

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Board of Directors**

Thursday, May 17, 2007

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Brooks Firestone (SBCAG Vice-Chair), Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Roger Horton, Councilmember, City of Santa Barbara; Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria (remote from Santa Barbara); Russ Hicks, Councilmember, City of Buellton; Jim Richardson, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Jonny Wallis (SBCAG Chair), Councilmember, City of Goleta; Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5 Representative.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Scott Spaulding, CAE Transit Coordinator; Gregg Hart, Public Information/Government Affairs Coordinator; Sarkes Khachek, Transportation Planner, Cathy Muneio, Board Clerk; Kevin Ready, Deputy County Counsel.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wallis called for the pledge of allegiance.

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes from April 19, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion: Lavagnino; Second: Richardson. Motion carried with Alvarez and Wallis abstaining.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. SANTA MARIA AIRPORT

Find the draft Santa Maria Airport Specific Plan consistent with the Airport Land Use Plan for Santa Barbara County subject to the conditions specified.

B. US 101/MILPAS TO CABRILLO HOT SPRINGS

Authorize chair to execute Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers to extend the termination date of the contract to December 31, 2012.

C. 2007 STIP AMENDMENT

Adopt a resolution approving Amendment No. 8 to the 2008 Federal Transportation Improvement Program which adds projects funded with Proposition 1B funds and High Risk Rural Roads funds and authorizes staff to make changes based on the final 2006 STIP Augmentation to be adopted by the California Transportation Commission on June 7.

D. FY 2006-07 YEAR-END BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Amend the adopted SBCAG budget for FY 2006-07 by approving the recommended year-end budget adjustments.

E. PROPOSITION 4/111 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Adopt a resolution establishing the Appropriations Limit and selecting the annual adjustment factors for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Moved to approve Items 6A-6E. Motion: Firestone; Second: DeWees. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Adopt by resolution the Transit Needs Assessment and Findings of Unmet Transit Need and Reasonable to Meet.

Moved to include in the resolution that comments submitted by Marc Chytilo and Cliff Chambers, Transit Resource Center, submitted the previous afternoon, were unable to be considered by the decision makers since there was insufficient time to review the comments by the time the resolution was voted on, but that the comments and staff response should become part of the administrative record.

Motion: Gray; Second: Lavagnino. Motion carried with Carbajal abstaining.

Moved to adopt by resolution the Transit Needs Assessment and Findings of Unmet Transit Need and Reasonable to Meet.

Motion: Lavagnino; Second: Alvarez. Motion carried with Carbajal opposed.

9. MEASURE D RENEWAL

Review recommendations for development of expenditure plan for renewal of Measure D to be placed on November 2008 general election ballot and provide direction.

Barry Siegel commented that the inconvenience and congestion during the 101 operational improvements could cause people to question putting up with a long term project. He suggested the Regional Growth Forecast be considered in the discussion and stated most funds should go to the North County instead of the South Coast. He suggested the stakeholders provide input on whether the 101 widening should be the priority project.

Dennis Story recommended that commuter rail be considered due to the 5 year completion time frame rather than the 15-20 year timeframe for the completion of 101 widening.

Marc Chytilo said that this process will shape the future of Santa Barbara County and suggested that through the process a mix of projects be developed, including rail commuter service. He said there was a need for a community based stakeholder process to determine the mix and formulas to obtain a broad level for support.

Debra Braskett, with SBCAN, supported moving forward with the process and was in favor of an expenditure plan for both the North County and the South Coast. She stated it was important to include the businesses, schools, environmental groups and transit riders in this process.

Alex Pujo supported the staff recommendation, a stakeholder process, and involvement of the transit users.

Moved to accept the chart on the Measure D renewal framework with the deletion of an interregional bus service and specified a renewal term of 30 years.

Motion: Lavagnino; Second: Carbajal. Motion carried with Firestone and Gray abstaining.

Chair Wallis called for a break at 9:55 a.m.

10. 2006 STIP AUGMENTATION

Receive update on California Transportation Commission staff's recommendations for the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation.

Information item--no action was taken.

11. FY 2007-08 SBCAG BUDGET

Receive presentation and provide direction on draft FY 2007-08 SBCAG budget which will be considered for adoption at the June 21, 2007 board meeting.

No action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no committee report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kemp reported on the May revise of the state budget and said that transit funding had taken a hit and those funds were being diverted to the general fund. He noted this will cause a significant impact on transit operators.

CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S

Ms. Loe stated that the Hwy 166 work near Cuyama will be advertised for award in a month.

Mayor DeWees asked the status of the Hwy 246 Corridor study. Michael Powers responded that the revised modeling was being completed and the study will pick up in the next several months.

Supervisor Gray asked if the 101/Union Valley Parkway project could be moved from the year 2011 to 2008. Ms. Loe stated there was a meeting scheduled for June 19 to discuss this item.

Supervisor Carbajal asked that Ms. Loe pass on to Mr. Krumholz his appreciation for attending a meeting at the Cold Springs School regarding the Safe Routes to School program.

Ms. Wolf thanked Caltrans for the improvements on the Calle Real/El Sueno area that included new paving, signage and striping.

Joe Centeno asked if Mr. Krumholz was interested in attending a monthly town hall meeting in Cuyama. Mr. Krumholz said he was.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Centeno suggested that the North County Subregional Planning Committee may want to meet fairly quickly to discuss the public participation process and to identify the stakeholders. Councilmember Hicks stated he would work with SBCAG staff to plan the meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further action the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.