

**AGENDA
SOUTH COAST SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

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

Members Present:

Al Clark (Chair)	Councilmember	City of Carpinteria
Michael Bennett (Vice-Chair)	Councilmember	City of Goleta
Helene Schneider	Mayor	City of Santa Barbara
Janet Wolf	Supervisor	County of Santa Barbara
Salud Carbajal	Supervisor	County of Santa Barbara
Dick Weinberg	Director	SBMTD

Ex-Officio Members Present

Larry Newland	Caltrans
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SBCAG Staff Members Present:

Jim Kemp	Executive Director
Steve VanDenburgh	Deputy Director
Gregg Hart	Public Information Officer
Fred Luna	Transportation Planner
Scott Spaulding	Traffic Solutions

Others Present:

Jerry Estrada	SBMTD
Steve Maas	SBMTD
George Amoon	SBMTD
Bob Short	
Matt Dobberteen	County of Santa Barbara
Chris Sneddon	County of Santa Barbara
Jeremy Tittle	County of Santa Barbara

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Clark asked for public comment and there was none.

3. **MEETING SUMMARY**

Approve meeting summary of the May 6, 2015 meeting of the South Coast Subregional Planning Committee.

Motion made to approve the meeting summary of the May 6, 2015 South Coast Subregional Committee.

Motion: Bennett

Second: Weinberg

Motion carried: 5-0-1

Yes: Bennett, Clark, Schneider, Weinberg, Wolf

No: None

Abstention: Schneider

Absent: Carbajal, Farr

4. **US 101 PROJECT UPDATE**

Receive an update on the US 101 Corridor Improvement Projects and related projects in the corridor

a. Phase III: Linden-Casitas Interchanges Project

b. Phase IV: US 101 HOV Lanes

c. Related Projects

Jim Kemp introduced this item and Fred Luna and Steve VanDenburgh made the staff presentation.

Supervisor Carbajal joined the meeting at 1:45 PM.

Director Wolf asked about the total cost of Mr. Harris' Point C contract in FY 15-16. Steve VanDenburgh said the SBCAG Board had previously authorized approximately \$140,000 in advisory consulting services with Point C and Mr. Harris has proposed an increase of approximately \$200,000 in additional technical oversight responsibilities totaling approximately \$340,000 next year. These added responsibilities are related to completion of the 101 HOV 35% plans. Director Schneider asked about the prospects for the Rincon Bike Path project receiving State Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funding this cycle. Steve VanDenburgh said it is very difficult to project because the ATP program is a very competitive grant program and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has many requests for funding. Jim Kemp said he has met personally with the CTC's Executive Director to discuss the merits of this project and the critical role it plays in the 101 corridor.

Director Carbajal said he is disappointed SBCAG staff stopped development work on the Santa Claus Bike Path project over the issue of maintenance. He said he is confident a solution will be found and progress should not be delayed. Director Schneider asked how Caltrans can oppose taking responsibility for maintenance of the Santa Claus Bike Path when it is a Coastal Commission permit condition. Steve VanDenburgh said Caltrans position has been, unlike the Mussel Shoals to Rincon

Bike Path, the Santa Claus Lane Bike Path is not on the state right of way, so taking responsibility for the additional maintenance is a significant statewide precedent. Jim Kemp said SBCAG staff does not have a preference which agency takes responsibility for maintenance but some agreement must be reached between the parties to move forward. Director Wolf asked if the two bike paths are part of the 101 freeway widening project. Steve VanDenburgh said the projects are required as a condition of the Local Coastal Plan Amendment and the Rincon Bike Path is linked to the Linden & Casitas Pass Interchanges project and the Santa Claus Lane project is linked to the 101 HOV Widening Project. Director Wolf expressed concern about delaying development work on the Santa Claus Lane Bike Path project while negotiating the maintenance agreement. Jim Kemp said SBCAG staff wants to avoid repeating the previous experience when construction of the Ortega Bike path was delayed for a year while the maintenance agreement was negotiated. He noted that discussions have been underway between the County, Caltrans and the City for several months on Santa Claus with no agreement. Director Carbajal said the City of Carpinteria and County of Santa Barbara are committed to making sure these two bike path projects move forward. Jim Kemp said the City of Carpinteria, County of Santa Barbara and Caltrans are all planning to meet again soon to attempt to work out an agreement on this issue. Director Weinberg asked if construction of the Linden and Casitas Pass Interchanges Project was being delayed by the inability to reach agreement on maintenance of the Santa Claus Lane Bike Path. Steve VanDenburgh said no, work is progressing on the Interchange project because the City of Carpinteria has committed to maintaining the Rincon Bike Path. Director Bennett asked how much maintenance of the bike path will cost. Steve VanDenburgh said the range is between \$1,000 and \$20,000 per year to maintain the bike path. Director Bennett said the County will soon be receiving significant additional revenue from transient occupancy tax generated by the new Miramar Hotel that could be used for maintenance of the bike path.

Director Wolf said the County of Santa Barbara has not yet agreed to take the lead on the San Ysidro Interchange project. Director Schneider asked if staff have identified a funding source for the San Ysidro project. Steve VanDenburgh said SBCAG staff has been discussing with County staff using funding from a previously granted federal earmark for development costs for the San Ysidro project.

5. **PEAK HOUR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE**

Receive an update on planning for peak hour passenger rail service between Ventura County and Santa Barbara/Goleta.

Scott Spaulding made the staff presentation. Director Carbajal said he asked LOSSAN staff to include the AMTRAK re-timing project on the agency's short range work timetable. Scott Spaulding suggested Director Carbajal send a letter to that effect to LOSSAN staff on this issue.

Motion made to authorize Director Carbajal send a letter from SBCAG to LOSSAN staff regarding issues pertaining to the AMTRAK re-timing project.

Motion: Schneider

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried: 6-0-0

Yes: Bennett, Carbajal, Clark, Schneider, Weinberg, Wolf
No: None
Abstention: None
Absent: Farr

Director Schneider suggested staff be aware of concerns expressed by SLOCOG staff regarding the AMTRAK re-timing proposal.

6. **COASTAL EXPRESS BUS SERVICE**

Receive an update on the Coastal Express service.

Scott Spaulding made the staff presentation.

Director Carbajal said he believes VCTC recognizes that SBCAG does not have funding available to increase the subsidy for operation of the Coastal Express. Director Wolf said she is disappointed because she has not seen the electronic signs identifying Measure A funding on the Coastal Express buses. Jim Kemp said he would contact the Executive Director of VCTC to express the Board's concern about this issue.

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jim Kemp said he does not have any announcements.

8. **ADJOURN**

Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.