

**Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Board of Directors
Thursday, April 21, 2011**

8:30 AM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Armendariz called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District (arrived at 8:51 a.m.); Joni Gray, Supervisor Fourth District; Steve Lavagnino, Supervisor, Fifth District; Holly Sierra Mayor Pro Tem, City of Buellton; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; John Linn, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Helene Schneider, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Jim Richardson, Mayor, City of Solvang (arrived at 8:48 a.m.); Roger Aceves, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria;

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Kent Epperson, Stephen Underwood, County Counsel; Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5 Representative; Melissa Streder, Caltrans District 5 Representative

Members Absent: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Schneider recused herself from closed session item 3A.

A. *Conference with Legal Counsel – Deciding to Initiate Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(c) SBCAG v. City of Santa Barbara - 319 W. Haley Street Property.*

B. *Executive Director Performance Review (G.C. Section 54957(b)(1))*

4. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Stephen Underwood, Agency Counsel, stated that no reportable action had been taken.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve minutes from the March 17, 2011 board of directors meeting.

Motion made to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2011 board of directors meeting.

Motion: Mayor Lavagnino Second: Wolf

Motion carried 11-0-2 (Alvarez and Linn abstained)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve by roll call vote on one motion:

A. TRAVEL MODEL CONTRACT

Authorize the chair to approve a contract with Caliper Corporation to update the SBCAG travel model.

B. 2011 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Approve Formal Amendment #6 to the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program to program funding for the installation of curb ramps in Santa Barbara County.

C. FTA 5310 ELDERLY AND DISABLED FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING PROGRAM

Approve project scores for FTA Section 5310 (Elderly and Disabled Transportation) applications for the FY 2011 call for projects and authorize their submittal to Caltrans.

D. MEASURE D ENDING BALANCE

Receive a report on the projected ending balance for the Measure D program.

E. HIGHWAY 246 SANTA YNEZ RIVER BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Authorize the release of a Request for Proposal to study the feasibility of improving access to the city of Lompoc across the Santa Ynez River by providing a bridge raised above flood level with wider shoulders that can safely accommodate vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

F. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Receive status report on Congestion Management Program.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Authorize the chair to sign an amendment extending the term of the executive director employment agreement to June 30, 2012.

Motion made to approve Consent Calendar with the exception of item 6E, delayed for 30 days at the request of Mayor Linn.

Motion: Mayor Lavagnino Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 13-0

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Thompson, Mesa resident, addressed the board on safety improvements on Hwy 225/Cliff Drive. He requested some painted cross walks and lower speed limits. He noted that on June 14, 2011 there will be neighborhood discussion about safety on Hwy 225 and invited Caltrans to attend.

David VanHoy addressed the board on the relinquishment of Cliff drive from the state to the City of Santa Barbara. He would like Caltrans and the City of Santa Barbara to have a meeting to start finding ways to make Cliff Drive safer.

John Kelley, Mesa resident, addressed speeding and safety improvements on Hwy 225/Cliff Drive.

Tom Morrison, resident, addressed the board regarding crosswalks and safety on Hwy 225.

Laurel Perez, Mesa resident, addressed speeding, safety improvements, provided data and asked that anything the board could do to help with the process for safety improvement would be greatly appreciated.

Due to the public comments, Supervisor Wolf asked that the Caltrans District Report be heard prior to the Executive Director's Report.

8. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

In regards to Hwy 225 corridor, Caltrans and the City of Santa Barbara are in discussion and it looks like that there will be a relinquishment to the City. The neighborhood concerns could be better addressed if the highway is owned by the City. Caltrans is

limited to the things that they can do currently. Safety improvements are driven by availability of funding and accident history.

Caltrans will attend a community meeting on the Mesa regarding Hwy 225. Supervisor Wolf suggested a pre-meeting with Mayor Schneider, Caltrans and some Mesa/Cliff Drive representatives. Mayor Schneider suggested that the resident manager of SHIFCO attend as well.

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

Northbound Highway 101 repaving project

Santa Maria River Bridge – bids open on May 11, 2011; ground breaking ceremony in August.

The supplemental EIR for Cold Springs Bridge Suicide Barrier was certified the week of April 18, 2011.

CMIA cost savings nominations being accepted by Caltrans.

The Alder Creek slide on Highway 1/Big Sur in Monterey County.

Caltrans Director Cindy McKim will be retiring effective May 17, 2011.

April is highway worker safety month.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Central Coast Coalition Sacramento Lobby Day on April 13 was attended by Mayor Linn and representatives from other central coast counties. Meetings were held with the central coast's legislative delegation, California Transportation Commission staff and Caltrans director McKim to introduce the newly formed Coaliton and advocate for a fall bond sale.

Metrolink has indicated that retiming Amtrak Surfliner service is not feasible due to train schedule conflicts and limited passing sidings in L.A. county and south Ventura county. They have proposed operating dedicated commuter rail service between Montalvo and Goleta using surplus Metrolink equipment. Staff is negotiating an agreement with UPRR to evaluate the feasibility of this service and identify capital needs. The work would be funded from the South Coast Measure A commuter/passenger rail program and an agreement will be presented for board approval next month.

Peter Imhof has been appointed to fill vacant Deputy Director for Planning position and will begin on May 2, 201.

April 29, 2011 SBCAG hosting the LOSSAN board meeting in Santa Barbara

Mayor Richardson and the executive director will be attending the CALCOG Annual Regional Issues Forum in Monterey April 28-29

PUBLIC HEARINGS

