

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

Thursday, January 19, 2012

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 am

Members Present: Directors Salud Carbajal, Janet Wolf, Doreen Farr, Steve Lavagnino, Holly Sierra, John Linn, Jim Richardson, Lupe Alvarez, Larry Lavagnino, Grant House, Roger Aceves, Chair Joe Armendariz

Members Absent: Director Joni Gray

Ex-Officio Member: Rich Krumholz, Deputy Director, Caltrans District 5

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Peter Imhof, Deputy Director; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Brittany Odermann, Senior Transportation Planner; Aubrey Spilde, Transportation; Gregg Hart, Public Information Officer; Bill Dillon, Agency Counsel\County Counsel

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

A. *Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(a) Ward v. First Transit, Inc., City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara, and SBCAG; Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 1389349*

B. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(a)). State of California (Caltrans) v. 927 Indio Muerto, Second Appellate Dist., Division 6, Case No. B219227.*

C. *Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Executive Director (Gov. Code sec. 54957(b)(1))*

4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Bill Dillon, Senior Deputy County Counsel, reported the Court of Appeal upheld the trial court award of damages for an eminent domain proceeding. The jury awarded the owners \$331,000 for the acquisition of and damage to the real estate and a limited award of \$75,000 for loss of business goodwill.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

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

Motion: Richardson

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried 11-0-1 (House abstained, Gray absent)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. FTA 5311 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

1. *Approve the Program of Projects for Federal Transit Administration non-urbanized area transit funds (Section 5311) in Santa Barbara County for FY 2011/12.*
2. *Approve Formal Amendment #15 to the 2011 FTIP to program FTA 5311 funding for FY 11/12.*

B. VENTURA – SANTA BARBARA/GOLETA COMMUTER BUS SERVICE

Authorize the Executive Director to secure facilitation services for an amount not to exceed \$4,000 in Measure A South Coast Interregional Transit Program funds to define goals, objectives, and priorities for commuter bus service between Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

C. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2012

Approve SBCAG Board of Directors regular meeting schedule for 2012.

D. FY 2011-12 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENTS FOR PROPOSITION 84 TRAVEL MODEL GRANT FUNDING, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Adopt a resolution amending the FY 2011-12 Overall Work Program to:

1. *Add a carryover balance of \$29,650 in remaining Proposition 84 travel model grant funds and decrease the local matching funds by \$99,650 in the Travel Demand Forecasting Work Element (2250); and*
2. *Increase both the Sustainable Communities Strategy (2260) and Regional Transportation Plan (3210) Work Elements by \$49,900 (composed of \$40,000 in federal Consolidated Planning Grant (PL) funds and \$9,900 in required matching local funds).*

E. PROPOSITION 84 GRANT APPLICATION

Adopt resolution authorizing submittal of application to the State Strategic Growth Council for a Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities grant to support preparation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy required by SB 375.

F. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Adopt resolution ratifying the Executive Director's approval of certification of the Hartford employee deferred compensation plan and adoption of same.

G. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Approve project selection procedures for FTA 5307 funding and authorize a call for projects.

H. PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT SECURITY PROGRAM

Approve Projects for the Fiscal Year 2011/12 Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant Program for Submittal to California Emergency Management Agency.

Motion made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Larry Lavagnino

Motion carried 12-0

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp, Executive Director reported on the following items:

- Regional Transportation Improvement Program with the list of projects to be funded by the STIP
- CTC hearing in February on STIP projects/Jim Kemp will be attending this meeting.
- Interregional transit transfer policy.
- State budget
- New SBCAG employee – Julio Perucho

9. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- New proposed state Transportation Agency – 2012 State Budget
- Ongoing Caltrans projects
- Mussel Shoals HOV project
- Cathedral Oaks project
- Santa Maria River Bridge project
- Cold Spring Bridge Suicide Barrier Project
- Roundabout at La Purisima and Highway 246
- Grant applications – Safe Routes to Schools
- 4 new traffic cameras in Santa Barbara County
- Traffic accident on Highway 101 (Buellton)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Items 11 – 14 heard prior to item 10 due to the 10:00 a.m. TIME CERTAIN

11. MEASURE A ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Conduct second hearing and adopt an amendment to Ordinance No. 5 of the Santa Barbara Local Transportation Authority to make technical changes to Section 21(b) (requires 2/3rds majority approval—9 affirmative votes)

Motion made to adopt an amendment to Ordinance No. 5 of the Santa Barbara Local Transportation Authority to make technical changes to Section 21(b)

Motion: Wolf

Second: Steve Lavagnino

Motion carried 12-0

ACTION ITEMS

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012 (5 minutes)

Elect Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2012.

Motion made to elect Director Gray as Chair and Director Aceves for Vice Chair for 2012.

Motion: Alvarez

Second: Richardson

Director Richardson withdrew his second in order for further discussion on the Vice Chair appointment.

