategic plan except for the amount of money necessary to pay for Highway 101 should other federal funding fall short.

Lanny Ebenstein, SB County Taxpayers Association, addressed the board on keeping the widening of Highway 101 a top priority.

Robin Hayhurst, Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee, addressed the board on the importance of the widening of Highway 101 and possibly keeping the annual allocations off the top flexible.

Toru Miyoshi addressed the board asking for justification of allocating local taxes to fix state highways.

Andy Caldwell, COLAB, addressed the board emphasizing that the widening of Highway 101 is the highest priority and the remaining money will be split between the North and South County.

Hamid Bahadori addressed the board asking them to keep the promise of widening Highway 101 a top priority.

Laurie Tamura addressed the board stating the widening of Highway 101 is a South county project. North County projects are important to the Orcutt and Santa Maria valley areas and to please keep them a priority.

Tim Mahoney, Chairman, Santa Barbara Technology and Industry Association, addressed the board on Highway 101 project. Believes it is a necessary project that will benefit both South and North Counties.

Motion made to receive presentation and bring back the Parsons Brinckerhoff contract amendment to the January 2010 board meeting to determine how much funding is left on the contract and how much more money will be required to complete Strategic Plan.

Motion: Skytt

Second: Siminski

Motion carried: 12-0

9. AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)

*Receive a report on the status of roadway and transit ARRA (stimulus) funding in Santa Barbara County and Caltrans' concerns about statewide expenditures of obligated funds.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc McGinnis urged the board to direct Caltrans to not put the Cold Springs barrier project out for bid.

10. SB-375

*Receive briefing on California Air Resources Board, Regional Targets Advisory Committee, Final Report.*

Board deferred the item to the December 17, 2009 SBCAG board meeting.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, reported on the following:

- The North County and South Coast Subregional Meetings will take place on December 2, 2009 and not December 9th as originally anticipated.
- Michael Cheng, Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee has resigned due to work schedule conflicts. The South Coast Subregional Committee will need to nominate a replacement.
- Decisions made on the Sustainable Transportation Advocates vs. SBCAG lawsuits.
- Bids opened for the Hollister/Cathedral Oaks interchange project in Goleta.

13. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans, reported on the following:

- The state sold 4.1 billion dollars in bonds. 307 million went to transportation.
- Bond funding to continue construction on the Milpas/Hot Springs project is now secure through 2010.
- Milpas/Hot Springs project is almost 50% complete. The roundabout in Montecito is complete.
- Ribbon cutting of Los Carneros interchange landscaping project.
- Hollister/Ellwood project moving ahead.

Mayor Blum asked Caltrans to check on the lighting and signage at the Hot Springs roundabout.

Supervisor Centeno suggested that the CHP be involved in the discussion of the Union Valley Parkway design.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc McGinnes addressed the board on the Caltrans lawsuit, the Cold Springs Bridge Project and the diversion of funds.

He urged the board not to support the barriers project and instead support alternative suicide prevention measures.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

15. ADJOURN

Chair Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.