

**Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

Thursday, January 16, 2014

8:30 AM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Members Present: Directors Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Adam, Lavagnino, Romero, Linn, Clark, Richardson, Schneider, Patino, Sierra, and Chair Aceves

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; Bill Dillon, Agency Counsel\County Counsel; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve minutes from the November 21, 2013 board of directors meeting.

Motion made to approve the minutes of November 21, 2013.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Richardson

Motion carried: 12-0-1

Yes: Carbajal, Wolf, Adam, Lavagnino, Romero, Linn, Clark, Richardson
Schneider, Patino, Sierra and Aceves

No: None

Abstention: Farr

Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Isabella Choi addressed the board, (via sign language interpreter Stephanie Hart) on the noise issues created from Union Valley Parkway.

Brett Pickett also addressed the board on the noise/visual issues from the Union Valley Parkway interchange. Would like some type of sound barrier installed.

Jan Rush addressed the board on the sound issues due to the new UVP interchange; the interchange also looms over their neighborhood, and between a neighborhood park and the southbound on-ramp there is only a 6ft cyclone fence.

Nick Pasmore addressed the board on the noise issues the UVP is creating to the neighborhood. Expressed support for extension of the wall where the cyclone fence sits now.

Scott Wenz, Cars are Basic, addressed the board on a possible conflict of interest with a SBCAG staff member.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014

Approve SBCAG Board of Directors regular meeting schedule for 2014.

B. PROJECT DATABASE SERVICE CONTRACT

Authorize Chair to sign a one-year contract with EcoInteractive, Inc. to continue Federal Transportation Improvement Program project database services.

C. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FAREBOX POLICY

Adopt resolutions reducing the minimum farebox recovery ratio required by the Transportation Development Act from 20% to 15% for the City of Lompoc Transit (COLT) and Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) for fiscal year 2014-15.

D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR BREEZE ROUTE 100

Adopt amendment to Memorandum of Understanding for the Breeze Route 100 Intercity Transit Service to include provisions related to indemnity and insurance requirements.

E. FY 2014-15 CALTRANS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Adopt resolutions authorizing submittal of applications for Fiscal Year 2014-15 Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants.

F. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION CREDIT FOR HOUSING PLANNED BY EXEMPT ENTITIES

Authorize Chair to sign a letter to the State Department Housing and Community Development regarding Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) credit for

housing planned by “exempt entities” and direct staff to gauge interest and support of other metropolitan planning organizations and local governments.

G. MEASURE A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Appoint Tessie Martinez to the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee to fill a vacant North County position.

Motion made to approve Consent Calendar.

Motion: Farr

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 13-0

Yes: Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Adam, Lavagnino, Romero, Linn, Clark, Richardson
Schneider, Patino, Sierra and Aceves

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, addressed the board on the following items:

- Hwy 101/Santa Maria River Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony on January 24, 2014
- California Transportation Commission hearing on January 23, 2014
- Introduction of new SBCAG staff member Peter Brown, Senior Planner
- Board would like the UVP interchange issues (soundwall/median) be brought back to the board as a discussion item.

7. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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

- Draft CTC Active Transportation Guidelines
- At December CTC meeting – approved relinquishment of Highway 225
- Hwy 101/Santa Maria River Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 8 was heard after Item 9

8. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kenneth Wolf, addressed the board on the importance of utilizing public transportation.

Gabriel Zacarias, addressed the board on accessibility, scheduling, transfers and most of all safety on the bus.

Dale Francisco, addressed the board regarding the City of Santa Barbara's Planning Commission unanimous decision that Caltrans approach to the project was inadequate and the two interchanges, and the railroad bridge are an eminent part of the project.

Brian Robinson, Yes on Measure A, spoke in support of the 101 HOV project.

Thorne Robertson, Montecito resident, spoke in favor of the project.

Janet Blevins, Lompoc resident, spoke in favor of the project.

Hillary Blackerby, Assemblymember Das Williams office, read a statement from Das Williams urging SBCAG to move forward with the project.

Tom Schleck addressed the board on the placement of the HOV lane and safety issues.

Bob Hirsch addressed the board requesting that Caltrans recirculate the EIR to include addressing the 3 intersections.

