

## SCSPC STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee

**MEETING DATE:** July 14, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5

**STAFF CONTACT:** Lauren Bianchi Klemann

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve nomination of Mark Bradley and Dennis Story to the SBCAG Board of Directors for reappointment as South County members on the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee to serve a four-year term from September 2021 to September 2025.

**DISCUSSION:**

SBCAG staff is seeking direction from the South Coast Subregional Committee to approve a nomination to the SBCAG Board of Directors to reappoint Mark Bradley and Dennis Story to the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee as North County members to serve a four-year term from September 2021 to September 2025. Should the South Coast Subregional Committee approve the nomination, SBCAG staff will add the Committee's recommendation of Mr. Bradley and Mr. Story for reappointment to the Board of Director's August agenda.

The voter-approved Measure A Ordinance requires creation of a Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee "...to help ensure accountability to voters regarding the expenditure of funds and to assist the ... [SBCAG Board of Directors] in ensuring that all provisions, requirements and voter mandates specified in the Investment Plan and Ordinance are properly carried out." The ordinance requires the appointment of an 11-member committee by the SBCAG Board of Directors. Four members are nominated by the North County Subregional Committee, four members are nominated by the South Coast Subregional Committee, and the remaining three are "at-large" appointments. Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee member terms are four years in accordance with the by-laws. The initial terms were staggered by two years so that committee membership turn-over was spaced out.

The Measure A Citizens Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the SBCAG Board of Directors and is comprised of an appropriate balance of transportation users representing the geographic, social, cultural, and economic interests in the county. Employees and elected officials of local governments in Santa Barbara County, employees or policy board members of transit districts in Santa Barbara County, and persons with a personal financial interest in a project or program in the Investment Plan, are ineligible to serve as representatives (Measure A Ordinance 5 section 22.A.).

Mark Bradley was appointed to the Measure A Citizens Advisory Committee in 2009 and Dennis Story was appointed in 2016. Both members are eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the South Coast Subregional Committee and the Board of Directors. Both members expressed interest in continuing to serve on the committee. SBCAG staff is recommending the South Coast Subregional Committee's consideration of Mark Bradley and Dennis Story nomination for reappointment to the Measure A Citizens Advisory Committee.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- A. Excerpt of Ordinance #5 Pertaining to Citizens Oversight Committee
- B. Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee Bylaws
- C. 2021 committee roster with appointed member's term of office and demographic information

# ATTACHMENT A

(Ordinance No.5 excerpt pertaining to Citizens Oversight Committee)

Section 22. Advisory Committees The following advisory committees are established to assist the Authority in the administration on the Investment Plan and this Ordinance.

A. The Citizens Oversight Committee will be appointed by the Authority to help ensure accountability to voters regarding the expenditure of funds and to assist the Authority in ensuring that all provisions, requirements and voter mandates specified in the Investment Plan and Ordinance are properly carried out. The committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the Authority and will be comprised of an appropriate balance of transportation users representing the geographic, social, cultural, and economic interests in the county. Each Subregion Committee established in Section 23 of this ordinance shall nominate four representatives for appointment by the Authority. Three "at large" representatives shall be nominated and appointed by the Authority. Employees and elected officials of local governments in Santa Barbara County, employees or policy board members of transit districts in Santa Barbara County, and persons with a personal financial interest in a project or program in the Investment Plan are ineligible to serve as representatives. The Authority must appoint the committee by April 1, 2010 or at least 90 days prior to the adoption of a Strategic Plan, whichever date is sooner. The committee will determine the frequency of its meetings and be provided with administrative and technical assistance by the Authority in conducting its business. The committee shall annually submit a letter to the Authority commenting on whether the provisions, requirements and voter mandates specified in the Investment Plan and Ordinance have been properly carried out. The letter may include observations and recommendations to the Authority.



## **Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee By-Laws**

**Adopted by SBCAG Board  
October 15, 2009**

### **1.0 Committee Purpose**

The Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee (committee) is a standing committee appointed by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments board of directors acting in its capacity as the Local Transportation Authority (Authority) responsible for administering Measure A. The purpose of the committee is to help ensure accountability to voters regarding the expenditure of funds and to assist SBCAG in ensuring that all provisions, requirements and voter mandates specified in the Investment Plan and Ordinance are properly carried out.

