

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

Thursday, May 18, 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 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Directors Wolf; Hartmann; Adam; Mosby; Clark (via teleconference from Santa Barbara); Schneider (via teleconference from Santa Barbara); Patino (arrived at 9:33 am); Richardson; Andrisek, and Chair Bennett

Members Absent: Williams, Lavagnino, Lizalde

Ex-Officio Member: Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5

Staff Present: Marjie Kirn, Executive Director; Peter Imhof, Deputy Executive Director; Fred Luna, Principal Transportation Engineer; Rachel Van Mullem, Agency Counsel\County Counsel; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve minutes from the April 20, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion made to approve the April 20, 2017 minutes.

Motion: Adam

Second: Hartman

Motion carried: 10-0

Yes: Wolf, Hartman, Adam, Mosby, Clark, Schneider, Patino, Richardson, Andresik and Chair Bennett

No: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Williams, Lavagnino, Lizalde

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT SECURITY AND PTMISEA PROGRAMS

1. *Approve projects for Fiscal Year 2016/17 Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant Program shown in the Staff Report for Item 5A for submittal to the California Office of Emergency Services.*
2. *Adopt a resolution authorizing SBCAG to allocated Proposition 1B Transit Security Program funding in the amount of \$272,862 to local agency projects.*
3. *Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute for an on behalf of the named applicants as described in the two attached resolutions for Proposition 1B Transit Security grant program and for Proposition 1B PTMISEA grant program.*

B. COASTAL EXPRESS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Authorize the Chair to sign a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Ventura County Transportation Commission to fund, govern, and operate the Coastal Express bus service.

Item 5C was pulled from the Consent Calendar for public comment but not considered separately.

C. 2017 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Adopt a resolution and Amendment 5 to the 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) per the resolution to program changes to the Federal Highway Bridge list and add a new, individually listed project for the City of Goleta.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker, Cars are Basic, addressed the Board on the San Jose Creek project within the City of Goleta.

D. 2017 TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- A. *Adopt a resolution approving the 2017 Transit Needs Assessment, including findings that all transit needs raised during this year's Transit Needs Assessment public process have been met.*
- B. *Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potential significant impact on the environment.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc Chytilo, CLAWS, addressed the Board on public transit funding, and the Transit Needs Assessment process used by SBCAG. He also asked that the Board not approve the Transit Needs Assessment at this point.

Ken Hough, SBCAN, addressed the Board on the TDA process and agrees with Director Williams that the process is outdated and is designed for rural areas.

Hilario Rodriguez, addressed the Board on the need for shade and benches at transit stops. Would like to see better opportunities for transit and that some people rely on public transportation.

Blance Ortiz, addressed the Board on the possibility of more buses and morning and evening service.

Joana Barrera, addressed the Board on funding directed towards public transit. She also stated that, when she was a UCSB student, she would have liked better service to and from Santa Maria to Santa Barbara. She requested more weekend service as well.

Abraham Melendez, addressed the Board on the Santa Maria bus schedule and its failure to stay on schedule. Stated his family members have a difficult time traveling from Santa Maria to Santa Barbara.

Ana Rico, addressed the Board on the need more shelter and shade at bus stops in Santa Barbara. He also stated that the bus stops in Isla Vista could use more lighting.

Frank Rodriguez, addressed the Board on traveling from Santa Barbara to Santa Maria and that the Clean Air Express is not convenient. Also stated that MTD line #7 does not provide convenient service for the mobile home residents. Asked that more money be spent on transit.

Zoila Cabrera, addressed the Board on support for North County to South County buses. She also stated that MTD lines #5, #23 and #25 serve a lot of children and seniors. Also noted that bus stops need more shelter.

Tom Becker, Cars Are Basic, addressed the Board on prior Director Carbajal's remarks about Lompoc. He also feels that people here legally should all have good paying jobs so they are not dependent on the government.

Cameron Gray, asked if the Board would reconsider allocating the funding to transit and that SB 1 may negate the need to use TDA funding for streets and roads. Requested that SBCAG revisit the definitions when new services are proposed for the purpose of equity.

Motion made to continue the item to the June 15, 2017 SBCAG Board meeting.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Hartmann

Motion carried: 8-2

Yes: Wolf, Hartman, Clark, Schneider, Patino, Richardson,
Andresik and Chair Bennett
No: Adam, Mosby
Abstention: None
Absent: Williams, Lavagnino, Lizalde

E. FINAL FY 2017-18 SBCAG OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET

Adopt a resolution approving the SBCAG Overall Work Program and Comprehensive Budget and 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for fiscal year 2017-18.