Motion made to elect Director Gray as Chair for 2012

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Richardson

Motion carried: 12 -0

Chair Armendariz asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Director House nominated Director Schneider for Vice Chair and Director Larry Lavagnino nominated Director Aceves for Vice Chair.

Vote taken to declare the directors choice for Vice Chair.

Directors Carbajal, Wolf, Farr and House voted for Director Schneider. (4)

Directors Steve Lavagnino, Alvarez, Linn, Richardson, Larry Lavagnino, Aceves, Sierra and Armendariz voted for Director Aceves (8)

Director Aceves voted in as Vice Chair for 2012.

13. MEASURE A BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS (15 minutes)

Approve projects recommended by South Coast Subregional Committee for funding cycle 1.

Motion made to approve recommended projects for funding cycle 1.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 12-0

14. ROUTE 154 TRUCK SAFETY

A. Request that Assemblymember Williams introduce an Assembly Resolution supporting measures to improve safety on State Route 154.

B. Authorize chair to sign letter to Caltrans District Director Rich Krumholz requesting that Route 154 be designated as part of the California Truck Advisory Network and not recommended for trucks.

Motion made to move items 14A and B.

Motion: Farr

Second: Aceves

Motion carried: 12-0

10. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS (10:00 a.m. TIME CERTAIN)

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

Public hearing only therefore no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barry Stotts

- Diverse group—Spanish speakers, hearing impaired, people with disabilities, seniors, general public—attended SMAT workshop and provided input
- Austin O'Dell did good job facilitating
- Lots of changes being made
- Providing better transportation

Beth Houston

- Support SMAT Route #4
- Keep Route #4 as it was before, for wheelchair users
- Applaud you for new Santa Maria Transit Center
- Suggest adding signs to indicate if SMAT routes are going north or south

Lillian Smith

- There is no connection between Old Town Orcutt and East Orcutt (Oak Knolls)
- There is no bench, shelter, or sign at bus stop by Kohl's

Maria Hernandez

- Need evening transportation from Santa Maria to Los Alamos
- Need service from Los Alamos to Santa Maria on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and maybe Friday

Arcelia Sencion

- Transportation between Buellton and Lompoc has been successful, is important because there is no specialized medical care in Santa Ynez Valley
- Still need transportation from Los Alamos because there is no specialized medical care
- Need transportation in evening hours to/from Los Alamos for high school students

Mayra Gutierrez

- Need transportation from Los Alamos to go to doctor; would like transit available on more days

Yamila Gomez

- Need bus from Buellton to Lompoc on Saturdays for grocery shopping and to attend Lompoc swap meet

Eli Martinez

- Thank you for services given last year
- Would like additional day of bus service from Los Alamos to Santa Maria during the week; there is not enough time on Saturdays
- It is okay if the fare goes up

John Dimeglio

- Use smart shuttle system to utilize computers and cell phones to have as many bus stops as necessary

Helen Ann Thomas

- Many SMAT bus stops disappeared with the new schedule, requiring lots of walking
- New SMAT bus schedule is difficult to use, full of mistakes and omissions
- Signs are missing at bus stops
- Several bus stops were eliminated in Old Orcutt by Spencer's Market and now I have to walk 25 minutes rather than 7
- Buses need northbound/southbound labels

Patricia Bartoli-Wible

- Southern California Edison has many employees who commute
- The company encourages increasing bus usage

Veronica Garcia

- Need increased bus routes in Los Alamos for doctor and other appointments, and on Saturdays

Hazel Putney

- PUEBLO pushed SMAT to hold public hearings on bus route changes
- Many problems were addressed at the meetings (e.g., route taken off Western Avenue, reduced buses from Pioneer Valley High School, limited service to Tanglewood, outdated and misleading bus signs)
- PUEBLO is happy with the results; SMAT is willing to make changes
- PUEBLO wants changes to be timely with lots of public input, and for maps and signs to be updated
- PUEBLO donated translation equipment and interpretation services for SMAT meetings

15. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- A. *Receive report on federal transportation program reauthorization (SAFETEA-LU) and approve federal legislative agenda for 2012.*
- B. *Authorize the chair to sign a letter to Senator Boxer commenting on Moving ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21—the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee reauthorization proposal).*
- C. *Select and authorize SBCAG delegation to schedule meetings in Washington DC to advocate for SBCAG legislative agenda.*

Motion made to move items 15A, B, and C and have the delegation include the 2012 SBCAG Chair and Vice-Chair.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Larry Lavagnino

Motion carried: 12-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

16. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Director Richardson reported on the CALCOG Delegates meeting held on November 30, 2011.

Executive Director Jim Kemp reported on the LOSSAN Board meeting held on December 14, 2011.

17. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Board Advance Calendar
- B. January TTAC, TPAC and JTAC Draft Meeting Minutes

18. ADJOURN

Chair Armendariz adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on February 16, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Barbara.