

## South Coast Subregional Planning Committee

Wednesday, June 1, 2011  
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

SBMTD Conference Room  
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA

### **Members Present:**

Chair Helene Schneider	Mayor	City of Santa Barbara
Salud Carbajal	Supervisor	First District
Janet Wolf	Supervisor	Second District
Joe Armendariz	Councilmember	City of Carpinteria
Roger Aceves	Councilmember	City of Goleta
Dick Weinberg	Director	SBMTD

### **Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Larry Newland	Caltrans District 5
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### **SBCAG Staff Members Present:**

Jim Kemp	Executive Director
Steve VanDenburgh	Deputy Director
Peter Imhoff	Deputy Director
Gregg Hart	Public Information Officer
Fred Luna	Transportation Engineer

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Schneider asked for public comment and there was none.

#### **3. MEETING SUMMARY**

Salud Carbajal made a motion to approve the May 4, 2011 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Roger Aceves and approved unanimously.

#### **4. COMMUTER/PASSENGER RAIL**

Jim Kemp made the staff presentation. Salud Carbajal said it is important that Caltrans have sufficient resources to staff this effort and made a motion to approve the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Joe Armendariz. Dick Weinberg asked if the funding for the Ortega siding environmental work would come from the Measure A rail program. Jim Kemp replied yes, \$250,000 in Measure A funding would be provided as a local match for \$950,000 in federal rail capital funds .

Roger Aceves asked about the status of the new proposed Goleta business park rail platform. Jim Kemp replied that this project was operating on a different schedule and is awaiting the results of the capacity modeling being completed by UPRR. Roger Aceves said it was important for a lead agency to be identified soon in order to have this station built in time to be used for the new service.

Janet Wolf asked if the funding for rail sidings had already been acted on by the SBCAG Board. She asked how much of the Measure A commuter rail funds had been allocated. Jim Kemp said the total match for the two rail sidings is \$500,000 and an additional \$20,000 for Union Pacific's modeling efforts had also been approved by the SBCAG Board. Janet Wolf asked if the proposed commuter rail service doesn't work out what benefit will the rail siding investments deliver. Helene Schneider said the sidings will improve on-time performance of the current Amtrak service making train travel more reliable and attractive. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. U.S. 101/NORTHBOUND LANES AND SALINAS RAMPS PROJECT**

Fred Luna made the staff presentation. Salud Carbajal said he was pleased that Caltrans had committed \$50,000 to continue the ongoing public information effort because it is critical to the success of this project. He asked that extra effort be directed toward the Spanish language media and that correspondence to project neighbors also be translated into Spanish. Roger Aceves asked what is the daily traffic volume of the Salinas on-ramp and where the traffic would be detoured during construction. Fred Luna said traffic volumes are relatively low and vehicles would be detoured to either Milpas or Cabrillo. Helene Schneider said it is important to make sure that the Milpas Street ramps are not closed during the closure of the Salinas ramps. She asked when the Cacique Street underpass would be completed. She reminded staff that the project had a condition of approval that requires installation of an art element in the underpass. Fred Luna said Caltrans is working with City of Santa Barbara staff on the art installation. Salud Carbajal made a motion to approve the staff recommendation. Roger Aceves seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

#### **6. US 101 WIDENING: MUSSEL SHOALS TO CARPINTERIA CREEK**

Fred Luna made the staff presentation. Salud Carbajal asked what is the staff's recommendation regarding the freeway service patrol extension. Jim Kemp said the first option in the staff report, to award the new contract to the current operator and to extend the term until 2015 is the staff's preference because the current operator has an excellent track record and it is easier for staff to manage one contractor. Janet Wolf asked why staff was considering extending the existing contract beyond 2012. Steve VanDenburgh said only option 1 would extend the current contract. Janet Wolf said she preferred option 2. Roger Aceves said he preferred option 2 because choosing not to put the service out to bid would raise concerns with other tow truck operators. Steve

VanDenburgh explained that option 3 rather than option 2 would allow for other tow truck operators to bid on the new and existing service.

Salud Carbajal left the meeting. Janet Wolf made a motion to recommend option 3 to the SBCAG Board. Roger Aceves seconded the motion. Dick Weinberg asked if service could be provided on weekends and holidays. Steve VanDenburgh replied the contract includes special services like weekends and holidays that are spelled out in advance. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jim Kemp announced Judge Anderle had recently ruled that Caltrans' revised and re-circulated EIR for the Cold Springs Bridge addressed the concerns he had with the original EIR, removing the legal barrier that had delayed the project. Caltrans intends to get the contractor working on the project as soon as possible.

Jim Kemp reminded the committee that the next SBCAG Board meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**8. ADJOURN**

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.