

MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH COUNTY MEASURE D POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 7, 2007
9:00 a.m.

Santa Ynez Valley Marriott
555 McMurray Road
Buellton, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Russ Hicks, Councilmember, City of Buellton and committee chairperson; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Bob Orach, Councilmember, City of Santa Maria; Jim Richardson, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Ann Ruhge, Councilmember, City of Lompoc; Aileen Loe, Caltrans, District 5 (ex-officio member)

Members Absent: Brooks Firestone, Supervisor, Third District;

Advisory committee members proceeded with self-introductions. Policy Development Committee members in attendance included: Hamid Bahadori, Auto Club of Southern California; Vibiana Saavedra, PUEBLO; Deborah Brasket, Santa Barbara County Action Network; John Peterson, Buellton Chamber of Commerce; Linda Jackson, Solvang Chamber of Commerce; Norene Nims, 15th District Parent Teachers Association of Santa Barbara County; Phillip Greene, Marian Medical Center; Harrell Fletcher, Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce; Bill Marsalak, Associated General Contractors; Andy Caldwell, COLAB; Phil Greene, Marian Medical Center, Denny Andersen, Lompoc Chamber of Commerce.

SBCAG Staff Members Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Gregg Hart, Public Information Officer; Fred Luna, Transportation Engineer; Sarkes Khachek, Transportation Planner

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND MEETING OBJECTIVES

Jim Kemp reviewed the meeting agenda and meeting objectives.

3. OCTOBER 17 MEETING REVIEW

Jim Kemp presented the meeting summary from the October 17th meeting.

4. MEASURE D 2008 – NORTH COUNTY INVESTMENT PLAN PROPOSAL

Sarkes Khachek presented the Draft North County Investment Plan.

Following the presentation, the committee discussed the following issues:

Increasing the regional amount for the Safe Routes to School program and adjusting the local minimum alternative modes percentages for the County Santa Barbara and City of Santa Maria.

A member of the committee asked if the funding identified in the Safe Routes to School program would be used as a match for other programs and Jim Kemp responded affirmatively.

A member of the committee stated that the Lakeview Junior High School needed funding for safer bike routes.

The committee then discussed including maintenance of bikeways as an eligible project within the local minimum alternative modes percentages.

Supervisor Joe Centeno expressed concern with including maintenance of bikeways as an eligible project due to the 5th districts need for road maintenance.

A committee member suggested that a maximum percentage be designated for the County of Santa Barbara for bikeway projects and that maintenance of effort for alternative transportation should be considered as well.

David Whitehead, City of Santa Maria, agreed to conduct workshops to receive input on the City's annual Program of Projects.

The committee recessed for a short break at this time.

Following the break the committee continued discussion of including a maximum allocation for alternative modes funding within the County of Santa Barbara's Local Program.

Mayor Dick DeWees, City of Lompoc, arrived at this time.

Representatives from the North County cities expressed agreement in removing the maintenance of Class II bike lanes as an eligible expenditure within the local minimum alternative percentages, except for the County of Santa Barbara. The County would determine the maximum percentage prior to the presentation of the investment plan to the SBCAG Board.

The Committee agreed to expand the Safe Routes To School program to include bicycle and pedestrian projects and increasing the program from \$2 million to \$3 million.

The Committee agreed to reduce the amount identified in the Interregional Transit Program by \$1 million from \$23.5 million to \$22.5 million to accommodate the increase for the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Safe Routes To School program.

The Committee agreed to allow the County of Santa Barbara to count a portion of its costs of class II bikeway maintenance toward meeting the minimum alternative transportation requirement.

The Committee agreed on the local Alternative Transportation Minimum percentages for each jurisdiction as follows Buellton (5%), Guadalupe (5%), Lompoc (15%), Santa Maria (15%), Solvang (15%) and County (10%).

The Committee reached consensus on the draft North County Investment Plan with the changes noted above.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided at this time.

6. ADJOURN NORTH COUNTY MEASURE D RENEWAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet again for a future meeting if necessary. There being no other business, the committee adjourned.

7. CALL TO ORDER NORTH COUNTY SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members Present: Russ Hicks, Councilmember, City of Buellton and committee chairperson; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Bob Orach, Councilmember, City of Santa Maria; Jim Richardson, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Aileen Loe, Caltrans, District 5 (ex-officio member)

Members Absent: Brooks Firestone, Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District

Due to a lack of quorum the committee was unable to vote on a recommendation to the SBCAG board on the draft North County Investment Plan, but the members individually expressed support for the consensus plan developed by the North County Measure D Renewal Policy Development Committee.

Gregg Hart presented the next steps for the 2008 Measure D Renewal Process. This included conducting a public opinion poll of the draft Measure D 2008 Investment Plan.

8. ADJOURN NORTH COUNTY SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

There being no other business, the committee adjourned.