

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

Thursday, January 15, 2009

8:30 AM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Alvarez called the meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District (via remote from Santa Barbara); Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Iya Falcone, Councilmember, City of Santa Barbara; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria (arrived at 8:34 a.m.); Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Aubrey Spilde, Transportation Planner; Brittany Odermann, Transportation Planner; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Kevin E. Ready, Sr., Senior Deputy County Counsel, Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5 Representative, Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

No closed session items.

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from the November 20, 2008 board of directors meeting.

Motion to approve the November 20, 2008 minutes.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Bennett

Motion carried: 9-0-3 (Farr, Lavagnino, Falcone abstained, Armendariz absent)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve by roll call vote on one motion:

A. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 FUNDING CALL FOR PROJECTS

Approve project selection procedures for FTA 5307 funding and authorize a call for projects.

B. PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Approve Projects for the Fiscal Year 2008/09 Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant Program for Submittal to California Department of Homeland Security.

C. FEDERAL EARMARK FUNDING REQUESTS

Authorize staff to submit earmark funding requests to our region's congressional representatives for the Highway 101 Santa Maria River Bridge six-lane widening, Highway 101 Carpinteria Creek Bridge replacement, Highway 101 Union Valley Parkway Interchange, Highway 166 safety improvements, various transit capital purchases, and a rail siding project in Santa Barbara County.

D. ROUTE 154 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Receive a status report on the construction of the Measure D funded Route 154 Operational Improvements project.

Motion to approve consent calendar.

Motion: Lavagnino Second: Skytt

Motion carried: 12-0 (Armendariz absent)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Adopt resolution of appreciation for former SBCAG Chair and board member Firestone.

Motion to adopt resolution of appreciation.

Motion: Lavagnino Second: Skytt

Motion carried: 13-0

- C. *Appoint three members and an alternate to serve as SBCAG representatives on the Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee.*

Motion to appoint Supervisors Carbajal, Wolf and Councilmember Armendariz as members and Mayor Blum as alternate to the Coastal Express Policy Steering Committee.

Motion: Lavagnino Second: Skytt

Motion carried: 12-0

- D. *That the Chair appoint members to the SBCAG executive committee.*

Chair Alvarez appointed Mayor Lavagnino, Supervisor Carbajal and Councilmember Armendariz as members to the SBCAG executive committee.

15. WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL ISSUES

Schedule a board workshop for Thursday February 19 to discuss implementation of SB 375 and SBCAG's role in regional issues.

Motion to schedule a board workshop, as a regular agenda item at the February 19 2009 board meeting, to discuss the implementation of SB 375.

Motion: Carbajal Second: Bennett

Motion carried: 12-0

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

17. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp reported that there are four projects within the county that received approval for Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom funding from the Federal Government through its grant programs. The City of Santa Maria received \$100,000.00 for nighttime and Saturday service of its transit service. SBCAG's Traffic Solutions will be receiving \$100,000.00 for its Reverse Commute Van Pool Program between north and south county. The City of Lompoc received funding for both capital and operations for the recently started Wine Country Express service and under the New Freedom program Community Partners in Caring received \$62,000.00 for a volunteer driver program.

Mr. Kemp reported that in regards to the economic stimulus package there are ongoing discussions. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has started putting some details to an economic stimulus package and President elect Obama has made it goal to have an economic stimulus package enacted within a month of his inauguration into office. This is important because the stimulus as it is currently drafted will include money for infrastructure projects, specifically for transportation infrastructure projects. Current discussion is that approximately 85 billion dollars in an immediate stimulus in federal funding that would be going to states and regional local governments for projects that can be implemented in the very near future.

18. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rich Krumholz informed the board that there would be an open house/public hearing on the Linden Casitas Pass Road interchange Project in Carpinteria. It is being held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Canalino Elementary School, 1480 Linden Avenue in Carpinteria. There will be a formal presentation of the project features at 6:30 p.m. Announced that there would be

a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Santa Maria six lane project on Friday, January 30, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at River Oaks Park, 809 Stanford Drive, Santa Maria.

Union Pacific will be doing some track work on the line the Pacific Surfliner runs on from Sunday, January 25 2009 through Tuesday, January 27, 2009. If anyone is planning on taking the Pacific Surfliner during this time please contact 1-800-USA-RAIL because you may be making some of your trip by bus.

The 192 Safety Project estimated start date is April 2009, run through the summer and be complete by the fall of 2009. Caltrans will be working closely with the contractor to minimize the closures of 192.

The Clark Avenue Park & Ride is closed until the end of January to do paving, landscaping and lighting improvements. Improvements are being funded with Measure D funds.

19. COMMUNICATIONS

20. ADJOURN

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 in Santa Barbara.