

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

**Thursday, October 18, 2012**

**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

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

**Members Present:** Directors Salud Carbajal, Janet Wolf, Doreen Farr, Steve Lavagnino, Holly Sierra, John Linn, Jim Richardson, Lupe Alvarez, Larry Lavagnino, Helene Schneider, Al Clark, Vice-Chair Roger Aceves, Chair Joni Gray (arrived at 8:52 a.m.)

**Members Absent:** none

**Ex-Officio Member:** Tim Gubbins, Caltrans District 5

**Staff Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Peter Imhof, Deputy Director; Gregg Hart, Public Information Officer; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Bill Dillon, Agency Counsel\County Counsel

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

No closed session items.

4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*Approve minutes from the September 20, 2012 board of directors meeting.*

Motion made to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2012 board of directors meeting.

Motion: Larry Lavagnino

Second: Richardson

Motion carried: 12-0 (Gray absent)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

*Approve standard professional service contract.*

B. TRAVEL MODEL AND DATA LICENSE AGREEMENT

1. *Approve a standard travel model and data license agreement.*
2. *Adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute standard travel model and data license agreements with other public agencies requesting use of the travel model owned by SBCAG.*

C. CASH BENEFIT ALLOWANCE

*Adopt a resolution approving an increase in the cash benefit allowance for employees from \$160.00 to \$200.00 per pay period beginning in pay period 1 of 2013.*

D. CLEAN AIR EXPRESS

*Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Lompoc for the operation of the Clean Air Express interregional commuter bus service.*

E. SANTA BARBARA COUNTY TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

*Appoint the following representatives to SBCAG's Santa Barbara County Transit Advisory Committee (SBCTAC):*

- *Steve Maas for the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD)*
- *Sally Nunes for Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT)*
- *Chris Sneddon for County Transit*
- *Jim Talbott for Guadalupe Transit*

Motion made to approve Consent Calendar.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Wolf

Motion carried: 12-0 (Gray absent)

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, reported on the following:

- California Transportation Commission Town Hall meeting October 9-10
- Legislative Report
- Union Valley Parkway Groundbreaking ceremony – October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

9. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tim Gubbins, District Director, Caltrans District 5, reported on the following:

- District Directors Report
- Statewide and district construction projects at a record high
- Nojoqui Creek Bridge Rail project has begun
- Union Valley Parkway Groundbreaking ceremony
- Route 135 Paving Project – from Route 1 to Lakeview Skyway completed

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No public hearing items.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10. UNION VALLEY PARKWAY PHASE III

- A. *Conduct first reading of an amendment to add Union Valley Parkway Phase III to the Measure A Investment Plan and direct staff to place the amendment on the November 2012 agenda for Board consideration after a noticed public hearing.*
- B. *Review the draft cooperative agreement between SBCAG, the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara for the construction of Union Valley Parkway Phase III between Hwy 135 and Hummel Drive.*

Director Schneider recused herself from item 10 due to owning property within the vicinity of Union Valley Parkway Phase III.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Whitehead, City of Santa Maria, thanked City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara and SBCAG staff for all their hard work on this project.

Motion made to direct staff to place the amendment on the November 2012 agenda for Board consideration after a noticed public hearing and also agendize cooperative agreement for approval at its November board meeting.

Motion: Gray

Second: Steve Lavagnino

Motion carried 12-0

11. DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY SCENARIOS

*Direct SBCAG staff to prepare the draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy and draft environmental impact report based the following preferred scenario: Scenario 3 (Transit-Oriented Development/Infill) plus an enhanced transit strategy to be developed consistent with the Joint Technical Advisory Committee recommendation.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mickey Flacks, SBCAN, addressed the board in support of Scenario 7.

Michael Chiacos, CEC, addressed the board in support of Scenario 7.

Parish Burns, The Towbes Group, addressed the board in support of Scenario 7 and Scenario 3+.

Motion made to approve staff recommendation.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Larry Lavagnino

Motion carried: 13-0

12. 101 HOV WIDENING PROJECT

A. *Receive presentation from staff and Caltrans on the US 101 HOV widening project.*

B. *Receive presentation at request of Director Carbajal on alternative proposal by Montecito Association Transportation Subcommittee for Cabrillo/Hot Springs interchange and Sheffield interchange.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Overall, Montecito Association, presented the Community Coalition alternative for the widening of Highway 101.

Richard Monk, representing Ty Warner and the Montecito Country Club, addressed the board in opposition to the Montecito Association's proposed alternative to the Highway 101 HOV project.

Sally Jordan, Neighborhood Defense League, addressed the board in support of the Community Alternative to Caltrans Expansion proposal.

Martha Siegel, Save our Village, addressed the board, on traffic impacts on Hermosillo and other residential streets in the area.

Thorn Robertson, representing business owners, addressed the board on the impacts to businesses in the area if Los Patos was used as a highway on or off-ramp and would like the board to support F modified.

Shan O'Golman, Las Alves complex, asked the board to support F modified unless there can be some other way of not using Los Patos as an on or off-ramp.

Barbara Hadley, representing the residents at 300 Hot Springs Road, addressed the board in support of the Community Coalition alternative.

Bill Medel, representing Ty Warner, addressed the board in support of some elements of the Community Coalition alternative and F modified, but cannot support any taking of private property, especially with regards to the Montecito Country Club.

Trey Pinner, Vice President of the Coast Village Business Association, addressed the board about the construction impact on the businesses in the Coast Village Road area.

Judith Ishkanian, spoke in support of the Community Coalition Alternative plan.

Ron Pulice, spoke in support of the Community Coalition Alternative plan.

Motion made to direct Caltrans to fully analyze the alternative proposed by the community today as part of the EIR process and B in anticipation of possibly it being feasible, in getting hung up on the exception issues, that we write a letter to the Caltrans Director asking him to reconsider the exceptions that are associated with the feasibility of this project.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Schneider

Motion carried 12-1 (Gray-no)

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 13. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Wolf reported on the October 10, 2012 Calvans Board meeting.

Director Schneider reported on the October 15, 2012 LOSSAN Board meeting.

#### 14. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Board Advance Calendar
- Draft Joint Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 4, 2012
- Letters from Public to Board

#### 15. **ADJOURN**

Chair Gray, adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 15, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Barbara.