### **2.0 General Duties**

- 2.1 The committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Authority and may make recommendations to the Authority board on issues within the scope of its responsibilities.
- 2.2 The committee may collect information, hold hearings, review reports, receive presentations, provide comments, make findings and recommendations and issue reports related to implementation of Measure A.
- 2.3 SBCAG staff shall provide administrative and technical support to the committee. The committee shall be provided such information by SBCAG staff or by any public agency receiving Measure A funds as necessary to carry out its duties.
- 2.4 The committee shall assist the SBCAG Board in determining the scope and content of the annual independent fiscal audit of Measure A expenditures. The Citizens Oversight Committee shall review the draft audit report including findings and any recommendations. The audit, which shall be made available to the public shall report on evidence that the expenditure of revenues is in accordance with the Investment Plan
- 2.5 The committee shall annually submit a letter to the Authority commenting on whether the provisions, requirements and voter mandates specified in the Measure A Investment Plan and Ordinance have been properly carried out.

### **3.0 Membership**

The membership of the committee shall include those individuals appointed by the Authority Board of Directors in accordance with Section 22 of Ordinance No. 5. There are no alternate or ex-officio members on the committee. Members shall serve without compensation. A member who is absent from 3 consecutive meetings of the committee shall be subject to replacement by the Authority.

### **4.0 Voting**

Only appointed members who are present at a committee meeting may make a motion, second a motion or vote upon a motion under consideration by the committee. A motion shall pass if approved by a simple majority of the members present at the meeting unless otherwise required. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of committee members (6 of 11 members). A vote may be taken on an issue only if a quorum of appointed members is present.

### **5.0 Officers**

Officers of committee shall include the Chair and Vice-Chair. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present. The Vice-Chair shall serve as the Chair, pro tempore, when the Chair is absent.

### **6.0 Terms of Service**

Committee member terms shall be four years. Initial terms shall be staggered so that committee membership turn-over is staggered.

#### **6.1 At-Large Members**

Two seats serve an initial four year term, then four year terms thereafter  
One seat serves a two year term, then four year terms thereafter

#### **6.2 Members Nominated by the North County Subregional Committee**

Two seats serve an initial two year term, then four year terms thereafter  
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#### **6.3 Members Nominated by the South Coast Subregional Committee**

Two seats serve an initial two year term, then four year terms thereafter  
Two seats serve an initial four year term, then four year terms thereafter

### **7.0 Meetings**

Meetings of the committee shall be held at the time and place deemed appropriate by the committee. The committee may adopt an annual calendar of meetings. At the discretion of the Chair, meetings may be rescheduled or cancelled. Meetings shall be called, noticed and conducted in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act as amended (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.). Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order."

## **8.0 By-laws Adoption and Amendments**

The committee by-laws shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Authority board of directors. By majority vote, the committee may recommend amendments to the by-laws. Any amendments shall require approval by a majority vote of the Authority Board of directors.

# ATTACHMENT C

## Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee 2021 Member Roster

*Per the Measure A Ordinance, the Citizens Oversight Committee is comprised of a total of 11 members: four from North County, four from South Coast, and three at-large*

### AT-LARGE MEMBERS

NAME	ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE LOCATION	TERM OF SERVICE
Geoffrey Slaff	Appointed 2020	Consultant, PhD in Biochemical Engineering	Montecito	September 2017 to 2021
Phillip Greene	Appointed 2009	Retired	Santa Barbara	September 2019 to 2023
Christy Nordgren	Appointed 2019	Educator	Buellton	September 2017 to 2021

### NORTH COUNTY MEMBERS

NAME	ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE LOCATION	TERM OF SERVICE
Andy Caldwell	Appointed 2009	Executive Director of COLAB	Santa Maria	September 2017 to 2021
Mark Cheli (Chair)	Appointed 2009	Director of Transportation, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	Santa Maria	September 2017 to 2021
J. Lansing Duncan	Appointed 2020	Retired landscape contractor and designer; former educator with Santa Barbara City College	Solvang	September 2019 to 2023
Tomas López	Appointed 2020	Licensed Civil Engineer; local business owner	Santa Maria	September 2019 to 2023

### SOUTH COAST MEMBERS

NAME	ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE LOCATION	TERM OF SERVICE
Mark Bradley	Appointed 2009	Public Policy Consultant	Santa Barbara	September 2017 to 2021
Dennis Story	Appointed 2016	HomeSafe Design & Build	Goleta	September 2017 to 2021
Alissa Hummer	Appointed 2009	Planning Director, UCSB	Santa Barbara	September 2019 to 2023
Pat Saley (Vice Chair)	Appointed 2009	semi-retired (land use planning consultant); library advisory committee (1st district)	Santa Barbara	September 2019 to 2023