F. SBCAG BOARD 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Authorize a change in Board meeting schedule to hold the June 15, 2017 meeting in Santa Maria.

G. MEASURE A ANNUAL REPORT

Review and comment on the draft 2016 Measure A Annual Report.

H. FTA SECTION 5311 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

1. *Adopt a Resolution approving the Program of Projects for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 non-urbanized area transit funds (Section 5311) in Santa Barbara County for Federal Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018.*
2. *Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to submit and sign and additional documents such as certificates and assurances to accept Section 5311 fund allocations.*

Motion made to approve the Consent Calendar items 5A, B, C, E, F, G and H

Motion: Wolf Second: Hartman

Motion carried: 10-0
Yes: Wolf, Hartman, Adam, Mosby, Clark, Schneider, Patino,
Richardson, Andresik and Chair Bennett
No: None
Abstention: None
Absent: Williams, Lavagnino, Lizalde

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. DRAFT FAST FORWARD 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN-SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

Hold public hearing on the draft Fast Forward 2040 Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP-SCS) and the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cameron Gray, CEC, spoke in support of FF2040 RTP-SCS and the Draft EIR.

Tom Becker, Cars Are Basic, addressed staff during public comment and requested answers to previous questions that Cars Are Basic has asked.

Marc Chytillo, CLAWS, supports the Regional Transportation Plan in concept as well as the Sustainable Communities Strategy. He also addressed the allocation of funds going to bike & rail systems as well as the Highway 101 HOV project.

Discussion item only; therefore no action was taken.

7. MEASURE A PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Hold public hearing to review and comment on Draft Measure A Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2017/18 to 2021/22.

Public hearing held. Discussion item only; therefore no action was taken.

8. HIGHWAY 101 HOV (Phase 4)

Receive an update from staff on implementation of the 101 HOV based on the Board's direction provided at March 2017 meeting.

A. *Authorize the Chair to execute amendment No. 2 to the cooperative agreement (05-0301) with Caltrans for the Highway 101 HOV project.*

B. *Authorize the Chair to execute amendment No. 1 to extend the term of the agreement with Galvin Preservation Associates (GPA) to provide Coastal Permitting and Environmental support services related to the Highway 101 HOV Project at no additional cost.*

C. *Clarify that SBCAG does not intend to be a permit applicant or co-applicant to the County of Santa Barbara for any permits for the South Coast 101 HOV Lanes Project.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker, Cars Are Basic, addressed the Board on the addition of Item 8C and requested it be pulled and be considered an ex agenda item. He also stated that Caltrans had been asked to do a traffic analysis on Highway 101.

Marc Chytilo, CLAWS, asked that the SBCAG Board not take any irrevocable action on the project until the environmental review process is complete.

Motion made to move items A, B, and C

Motion: Wolf

Second: Patino

Motion carried: 8-0-2

Yes: Wolf, Hartman, Mosby, Clark, Schneider, Patino, Richardson, and Chair Bennett
No: None
Abstention: Adam, Andresik
Absent: Williams, Lavagnino, Lizalde

9. SUMMARY OF SB 1 STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PACKAGE

Receive a report on the provisions of California Senate Bill 1.

Informational item only; therefore no action was taken.

10. REPORT ON WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP BY SBCAG DELEGATION

Receive a report on the 2017 SBCAG Federal Lobbying Trip to Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker, Cars Are Basic, addressed the Board on the SBCAG Washington, D.C. itinerary.

Informational item only; therefore no action was taken.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. ONE-MINUTE REPORTS

Board Members and Alternates are invited to provide updates on the activities of their districts/cities.

Due to time restraints, Chair Bennett deferred the One-Minute Reports.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Marjie Kirn, Executive Director, deferred her report due to time restraints.

13. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Becker addressed Caltrans on his request to be informed when it received the MOU between Caltrans, the County and City of Santa Barbara.

Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5, reported on the following:

- SB 1 funding
- May 22nd public meeting – Public pedestrian bridge in Los Olivos

14. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Director Richardson deferred his report on the May 11, 2017 CalVans Board Meeting to the June 15, 2016 meeting.

Director Schneider reported on the May 11, 2017 Coastal Express Policy Committee Meeting.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

A. *Board Advance Calendar*

B. *Technical Transportation Advisory Committee, Joint Technical Planning Advisory Committee and Joint Technical Transportation Advisory Committee Draft Meeting Minutes*

C. *LOSSAN letter*

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

*CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9)*

Transportation Futures Committee, et al. v. California Department of Transportation, et. al (Consolidated Case No. 1468955)

17. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel, reported that no reportable action was taken.

18. ADJOURN

Chair Bennett adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 15, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Maria.