Sue Carter urged the board to move forward with the HOV project. Also spoke about the need for a southbound on ramp at Cabrillo.

Eddie Madrigal, SB Association of Realtors, urged the board to move forward and not delay the widening of Highway 101.

Robert Bernstein, Sierra Club, supports full HOV lanes through Montecito without interruption.

Tony Vallejo, Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of moving forward with the widening of Highway 101.

Bob Lesser, resident of Carpinteria, spoke in support of Caltrans plan for Highway 101.

Gabriel Zacarias, SB County Democratic Party, encouraged the board to respect the will of the voters and move forward with the widening of Highway 101.

Shan O'Brien Goldman, addressed the board in support of the Caltrans plan and urged the board to move forward with the widening of the 101.

Ron Pulice addressed the board on the left hand on and off ramps and feels that further environmental review is necessary.

Richard Janssen is in favor of widening Highway 101 but would like Caltrans to get the plan correct.

Susan Petrovich, representing Fernald Point Lane and Padaro Lane owners, spoke in support of the Common Sense 101 position. Addressed the noise study and lack of sound walls and also feels the EIR is inadequate and needs to be recirculated.

Ted Urschel, Montecito Association, supports widening Highway 101 but would like the EIR recirculated to address the environmental, traffic, safety and cost elements.

Thomas Bollay, Common Sense 101, spoke in support of the EIR recirculation. Discussed the 11ft lanes, potential acceleration lane between Olive Mill Rd and San Ysidro.

Ken Hough, SBCAN, read a comment letter written by Sara Miller McCune. She supports no left hand exits, and urges the board to move forward with the project. Would like the board to use the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committees recommendations.

Robert Collector, former member of the Montecito Association, spoke in support of the Common Sense 101 plan.

Richard Nordlund, agrees with the widening the 101 but wants to make sure that Caltrans gets it right.

Ann Louise Bardach, urged the board to move forward with the widening of the 101.

Bob Short, Common Sense 101 addressed the board regarding the Caltrans presentation.

Jack Overall, Common Sense 101 addressed the board on the current Caltrans plan.

Judith Ishkanian, Montecito Sanitary District, addressed the board on mitigation during construction, 11ft lanes and the HOV lane.

Kristen Miller, Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of widening Highway 101 without further delay.

Steve Lew, Common Sense 101, discussed the Sheffield project and asked what the most current estimated cost of the project is.

Robin Hayhurst, Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee, spoke in support of the Highway 101 widening.

Joe Armendariz, spoke in support of Caltrans plan, the widening of Highway 101 and certifying the EIR and keeping their promise to the voters.

Andy Caldwell, addressed the board on the Measure A Ordinance Plan as approved by the voters and urged them to keep their promise.

Tom Becker, spoke on amending Measure A and have the alternative transportation projects in abeyance and transfer funds into road and bridge repair projects.

Alex Pujo, COAST, supports the HOV lane running the entire length of the 101 widening project from Carpinteria to Montecito. Replacement of UP bridge needs to be addressed as part of the project.

Scott Wenz, Cars are Basic, urged the board to support the widening of Highway 101.

Motion made to move forward with 101 HOV project using the process articulated by Caltrans in the letter from Malcolm Dougherty. Work with Caltrans, county, city and all affected bodies to hire an independent firm to assist in development of the final design of the 101 project working with all stakeholders to move that project forward. Concurrently, simultaneously and on a parallel path work with the affected jurisdictions on the San

12. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Adopt resolution of appreciation for outgoing Chair Roger Aceves.

Motion made to adopt resolution of appreciation for outgoing Chair Rogers Aceves.

Motion: Farr

Second: Clark

Motion carried: 13-0

Yes: Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Adam, Lavagnino, Romero, Linn, Clark, Richardson
Schneider, Patino, Sierra and Aceves

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Director Richardson report on the January 9th CalVans meeting.

Director Schneider reported on the January 15th Pacific Surfliner Board meeting.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board Advance Calendar

B. January Technical Transportation Advisory Committee and Technical Planning
Advisory Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

C. Department of Labor response letter – August 15, 2013 SBCAG letter

15. ADJOURN

Chair Lavagnino adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on February 20, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
in Santa Maria.