

The committee also reviewed its responsibilities under the TDA. The committee questioned the need for an agricultural worker representative, given the rise and fall of the Ag Van program and now the availability of CalVans. The committee noted that, despite what is in the statute, it is better to use “disabled” than “handicapped.” The committee asked staff look into having the statute changed and suggested working with CalACT (California Association for Coordinated Transportation) or CTA (California Transit Association). Following a motion by Austin O’Dell, seconded by Barry Stotts, with Richard Fernbaugh dissenting, SBCTAC recommended Board adoption of the draft amendments to the SBCTAC bylaws and the suggested member appointments.

5. JARC AND NEW FREEDOM CANDIDATE PROJECTS

Sarkes Khachek gave the staff presentation. Following a motion by Barry Stotts, seconded by Cathy Farrar, with Ernesto Paredes, Austin O’Dell, and Richard Fernbaugh abstaining, SBCTAC recommended approval of the project rankings for Section 5316 (Jobs Access and Reverse Commute) and Section 5317 (New Freedom) applications. Regarding the application for the South Coast Commuter Rail Operation project, Richard Fernbaugh asked if Union Pacific had been contacted and Sarkes replied affirmatively. Following a motion by Petra Löwen, seconded by Barry Stotts, with Austin O’Dell abstaining and Richard Fernbaugh dissenting, SBCTAC recommended submittal of Section 5316 applications to Caltrans for the Clean Air Express Reverse Commute operations project, South Coast Commuter Rail Operation project, and Traffic Solutions Carpool project.

6. SANTA MARIA TRANSIT OPEN HOUSES

Austin O’Dell gave a presentation on input from the open houses regarding the Breeze extension, which will begin July 1, 2012, and SMAT service refinements. Santa Maria held four open houses: in Solvang, Buellton, Los Alamos, and Santa Maria.

Six people attended the open house in Solvang, two of which were members of the public. The main requests were to: 1) start the midday trip at 11:00 AM rather than 12:00 PM in Santa Maria to allow more time for shopping, and 2) contact the Santa Ynez Hotel Association. Austin said he did contact the Santa Ynez Hotel Association and is waiting for the results of a zip code survey.

No members of the public attended the open house in Buellton. The city staff in attendance reviewed the schedule and the recommendations from the Solvang open house.

Six people attended the open house in Los Alamos. The main requests were to: 1) continue Saturday service, preferably operated by SMOOTH, and 2) start the midday trip at 11:00 AM rather than 12:00 PM.

Approximately 40 people attended the open house in Santa Maria, all of whom were concerned about the SMAT service refinements rather than the Breeze extension.

Austin also has a meeting schedule with Allan Hancock College.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

8. ADJOURN

Following a motion by Austin O’Dell, seconded by Barry Stotts, SBCTAC adjourned.