

**Draft Minutes Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
South Coast Subregional Planning Committee**

**Wednesday, May 2, 2012
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

**SBMTD Conference Room
550 Olive St., Santa Barbara, CA**

Members Present:

Vice Chair Roger Aceves	City of Goleta	Councilmember
Helene Schneider	City of Santa Barbara	Mayor
Dick Weinberg	SBMTD	Director
Janet Wolf	County of Santa Barbara	2 nd District Supervisor
Salud Carbajal	County of Santa Barbara	1 st District Supervisor
Al Clark	City of Carpinteria	Mayor
Larry Newland	Caltrans	Sr. Planner

SBCAG Staff Members Present:

Jim Kemp	Executive Director
Steve VanDenburgh	Deputy Director
Scott Spaulding	Sr. Transportation Planner

Others Present:

Melissa Streder	Caltrans
Sherrie Fisher	SBMTD
Jerry Estrada	SBMTD
Steve Maas	SBMTD
Sheila Kamhi	League of Women Voters
Rob Dayton	City of Santa Barbara
Dave McDermott	
Ken Hough	

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Aceves called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chair Aceves asked for public comment and there was none.

3. MEETING SUMMARY

Director Schneider made a motion to approve the April 4, 2012 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Director Clark and approved unanimously.

Member Agencies

Buellton ■ Carpinteria ■ Goleta ■ Guadalupe ■ Lompoc ■ Santa Barbara ■ Santa Maria ■ Solvang ■ Santa Barbara County

4. COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE UPDATE

SBCAG Executive Director Jim Kemp made the staff presentation. Director Weinberg asked if the State/Local Partnership funds could be used on non-rail projects. Mr. Kemp responded that the CTC approved the Prop 1B Corridor Mobility funds for the UVP interchange with the expectation that the \$6.1 million in State/Local Partnership funds it would displace would be spent on rail capital projects. Director Wolf asked if the funds could be spent on the Hollister rail bridge. Scott Spaulding responded that staff specifically identified this bridge to UP before they modeled the commuter trip and the railroad did not identify it as something that needed improvement to develop commuter rail service. Several other projects were identified by UP as necessary infrastructure improvements, including track and tie replacement in some segments, sidings, modifications to the Santa Barbara station, and other improvements.

5. TRAFFIC INFORMATION WEBSITE

Scott Spaulding made the staff presentation. Director Schneider asked what the plans were to market the new website. Mr. Spaulding responded that there is an existing email notification list for the current SBRoads.com website that will be used to notify users of the redesign, and notifications will also be sent to the Traffic Solutions email list. Director Schneider suggested speaking at public comment at local jurisdictions to try to get word out.

6. COMMUTER BUS SERVICE FROM VENTURA COUNTY

Scott Spaulding made the staff presentation.

Director Schneider asked staff to bring to the June meeting institutional alternatives for structuring a joint South Coast/West Ventura County regional transit service. Director Aceves asked for sufficient time at the next meeting to discuss the committee's goals and objectives for commuter bus service in the corridor.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp announced the groundbreaking for the Phase II HOV widening project was held on April 30th. Mr. Kemp passed out a federal Jobs Access Reverse Commute \ New Freedom update showing that the SBCAG region received \$1.0 M of \$16.0 M in funding available statewide, from \$65 M in applications submitted. Director Weinberg asked if HELP of Carpinteria was eligible for JARC or New Freedom funding, and Director Aceves asked staff to contact Mr. Weinberg to discuss. Director Aceves inquired about the status of a new SAFETEA-LU bill and the TIGER grant applications. Mr. Kemp responded that the Federal DOT had not announced the recipients of TIGER grants from cycle IV. Congress also continues to discuss a new federal transportation authorization bill, but one does not appear to be moving through Congress and another short term extension appears likely.

8. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Aceves adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm.