

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

**Thursday, August 20, 2009**

**8:30 AM**

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Barbara, CA**

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Alvarez called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Members Present:** Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton; Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria

**Members Absent:** Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District

**Staff Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director of Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Aubrey Spilde, Transportation Planner; Gregg Hart, Public Information/Government Affairs Coordinator; Kent Epperson, Program Director, Traffic Solutions; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Kevin E. Ready, Sr., Senior Deputy County Counsel, Aileen Loe, Caltrans District Representative, Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

*Personnel matter—Executive Director performance evaluation*

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Senior Deputy County Counsel Kevin Ready stated that no reportable action had been taken.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Approve minutes from the July 16, 2009 board of directors meeting.*

Motion to approve the minutes:

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Wolf

Motion carried 9-0-1 (Centeno abstained)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

*Adopt FTIP amendment #12 to add projects in the SHOPP Lump Sum Collision Reduction and Mandates Programs.*

B. ROUTE 154 GROUP II SAFETY PROJECT

*Approve an increase in the construction budget of \$50,000 for claims settlement.*

C. AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (STIMULUS) FUNDING

*Receive a report on the obligation status of roadway and transit ARRA (stimulus) funding in Santa Barbara County and the statewide guidelines for reallocating unobligated funds between regions.*

D. FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING

*Approve project scores for FTA Section 5310 (Elderly and Disabled Transportation) applications for the FY 2009 call for projects and authorize their submittal to Caltrans.*

E. TIGER NATIONAL DISCRETIONARY STIMULUS PROGRAM

*Approve resolutions of support for funding from the TIGER national discretionary stimulus program for the Highway 101/Santa Maria River Bridge widening project and the Seacliff rail siding project.*

Motion to approve Consent Items 6A and 6D

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried 11-0

Motion to approve Consent Items 6B, 6C and 6E

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Skytt

Motion carried 11-0

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernest Armenta addressed the board on the agricultural community in the City of Santa Maria.

8. 2009 COMMUTER CHALLENGE RESULTS AND EMPLOYER AWARDS

*Chair to present certificates of recognition to the five winning employers of the Commuter Challenge; Pay Junction, Community Environmental Council, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Yardi Systems and the City of Santa Barbara.*

Chair Alvarez presented certificates to the five winning employers. Presentation only therefore no action was taken.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

*Receive staff presentation and public comments on Draft Amendment to Environmental Impact Report of 2008 RTP*

The chair opened the item for public comment.

KK Holland, Alliance for Sustainable and Equitable Regional Transportation (ASERT), encouraged the board to look at alternative transportation. Ms. Holland said the RTP needs to do a better job of taking sustainability seriously. ASERT would like to see a more aggressive push for alternative thinking and alternative transportation.

Dave Davis, Executive Director, Community Environmental Council (CEC), told the board it is great the Amendment increases the energy section, but said the plan, although good for today, needs to be rapidly adaptable to changing economic and environmental conditions. Mr. Davis said per capita GHG emissions are increasing 15% while other RTPs show a decrease; he believes it's a significant adverse impact that needs to be addressed and mitigated. Mr. Davis requested an alternative that looks at energy costs in the future.

Michael Chiacos, Transportation Specialist, Community Environmental Council (CEC), noted the Amended EIR is much improved, but told the board SBCAG's modeling is overly aggressive in its business-as-usual projections, and there may be problems with how SBCAG ran the model. Mr. Chiacos said local data is incomplete in that the report uses the 2002 Commuter Profile survey rather than the 2007 survey; the 2007 survey shows decreases in driving alone and increases in bus riding, vanpooling, carpooling, and telecommuting. Mr. Chiacos requested that the RTP increase Traffic Solutions' budget. He said affordable alternative transportation is a moral imperative that also decreases energy use and GHG emissions. Mr. Chiacos requested a fourth alternative in the EIR that considers how high fuel prices and state and federal greenhouse gas targets will change transportation patterns and that prioritizes alternative transportation.

Board directed staff to address public comments, and bring back Final Amendment to the Environmental Impact Report of 2008 RTP to a future SBCAG board meeting for consideration of final approval.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 10. **MEASURE A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

*Review the recommended applicants for the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee from the ad hoc Board committee charged with considering the “at large” members and the two subregional planning committees and make the final appointments of all eleven members of the committee.*

Motion to approve the “at large” members as recommended, with the exception Aaron Petersen since he had withdrawn his name from consideration to avoid the potential for a conflict of interest and Pat Saley until there has been communication with her and more time to determine if there could be a possible conflict of interest.

Motion: Farr

Second: Skytt

Motion carried 11-0

#### 11. **2010 CENSUS**

A. *Receive report on 2010 Census Coordination activities and consider establishing a Countywide Complete Count Census Coordinating Committee, staffed by SBCAG and composed of a SBCAG board member liaison, local complete count committee representatives, and representatives of countywide social service organizations.*

B *Appoint a board member liaison to the committee.*

C. *Approve 2010 Census Complete Count resolution.*

Motion to move forward with items A, B and C as listed on the board recommendations.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Carbajal with Supervisor Farr as the committee liaison.

Motion withdrawn by Supervisor Wolf.

Motion to:

1) Approve the 2010 Complete Count resolution.

2) Designate the North and South Subregional committees of SBCAG as the 2010 Complete Census Count coordinating groups. These committees will report to SBCAG as the overall 2010 Census Complete Count Central Coordinating Committee as part of the coordination effort.

- 3) Appoint Supervisors Farr and Wolf as board member liaisons to the census effort.
- 4) Direct staff to continue working with the staff of all jurisdictions in the county, particularly the county representative, and provide monthly reports to SBCAG on current efforts on 2010 Census outreach.

Motion: Farr

Second: Blum

Motion carried: 10-0 (Hicks absent)

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 12. FLEXWORK SANTA BARBARA PHASE II FINAL REPORT

*Receive report from Telecommuting Advantage Group and SBCAG Traffic Solutions on the FlexWork Santa Barbara Phase II Final Report.*

Motion to receive the FlexWork report.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Blum

Motion carried: 11-0

#### 13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, announced the LOSSAN meeting of September 9, 2009 will be held in Oceanside, California.

#### 14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, reported on the following:

1. SBCAG Executive Committee will be meeting on September 10, 2009. New auditors will be meeting with committee board on September 10, 2009 to talk about the scope of the SBCAG audit.
2. SBCAG is conducting a Park & Ride study to determine what existing lots may need to be enhanced or expanded. SBCAG will try and identify where new Park & Rides may need to be built. Survey is on the SBCAG website.
3. Highway 101 Operational Improvements work has reached the one year mark. Montecito roundabout is scheduled to be complete by the end of August. Southbound 101 at Cabrillo has been closed permanently. Community event will be planned once roundabout is complete and ready to be opened.

#### 15. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aileen Loe, Caltrans, reported on the following:

1. September 2, 2009 there will be a public hearing at the City of Lompoc, City hall on the Highway 246 passing lane project.
2. Recipients for the Safe Routes to School program include the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa.
3. Prop 1B funds for transit - nearly 2 million dollars will come to jurisdictions within the county of Santa Barbara.
4. Caltrans has activated a new live camera on Highway 101 just north of Las Positas.

Mayor Hicks asked about the Caltrans property across from the maintenance yard, as a possible use for a Park & Ride.

Supervisor Farr raised the issue of hazardous materials being trucked along highway 154.

Councilmember Bennett asked about the current status of the Cathedral Oaks extension project.

Supervisor Wolf asked about the status of the highway 101 paving from Goleta to Santa Barbara.

She also asked Caltrans to confirm that the conditions of approval for use of land owned by Caltrans adjacent to 154 are being followed.

Supervisor Carbajal asked about the Caltrans staging area off Santa Claus Lane. He wondered if there may be an alternate site within the first district that Caltrans could use for staging their materials.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of support for the Union Valley Parkway project.

17. ADJOURN

Chair Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m. in honor and memory of Mayor Dick DeWees.