

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

Thursday, January 15, 2015

9:00 AM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Lingl

Ex-Officio Member: Tim Gubbins, Caltrans District 5

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Peter Imhof, Deputy Director; Andrew Orfila, Transportation Planner; Bill Dillon, Agency Counsel\County Counsel; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve minutes from the December 18, 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: 11-0-1

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

No: None

Abstention: Aceves

Absent: Lingl

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Caldwell presented a letter from the Measure A Citizen's Oversight Committee requesting that the board adopt a policy regarding use of project cost savings.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. HIGHWAY 166 CUYAMA SCHOOL BUS STOPS PROJECT

1. *Approve plans and specifications and the location for the construction of the Cuyama School Bus Stops Project (SBCAG construction contract 05214-NMC0-0274); on file at SBCAG's offices*
2. *Authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Cal Portland Construction for the Highway 166 Cuyama Bus Stop Project in the amount of \$202,249, which has been reviewed and approved to form by County Counsel and SBCAG staff.*
3. *Authorize the Executive Director to approve changes or additions to the work or supplemental to be performed under the contract in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.*
4. *Authorize the Executive Director to approve agency furnished materials related to the work being performed under the contract in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.*
5. *Determine that this project was found by the SBCAG board to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA guidelines Section 15301 on April 17, 2014, upon approval of the project that a Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed on that basis, and that the proposed action is within the scope of that NOE.*

B. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTING SERVICES

Authorize the chair to execute a professional services contract with Koff and Associates to conduct a compensation and classification study at an amount not to exceed \$ 29,544.

C. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 5310 PROGRAM

Approve project scores for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) grant applications for the FY 2015 funding cycle and authorize submittal to Caltrans for statewide scoring.

D. PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT SECURITY PROGRAM

1. *Approve projects for the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant Program for submittal to California Office of Emergency Services.*
2. *Adopt a resolution authorizing SBCAG to allocate Proposition 1B Transit Security Program funding in the amount of \$157,040 to local agency projects.*

7. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Budget released by the governor
- Driving tip reminders during the rainy season
- New highway construction jobs

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kenneth Wolf, Transit Rider, addressed the board on the following items:

- Increase awareness of the transit systems
- Request for weekend service on Breeze 200
- Request for transit service and connectivity amongst and between airports
- Santa Maria bus network should resemble more of a “grid style”
- Buses in North County need more bike racks, three in front and three in back

James Rohde, President, Solvang Senior Center, addressed the board on the following items:

- Aging and transportation issue: members at one point will need to give up DL
- Accessibility can be difficult for seniors
- Transportation system should accommodate seniors and those with medical issues, not just commuters

Colleen Klein, Executive Director, Solvang Senior Center, addressed the board on the following items:

- Affordability is a factor for seniors using transit
- Suggestion to underwrite senior rides on transit

Jose Gonzalez, CAUSE, addressed the board on the following items:

- CAUSE has worked with SMOOTH to request service between Guadalupe and Santa Maria on Saturdays (additional) and Sundays.
- CAUSE supports current plans for implementation of the weekend transit service.

Jose Cedillo, CAUSE, addressed the board on the following items:

- Guadalupe Flyer is a vital service for Guadalupe residents
- Request for expanded Saturday service and service on Sundays between Guadalupe and Santa Maria

Jorge Acosta, CAUSE, addressed the board on the following:

- Request for expanded Saturday service and service on Sundays between Guadalupe and Santa Maria

Rosa Ladrada, CAUSE, addressed the board on the following items:

- Guadalupe students use the Flyer to and from school in Santa Maria
- Vital service for Guadalupe residents

Ken Hough, Santa Barbara County Action Network (SBCAN), addressed the board on the following items:

- Santa Maria has been responsive to suggestions
- Suggested more comprehensive, targeted outreach in Lompoc

Rufio Hernandez – Transit Rider, Guadalupe addressed the board on the following items:

- Request for smoother transition/transfer between Guadalupe Flyer and Breeze 200
- Request for Sunday service between Guadalupe and Santa Maria

Marc Chytilo – Transportation Futures Committee / Committees for Land, Air, Water and Species addressed the board on the following items:

- Make those jurisdictions that opt to spend TDA funds for non-transit purposes fund the Transit Needs Assessment planning process
- Extend the public comment period and do more targeted outreach in communities that are affected, such as on-bus surveys

Eva Inbar – Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST) addressed the board on the following:

- General comments regarding COLT budget and diversion of TDA funds to streets and roads

Christine Nelson-Thureson, addressed the board on the following:

- Encouraged better outreach to elderly, handicapped, and youth in areas not spending all TDA funds for transit

Motion made to receive and file the comments and directed staff to explore conducting rider surveys with COLT, pursue strategic collaboration between Guadalupe, SB County and Santa Maria concerning expanded Guadalupe Flyer service and provide information to the Board on the cost of senior Dial-A-Ride services in Santa Barbara County.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Farr

Motion carried: 12-0

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

No: None

Chair Richardson adjourned the meeting at 12:28 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 Barbara.