

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

**Thursday, August 19, 2010**

**8:30 AM**

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Barbara, CA**

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Carbajal called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Members Present:** Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Victoria Pointer, Mayor, City of Buellton; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Mike Siminski, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Helene Schneider, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara (arrived at 8:34 a.m.); Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Roger Aceves, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria

**Staff Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director of Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Bobbi Didier, Business Manager; Kent Epperson, Traffic Solutions; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Stephen Underwood, County Counsel; Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5 Representative; Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative

**Members Absent:** Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; and Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

No closed session items.

4. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION



F. MEASURE A SPECIALIZED TRANSIT SERVICE

*Authorize the chair to sign contracts with Easy Lift, Inc and Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers (SMOOTH), Inc. to provide paratransit services using Measure A Specialized Transit for Elderly and Disabled program funds allocated for FY 2010/11.*

G. AIRPORT LAND USE PLAN

*Authorize acceptance of \$90,000 in State Airport Improvement Funds to update Airport Land Use Plan for Santa Barbara County.*

H. 2009 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

*Adopt Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) amendment #28 to add new projects in the SHOPP Mandates, State Highway Maintenance and Recreational Trails Programs and to add projects recently awarded funding from the Federal Transit Administration 5310 Elderly and Disabled, 5316 Jobs Access and Reverse Commute, and 5317 New Freedom programs.*

I. DRAFT 2011 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

*Authorize release of draft 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program for public comment.*

Motion made to approve consent calendar.

Motion: Skytt

Second: Pointer

Motion carried: 9-0

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Wenz, Cars Are Basic addressed the board about an article in the Santa Barbara News Press regarding the City of Santa Barbara.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, reported on the following items:

- CALACT will be holding its fall conference (September 27, 2010 through September 30, 2010) in Santa Barbara. SBCAG will be a co-host of the conference.
- Joint TPAC /TTAC meeting held on August 5, on SB-375.
- The 2011 Appropriations bill passed by the House Transportation and Housing Subcommittee includes \$650,000 in funding for the Carpinteria Creek/Highway 101 bridge widening project at the request of Congressman Capps.

- CTCs approval of SBCAG's request for 32 million dollars in Proposition 1B funds that will fully fund the construction on the Santa Maria River Bridge project. The project will have to wait for the issuance of state bonds before beginning any construction work.

9. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5, reported on the following items:

- The State budget impasse may affect ongoing transportation projects. The state is running low on bond funds and has stopped awarding new bond funded project contracts. Existing projects like the 101 operational improvements may face work stoppages as early as October.
- Caltrans staff will again be furloughed three Fridays a month.
- Highway 101 Pavement Project will begin after Labor Day.
- Linden Casitas Project Final EIR approved in July now moving into the design phase.
- Coast Village Road congestion issues. A meeting with business representatives was convened by Supervisor Carbajal and Mayor Schneider and Caltrans discussed short and long term measures being taken to mitigate the congestion.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No public hearings.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10. SB-375

*Review draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target set for SBCAG by California Air Resources Board and authorize submittal of a letter commenting on target setting process.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Bradley stressed the need for increased public outreach for the Sustainable Communities Strategy. He also noted that the first round of targets for SBCAG are provisional and will probably be more ambitious when the targets are refined 3 or 4 years from now.

Michael Chiacos / Community Environmental Council observed that Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties received a target reduction of 8% in GHG per capita, while SBCAG's proposed target allows for an increase in GHG per capita for the future years. He indicated that the board needs to make a decision encouraging the development of smart growth and transit oriented development.



12. DYNAMIC RIDESHARING FEDERAL GRANT (15 mins)

- A. *Accept Federal Highway Administration grant of \$158,400 for the Dynamic Ridesharing pilot project and authorize executive director to execute grant agreements.*
- B. *Authorize adjustments to the FY 2010/11 fund budgets for Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) and LTA (Measure A South Coast Carpool/Vanpool Program) as matching fund sources.*
- C. *Approve amendment #30 to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to incorporate the grant and matching funds for the project.*

Motion made to approve staff recommendations for item 12A, B and C.

Motion: Schneider

Second: Aceves

Motion carried 9-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Carbajal reported that he and Mayor Schneider have been working with Caltrans and LOSSAN in the rescheduling of the southbound Amtrak Surfliner.

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, reported that Mayor Schneider and he attended the LOSSAN board meeting on July 28, 2010 and Supervisor Carbajal participated by conference call.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, confirmed that the September 20, 2010 SBCAG meeting could be attended by all board members not in attendance at today's meeting and therefore the regular meeting of September 16, 2010 could be cancelled and rescheduled to September 20, 2010.

Mayor Alvarez suggested that SBCAG post staff salaries on their website as a result of the controversy over salaries of council members and staff in the city of Bell.

Chair Carbajal reported that the board would be receiving a copy of the letter that the City of Santa Barbara sent regarding 319 W. Haley Street and that he would be discussing possible board actions with staff and county counsel.

15. ADJOURN

Chair Carbajal adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.