

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

Thursday, January 20, 2011

8:30 AM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Armendariz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District (via teleconference); Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Steve Lavagnino, Supervisor, Fifth District; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Russ Hicks, Councilmember, City of Buellton; Bob Lingl, Councilmember, City of Lompoc; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Grant House, Councilmember, City of Santa Barbara; Jim Richardson, Mayor, City of Solvang; Roger Aceves, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria

Members Absent: Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Aubrey Spilde, Transportation Planner, Gregg Hart, Public Information/Government Affairs Coordinator, Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Stephen Underwood, County Counsel; Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5 Representative; Melissa Streder, Caltrans District 5 Representative

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

No closed session items

4. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve minutes from the December 16, 2010 board of directors meeting.

Motion made to approve minutes of the November 18, 2010 board of directors meeting.

Motion: Mayor Lavagnino

Second: Richardson

Motion carried: 9-0-3 (S. Lavagnino, Lingl and House abstained)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. 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 2010/11.

B. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Adopt revised SBCAG Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2011.

C. DYNAMIC RIDESHARING CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

Approve Contract with the Community Environmental Council for professional and specialized services to assist with the implementation of the Dynamic Rideshare pilot grant project.

D. AIRPORT LAND USE PLAN UPDATE

Authorize release of a Request for Proposals for update of Airport Land Use Plan.

E. HIGHWAY CALL BOX MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Approve contract amendment with CASE Systems, Inc. to provide callbox repair and maintenance services.

F. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Approve Amendment #1 to reflect increased funding for projects in the Highway Bridge Program Lump Sum and the SHOPP Collision Reduction Program Lump Sum.

G. 2010 US CENSUS

Receive informational report on 2010 US Census counts for the Nation and State.

H. ROUTE 154 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS - GROUP II

Receive and file the Final Closeout Report for the Measure D funded Route 154 Group II improvements.

Motion made to approve Consent Calendar:

Motion: Mayor Lavagnino

Second: Alvarez

Motion carried: 11-0-1 (Supervisor Lavagnino abstained)

ACTION ITEMS

**Item 13 heard prior to Item 11 due to a time certain of 10:00 a.m.
Unmet Transit Needs and Item 12 Route 154 Truck Safety**

11. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Approve federal legislative agenda for 2011 including project earmark requests for federal funding.

Motion made to approve federal legislative agenda for 2011 including project earmark requests for federal funding.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: House

Motion carried 12-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 12 heard prior to Item 11 due to a time certain of 10:00 a.m.

12. ROUTE 154 TRUCK SAFETY

Hold hearing to receive input on consideration of proposal to initiate state legislation to improve safety on Route 154 by restricting truck traffic by size and/or weight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

California Highway Patrol (Captain Jeff Sgobba, Santa Barbara Area Commander; and Assistant Chief Scott Howland, Coastal Division) presented information and statistics on collisions on Highway 154 and also what is considered a hazardous material and may be prohibited.

Beverly Herbert, resident, addressed the board on the traffic in the area of Foothill Road and Highway 154 and also the on/off ramps in the area.

Scott Cramer, General Manager, Certified Freight Logistics, California Trucking Association, addressed the board on trucking roadway and weight restrictions already in place and how the closure of the route could affect the industry.

Bob Field, resident, addressed the board on the number of traffic fatalities on Highway 154. Suggests that the speed limit on the 154 should be 40 mph

Karin Roser addressed the board on Highway 154 and how the public uses it like a high speed highway. Suggested that more stop signs be added at all the major intersections, and evaluate the speed limit on Highway 154.

Motion made to direct staff to take the next steps in pursuing legislation restricting truck use of Highway 154 based on size and weight with the exception of local truck traffic.

Motion: House

Second: Farr

Motion carried: 10-0-2 (Alvarez, Lingl – Abstain)

13. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Hold hearing and receive public input on unmet transit needs in Santa Barbara County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barry Stotts, addressed the board about the history of transit service in North County, noting that the systems are working well and we just need to keep expanding service in North County.

Colleen Klein, Buellton Senior Center, addressed the board on the need for financial support for nonprofit organizations such as senior centers providing dial-a-ride tickets to seniors, or for lower dial-a-ride fares for seniors in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Elizabeth Houston addressed the board about the need for a bus route with bus stops on Depot Street to serve individuals with disabilities at the Vizcaya Apartments in Santa Maria. Currently there are two bus stops on Thornburg Street, but no stops on Depot Street.

Willi Campbell, of the Solvang Senior Center, addressed the board about the need to change the focus of transit service from fixed route back to dial-a-ride service for transit-dependent seniors.

Eldon Kirby, of the Del Cielo Mobile Home Owners Association, addressed the board about the need for a safe pedestrian crossing across Santa Maria Way from the Del Cielo Mobile Senior Estates to the SMAT (Santa Maria Area Transit) bus stop on the west side of Santa Maria Way. He also requested a bench for the bus stop.

Lou Traga of the Independent Living Resource Center addressed the board about the need for public transportation to allow seniors and individuals with disabilities to be active participants in the community. Public transportation not only benefits the individuals, but also the community in which they are contributing members.

Public hearing only therefore no action was taken.

14. SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Consider request by SBMTD board of directors that MTD be added as voting member to SBCAG board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherrie Fisher, SBMTD Board, thanked the board for their consideration of the voting option.

Motion made to bring back to the SBCAG February 2011 board meeting after the South Coast Subregional Committee has heard the additional information as requested at their last meeting.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Aceves

Motion carried: 12-0

15. SBCAG ORGANIZATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Review updated Action Plan for Organizational Assessment and provide direction to staff.

Motion made to implement all the priority one recommendations in as expeditious a manner as possible and to solicit facilitation services from Management Partners to begin implementing the action plan.

Motion: Farr

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 12-0

16. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- A. *Appoint one delegate and one alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).*

Board appointed Councilmember Hicks as delegate and Mayor Richardson as alternate to CALCOG.

- B. *Appoint one delegate and one alternate each to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council and the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN).*

Board appointed Supervisor Carbajal as delegate and Mayor Schneider as alternate to LOSSAN.

Board appointed Mayor Schneider as delegate and Councilmember Armendariz as alternate to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.

- C. *Appoint three members and an alternate to serve as SBCAG representatives on the Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee.*

Board appointed Supervisors Carbajal, Wolf, and Councilmember Armendariz as members and Mayor Schneider as alternate to the Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee.

- D. That the Chair appoint members to the SBCAG executive committee.

Chair Armendariz appointed Supervisor Gray, Carbajal and Mayors Schneider as members to the SBCAG executive committee.

One motion made to approve all committee appointments as proposed

Motion: Aceves

Second: Richardson

Motion carried: 12-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

17. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Supervisor Carbajal reported that he and Scott Spaulding attended the LOSSAN meeting of January 19, 2011.

18. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Jim Kemp reported that due to the cancellation of the December TTAC/TPAC meetings no draft minutes had been included in the board packets for January.

19. **ADJOURN**

The next Board meeting will be held on February 17, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Barbara.