

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) PERFORMANCE AUDITS

Approve release of Request for Proposal for Triennial TDA Performance Audits

B. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Receive summary of Unmet Transit Needs outreach process for 2010-11 and set public hearing on unmet transit needs for January 21, 2010, 10:00 AM time certain in Santa Maria.

C. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Approve SBCAG Board of Directors regular meeting schedule for 2010.

D. 2010 US CENSUS

Receive report on coordination activities related to the 2010 Census.

E. MEASURE A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Approve recommendation by South Coast Subregional Planning Committee to appoint Mark Bradley to vacant seat on Citizen's Oversight Committee.

F. LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR

- 1. Authorize approval of LOSSAN MOU.*
- 2. Authorize Board Chair to sign a letter to Caltrans Division of Rail supporting a Pacific Surfliner schedule revision to better serve peak hour travelers between Santa Barbara and Ventura counties and request letters of support from interested organizations.*

G. PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM

Approve projects for Buellton, Guadalupe, SMOOTH, Solvang, and County of Santa Barbara for Fiscal Year 2007/08 and 2008/09 Proposition 1B Transit Capital Program for submittal to Caltrans.

H. FTA SECTION 5311 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Approve the Program of Projects for Federal Transit Administration non-urbanized area transit funds (Section 5311) in Santa Barbara County for FY 2009/10.

Motion made to approve consent calendar.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Wolf

Motion carried: 12-0 (Siminski absent)

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings scheduled.

ACTION ITEMS

8. MEASURE A STRATEGIC PLAN

Approve recommendations of TTAC and Measure A Citizen's Oversight committee to include cash flow Scenario 2F in the draft Strategic Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc McGinnes objected to an alleged diversion of \$1.5 million from the Highway 101 project to the Cold Springs Bridge project. He stated that the use of economic stimulus funds for this purpose was illegal.

Andy Caldwell, COLAB, expressed concern about how congestion on Highway 101 was hurting the economy because people bypassed 101 and used alternate routes. He also stated that the 78% off the top funding for the North and South regions is not specified as the priority in Measure A. He stressed that the board should keep the Highway 101 widening project the number one priority.

Linda Jackson, Measure A Oversight Committee, addressed the importance of keeping the widening of Highway 101 a priority and the need for strong lobbying from the State and Federal Governments for the project.

Jarrell Jackman addressed the board for his wife Michelle Jackman. He stated that she cares about the suicide issue very much but recommends the funds be returned to fix 101.

Steve Wagner, TTAC, City of Goleta, addressed the board on the STIP and RSTP funds and the funding assumptions of the plan. The success of the Measure A plan depends on the local ability to obtain state and federal funding. The Plan must provide local agencies the option to develop additional projects.

Browning Allen, Director of Transportation, City of Santa Barbara and also a member of TTAC, stated the pressure for a vote on this scenario was premature. Mr. Browning believes that the federal money should have been included in the cash flow analysis. He feels the time is right to go after federal money now. He would like the board to direct staff to go after federal money.

Scott McGolpin, County of Santa Barbara recommended that the plan should include local, state and federal funding. He believes the Highway 101 improvement project is a priority and that we should be going aggressively after federal government to get earmarks.

Dave Whitehead, Director of Public Works, City of Santa Maria, and TTAC member, addressed the board stating that the Public Works Directors were still uncomfortable with the staff recommendation. RSTP funds were never considered as outside funding to be leveraged by Measure A funds. SBCAG must be aggressive in obtaining additional state and federal funding.

Chair Alvarez appointed members Gray, Siminski, Lavagnino and VAFB Commander Buck to a committee to explore federal defense funding opportunities for 101.

Motion made to approve recommendations of TTAC and Measure A Citizen's Oversight committee as amended:

-Include cash flow Scenario 2F in the draft Strategic Plan.

-RSTP funds reserved for the 101 HOV can be considered by the board for emergency needs or other needs if efforts to obtain federal funding are successful.

-SBCAG staff shall use state and federal lobbyists to maximize funding for the Hwy 101 HOV project.

-Strategic plan shall include discussions, illustrations and evaluation for aggressive strategies to secure outside funding including the economic benefits to the county for an expedited 101 HOV project.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Siminski

Motion carried: 9-4 (Wolf, Farr, Blum and Aceves – no)

9. SB-375

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

B. *Schedule public hearing for January 21, 2010 to consider changing Regional Transportation Plan and local housing element update cycles as allowed in SB 375.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Caldwell, COLAB asked that the SBCAG board communicate to Governor Schwarzenegger the desire for relief from SB 375, AB 32 and the Diesel Engine rule.

Motion made to schedule public hearing at the January 21, 2010 SBCAG board meeting.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried 13-0

10. CALCOG PRIORITY ACTIONS

Approve California County Association of Governments draft 2010 priority actions

Motion made to receive the California County Association of Governments draft 2010 priority actions report.

Motion: Skytt

Second: Farr

Motion carried 13-0

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010

Elect Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2010.

Motion made to elect Supervisor Carbajal as Chair and Councilmember Armendariz as Vice-Chair for 2010.

Motion: Alvarez

Second: Centeno

Motion carried: 13-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Receive a presentation on federal transportation legislation from SBCAG lobbyist Thomas Walters & Associates and discuss priorities for 2010.

Board received presentation, no action was taken.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CALCOG Delegates meeting—November 30 (Hicks)

B. South Coast Subregional Planning Committee.

C. LOSSAN Board of Directors—December 9 (Carbajal)

Due to time restraints no Committee reports were given.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc McGinnes addressed the board on the alleged diversion of the \$1.5 million from the Highway 101 project to the Cold Springs bridge project. He feels the federal stimulus money has been misapplied and feels the board will receive aggressive opposition to this decision and urged the board to return the funds to the Highway 101 project

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, reported on the following:

- Monitoring of federal stimulus dollars and meeting project deadlines.
- CTC adopted a policy about how cost savings on existing CMIA programs would be spent. Under this policy the cost savings could only be applied to existing programmed projects or projects that were nominated in 2007. Santa Maria River project was on that list.

15. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc McGinnes stated to the board that the money diverted from the Milpas to Hot Springs project is supposed to be used for shovel ready projects.

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

- Santa Maria River Bridge reached the ready to list milestone.
- Bond sales

16. COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Gray reported that the subcommittee meeting with Colonel Buck would be taking place on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 1:00 pm and requested the item placed on the SBCAG agenda of January 21, 2010.

17. ADJOURN

Chair Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

