

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

Thursday, February 16, 2012

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 Gray called the meeting to order at 8:31 am

Members Present: Directors Salud Carbajal, Janet Wolf (arrived at 8:34 a.m.) Doreen Farr, Steve Lavagnino, Holly Sierra, John Linn, Jim Richardson, Lupe Alvarez, Larry Lavagnino, Helene Schneider, Al Clark, Roger Aceves, Chair Joni Gray

Members Absent: none

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; Sarkes Khachek, Senior Transportation Planner; Fred Luna, Transportation Engineer; Gregg Hart, Public Information Officer; Bill Dillon, Agency Counsel\County Counsel

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code § 54956.8.)

Property: Rights to use Union Pacific Railroad Right of Way within the Ventura/Goleta existing railroad corridor.

Agency Negotiator: Jim Kemp, Executive Director

Negotiating Parties: Union Pacific Railroad and Caltrans

Under Negotiation: Prices and terms for acquisition of use of facilities and right of way within the Ventura/Goleta railroad corridor.

E. U.S 101 UNION VALLEY PARKWAY INTERCHANGE

Authorize the Executive Director to sign a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the construction of the US 101/Union Valley Parkway Interchange project.

Motion made to approve the Consent Calendar items 7A, 7B, 7D and 7E.

Motion: Larry Lavagnino Second: Richardson

Motion carried: 13-0

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- TIGER IV grant program
- Hwy 154 Hazardous materials ban
- Four Public Open House meetings in February on the Breeze extension.
- Announcement of Brittany Odermann's resignation
- House and Senate work on reauthorization of the Federal Transportation bill

9. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Caltrans project report
- Tentative date for the Mussel Shoals HOV project ground breaking ceremony on Friday March 30th at 11:00 am
- Caltrans awarded nearly \$203 million dollars in state wide grants
- Release of draft EIR for the Hwy 101 HOV widening project (South County) in March with public meeting held in April.
- Federal transportation bill reauthorization
- Caltrans and every State department undertaking a program review.
- Responded to Director Linn's request about pavement conditions on the state highways in Santa Barbara county.
- Announced his retirement effective April 2, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearing items.

Motion carried: 13-0

13. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

Board appointed Director Richardson as delegate and Director Linn as alternate to CALCOG.

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

Board appointed Director Carbajal as delegate and Director Schneider as alternate to the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN).

- C. *Appoint one delegate and one alternate to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council*

Board appointed Director Schneider as delegate and Director Clark as alternate to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.

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

Board appointed Directors Schneider, Carbajal and Wolf as members and Director Clark as alternate to the Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee.

- E. *Appoint one member and one alternate to the CalVans board of directors.*

Board appointed Director Wolf as delegate and Director Linn as alternate to the CalVans board of directors.

- F. *Appoint members to the SBCAG executive committee.*

Board appointed Directors Gray, Aceves, Farr, Richardson and Schneider as members of the SBCAG executive committee.

14. FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL

Approve release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to continue the Freeway Service Patrol Program for fiscal years 2012/13 – 2014/15.

Director Linn declared a potential conflict of interest and recused himself from item 14.

Motion made to release a RFP to continue the Freeway Service Patrol Program for fiscal years 2012/13 – 2014/15 and bring back the evaluation of extending the service north of Patterson Avenue to the board in March to analyze the results.

Motion: Aceves

Second: Wolf

Motion carried: 13-0

15. SAFE FUNDING FOR MOTORIST AID PROJECTS

Approve \$150,000 in Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) funding to two projects that will increase motorist safety and communication on Highway 166 East and Highway 33 in the Cuyama Valley.

Motion made to approve \$150,000 in Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) funding the to two projects.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Wolf

Motion carried 13-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 17 heard prior to item 16.

16. AMTRAK STATION RIDERSHIP

Receive report on ridership at Amtrak stations in Santa Barbara County.

Informational item only, therefore no action was taken

17. CALVANS

Receive report on status of Calvans Joint Powers Authority

Informational item only, therefore no action was taken

18. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

19. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. February TTAC, JTAC Draft Minutes
- B. Advance Calendar
- C. Commuter Rail Support Letter from County of Santa Barbara
- D. U.S. 101 Santa Maria River Bridge Project Update
- E. Letter from Central Coast Coalition to congressional delegation on HR 7
- F. Three letters regarding Chumash membership on SBCAG

20. ADJOURN

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.