

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

Thursday, January 19, 2017

9:30 AM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Members Present: Directors Williams, Hartmann, Lavagnino; Mosby; Clark ; (via teleconference from Santa Barbara) White (via teleconference from Santa Barbara); Lizalde; Patino; Richardson; Sierra and Chair Bennett

Members Absent: Wolf, Adam

Ex-Officio Member: Tim Gubbins, Caltrans District 5

Staff Present: Marjie Kirn, Executive Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Peter Imhof, Deputy Director; Rachel Van Mullem, Agency Counsel\County Counsel; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Michael Becker, Sr. Transportation Planner

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve minutes from the November 17, 2016 board of directors meeting.

Motion made to approve the November 17, 2016 minutes.

Motion: Bennett

Second: Sierra

Motion carried: 8-0-3

Yes: Lavagnino, Lizalde, Mosby, Clark, Patino, Richardson, Sierra and Chair Bennett

No: None

Abstention: Williams, Hartmann, White

Absent: Wolf, Adam

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker, resident of Buellton, addressed the board on the new administration, debt and poverty.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIVITY PLAN CONTRACT

Authorize the Chair to sign contract for an amount not to exceed \$100,000, funded by a Caltrans planning grant, with Nelson/Nygaard to assist staff with preparing the San Luis Obispo-Santa Maria Transportation Connectivity Plan.

Item 5B was pulled from the Consent Calendar but not considered separately.

B. EXTEND CONTRACT WITH RIDE AMIGOS FOR SMARTRIDE.ORG RIDESHARE WEBSITE

Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between SBCAG and Right-Click Solutions, Inc. (DBA RideAmigos Corp.) to extend the contract for three years and revise the not to exceed amount from \$125,000 to \$290,000, including payment of \$55,000 annually for three years, funded by local employer subscription fees and Measure A Rideshare funds.

C. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDITS

Approve the Triennial Performance Audits for FYs 2012/13-2014/15 for Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (SBMTD), Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT), City of Lompoc Transit (COLT), Santa Ynez Valley Transit (SYVT), City of Guadalupe Transit, Santa Barbara County Transit (Cuyama and Los Alamos), Easy Lift, the Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers (SMOOTH), and SBCAG and authorize submittal to the State Controller.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker, Cars are Basic, addressed the board of transit fare recovery, transportation Subsidization and poverty in Santa Barbara County.

D. STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE ALLOCATIONS

Adopt a resolution allocating \$2,272,813 in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds including a carryover balance of STA interest earnings to local claimants for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to be claimed in FY 16-17.

Consent Item 5E was pulled from the agenda so staff could address a correction that was made to Resolution 17-01 specifying that the resolution should refer to Item 5E not 5F, but the item was not considered separately.

E. 2017 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Adopt Resolution 17-01 approving Amendment 2 to the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to program changes to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grouped project and to program recently awarded Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 3 projects.

Motion made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Patino

Second: Sierra

Motion carried: 11-0

Yes: Williams, Hartman, Lavagnino, Lizalde, Mosby, Clark, Patino, Richardson, White, Sierra and Chair Bennett

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Wolf, Adam

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker, Cars Are Basic, addressed the board on Transit service and stated that it should not be subsidized, particularly for choice riders.

Jack Boysen, Good Samaritan Shelter, addressed his desire for a permanent solution for improving the pedestrian crossing on the Robinson Bridge. As a short-term solution he would like to implement the improvements discussed over the last year. He mentioned COLT offered the service for \$60k/year and the County offered to pay \$25k/year.

Tom Jenkins, Good Samaritan Shelter, stated his appreciation for Caltrans lowering the speed limit on the Robinson Bridge. He also noted that there is no other alternative for pedestrians. He also expressed the need to expand transit services to serve the new North County Branch Jail when it opens.

Kerry Hall, SMAT Rider, addressed the Board, saying that she relies on transit services. Since Greyhound moved into the transit center, there have been many cars in the bus loop and she would like the rules better enforced. She also stated that the buses need to be better maintained, noting a defroster issue during a ride. Finally, she noted a time when a bus passed her while waiting at a bus stop and the dispatcher was not sympathetic.

Sylvia Bernard, Good Samaritan Shelter, stated the shelter offered to open earlier as part of the deal to get transit service. She also wants to work with all parties involved to find a solution.

Teresa Rayburn, Santa Maria Recreation Services Manager, Ms. Rayburn noted the City has been working on programs to combat youth violence and the participating youth need transportation to parks. She asks that kids have safe transportation options.

Informational item only, therefore no action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the employment agreement with Marjorie C. Kirn to serve as Executive Director of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments to amend the contract to convert \$3,900 in deferred compensation payments to \$3,900 in cash benefit.

Rachel Van Mullem, Chief Assistant County Counsel, reported that effective January 1, 2017 the Brown Act was amended and now requires that prior to taking an action in an open meeting that the legislative body orally report a summary of the recommendation for a final action on salaries or compensation paid to a local agency executive. Government Code section 54953C3.

Motion made to approve First Amendment to the employment agreement with Marjorie C Kirn.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Patino

Motion carried: 11-0

Yes: Williams, Hartmann, Lavagnino, Lizalde, Mosby, Clark, Patino, Richardson, White, Sierra and Chair Bennett

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Wolf, Adam

8. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2017

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

Motion made to appoint Director Sierra as the delegate and Director Patino as the alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).

Motion: Lizalde

Second: Williams

Motion carried: 11-0

Yes: Williams, Hartman, Lavagnino, Lizalde, Mosby, Clark, Patino, Richardson, White, Sierra and Chair Bennett

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Wolf, Adam

Motion carried: 11-0

Yes: Williams, Hartman, Lavagnino, Lizalde, Mosby, Clark, Patino, Richardson, White, Sierra and Chair Bennett

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Wolf, Adam

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

Motion made to appoint Director Richardson as the delegate and Director Hartmann as the alternate to the CalVans board of directors.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Patino

Motion carried: 11-0

Yes: Williams, Hartman, Lavagnino, Lizalde, Mosby, Clark, Patino, Richardson, White, Sierra and Chair Bennett

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Wolf, Adam

F. Appoint members to the SBCAG executive committee.

Per the by-laws Director Bennett, Director Adam and Director Wolf will serve on the the SBCAG executive committee and the remaining members be appoint at SBCAG's February meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker, Cars are Basic, addressed the board on SBCAG's legislative platform.

Marjie Kirn, Executive Director, reported on the following items:

- Meetings with board members and agency staff
- Chair Michael Bennett's newspaper editorial
- Thanked board for hiring her into her new position

10. **CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker, Cars are Basic, addressed the board on the Highway 101 EIR hearing and commuter rail.

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

- Congratulated Marjie Kirn on her appointment as Executive Director
- Recent storms and road clearing/road closures/slides due to rain
- Hwy 101/Gaviota Coast scenic highway designation

11. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No report was given on the November 30, 2016 Pacific Surfliner Board Meeting since Director Schneider was not in attendance

No report was given on the January 12, 2017 CALVANS Board Meeting since Director Wolf was not in attendance.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

- Board Advance Calendar
- Draft December 2016 TTAC and JTAC Minutes
- Letter from Caltrans Regarding Butterfly Lane Undercrossing

13. ADJOURN

Chair Bennett adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on February 16, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Barbara.