

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

Thursday, December 18, 2014

9:00 AM

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
105 E Anapamu St, Fourth Floor
Santa Barbara, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Lavagnino called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members Present: Directors Carbajal; Wolf; Farr; Adam (remotely from Santa Maria); Aceves; Clark; Richardson; Lingl; Lizalde; Patino (remotely from Santa Maria); Sierra; Schneider and Chair Lavagnino

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; Sarkes Khachek, Transportation Planner; Bill Dillon, Agency Counsel\County Counsel; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve minutes from the November 20, 2014 board of directors meeting.

Motion made to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2014 board of directors meeting.

Motion: Richardson

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 10-0-3

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

No: None

Abstention: Aceves, Lizalde and Lingl

Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Wenz, Cars are Basic, addressed the board on alternative transportation funding.

Tom Becker, Automotive Coalition, addressed the board on the MTD electric bus program.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve by roll call vote on one motion:

A. 2015 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Adopt Amendment #1 to the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to update the SHOPP Roadway Preservation grouped project listing; to update the Highway Bridge Program grouped project listing; and to program a new, individually listed City of Goleta project that was recently awarded TIGER funds.

Item 5B pulled from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

B. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FAREBOX POLICY

Adopt resolutions extending reductions in the minimum farebox recovery ratio required by the Transportation Development Act for one year (fiscal year 2015-16) from 20% to 15% for the City of Lompoc Transit (COLT) and Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT).

Motion made to bring back item to a future meeting with more detail specifically on North County Transit, including specific routes, performance of the specific routes, fare-box recovery, ridership and demographics if available.

Motion: Adam Second: Schneider

Motion carried: 13-0

Yes: Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Adam, Aceves, Lizalde, Lingl, Clark, Richardson, Schneider, Patino, Sierra and Lavagnino

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

C. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Receive summary of Unmet Transit Needs outreach process for FY 2015/16 and set public hearing on unmet transit needs for January 15, 2015, 10:00 AM time certain in Santa Maria.

D. 2013 STATE CLEAN AIR PLAN TRANSPORTATION CONTROL MEASURES

Adopt the Transportation Control Measures in the Draft 2013 State Clean Air Plan prepared by the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Wenz, Cars are Basic, addressed the board on TCM's and the cost to taxpayers.

E. HIGHWAY 166 CHP ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

Authorize the Executive Director to sign an amendment to the existing agreement #12R750000 with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to extend Measure A funded enhanced enforcement patrols on East Highway 166 to include the entire Highway 166 corridor between Guadalupe and Cuyama and extend the term to 2017.

F. SBCTAC MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT

Appoint Sherrie Fisher as the Santa Barbara County Transit Advisory Committee (SBCTAC) member representative for Transit Users 60 Years of Age or Older.

G. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015

Approve SBCAG Board of Directors regular meeting schedule for 2015.

H. LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM

Receive information on the State of California's Low Carbon Transit Operators Program funded by Cap-and-Trade revenues and direct staff to work with transit operators and stakeholders to develop program implementation guidelines for approval by the board in early 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Wenz, Cars are Basic, addressed the board on the staff report and carbon issues.

Motion made to approve the Consent Calendar items 5A and items 5C-H:

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Schneider

Motion carried: 13-0

Yes: Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Adam, Aceves, Lizalde, Lingl, Clark, Richardson, Schneider, Patino, Sierra and Chair Lavagnino

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Hwy 166 bus stop improvement project
- Hwy 246 passing lanes project (between Buellton/Lompoc)
- SBCAG holiday office closure
- Cancellation of committee meetings (TTAC/TPAC, North County and South Coast Subregionals)

7. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Goleta drainage project
- Transportation projects award from Caltrans
- Update of the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan
- Caltrans staff retirement updates
- Driving tip reminders during the rainy season

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. HIGHWAY 101 HOV WIDENING PROJECT (45 minutes)

Receive a presentation from U.S. 101 Corridor Advisor, Tony Harris

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker, Automotive Coalition, addressed the board on the Highway 101 HOV project funding and the City of Santa Barbara mitigations. Mr Becker also discussed the possibility of amending Measure A.

Motion made to receive presentation.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Schneider

Motion carried: 13-0

Yes: Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Adam, Aceves, Lizalde, Lingl, Clark, Richardson, Schneider, Patino, Sierra and Chair Lavagnino

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

Susan Rose and Gail Marshall addressed the board on the importance of the Hwy 101 expansion project and the consideration of the 2015 chair and vice-chair.

Shan O'Brien Goldman, Los Patos business owner, addressed the board on the delay impacts of the Hwy 101 freeway project and the board's appointment of the chair for 2015.

Mickey Flacks addressed the board on the appointment of the 2015 SBCAG chair and vice-chair.

Ann Louise Bardash addressed the board on Hwy 101 project, the lawsuits and the election of the 2015 SBCAG chair and vice chair.

Audrey Bachelder addressed the board on traffic congestion through Hwy 101 and the importance of the widening project to ease the gridlock and how that gridlock affects UCSB.

Robert Lesser addressed the board on the pending lawsuits and feels that Director Schneider should abstain from any voting dealing with the Hwy 101 widening project.

Cathy Henszy addressed the board on the Hwy 101 traffic congestion, the importance of continuing the Hwy 101 widening project. She also addressed the board's appointment of chair for 2015.

Joe Armendariz, Santa Barbara Taxpayers Association, addressed the board on Hwy 101 funding and the programming of the dollars. He believes whoever will be chair in 2015 should be in complete support of widening the freeway.

Sara Miller McCune addressed the board on the importance of completion of the Hwy 101 widening and ending the freeway gridlock.

Motion made to elect Director Richardson as Chair and Director Wolf as Vice-Chair for 2015.

Motion: Aceves

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 11-2

Yes: Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Adam, Aceves, Lizalde, Lingl, Clark, Richardson, Patino, and Chair Lavagnino

No: Sierra, Schneider

Abstention: None

Absent: None

11. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board Advance Calendar

B. Technical Transportation Advisory Committee and Joint Technical Transportation Advisory Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

C. Public Comment Letters on the U.S. 101 HOV Project

D. Public Comment letter – Tom Becker

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker was prepared to address the board but decided to continue it until January.

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (30 minutes)

Conference with Legal Counsel–Two cases.
(Gov. Code § 54956.9)

First Case: Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 1468955.

Transportation Futures Committee, et al., v. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, et al.

Second Case: Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 1468955.

LAWRENCE GRASSINI, et al., Petitioners, v. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, et al., Respondent

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker addressed the board on the Hwy 101 lawsuits.

13. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Bill Dillon, Senior Deputy County Counsel\SBCAG Counsel, stated that the board had taken no reportable action.

14. ADJOURN

Chair Lavagnino adjourned the meeting at 11:32 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on February 19, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Maria.