

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

**Thursday, January 21, 2010**

**8:30 AM**

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Carbajal called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

**Members Present:** Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District (via remote); Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Victoria Pointer, Mayor, City of Buellton; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Helene Schneider, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Roger Aceves, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria;

**Staff Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director of Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Gregg Hart, Public Information / Government Affairs Coordinator; Brittany Odermann, Transportation Planner; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Stephen Underwood, County Counsel; Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5 Representative; Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Gray and Mayor Siminski

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (15 minutes)

Pending litigation: (Government Code § 54956.9(a))

- Coalition Against Automobile Subsidies v SBCAG S.B.S.C. Case # 1266839
- Sustainable Transportation Advocates of Santa Barbara v SBCAG (two cases):  
S.B.S.C. Case # 1303310  
California Court of Appeal Case #212524



8. RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

*Adopt resolutions of appreciation for outgoing board members Mayor Blum, Councilmember's Bennett and Hicks.*

Motion made to adopt resolutions of appreciation.

Motion: Alvarez

Second: Schneider

Motion carried: 11-0

**Items 10-11 were heard prior to item 9 due to a 10:00 a.m. time certain for the Unmet Transit Needs**

10. SB-375

*Receive public input on recommendation to change from five (5) year to four (4) year Regional Transportation Plan Update cycle and from five (5) year to eight (8) year local Housing Element update cycle and consider approval of proposed change in RTP and Housing Element update cycles.*

Motion made to approve staff recommendation.

Motion: Armendariz

Second: Alvarez

Motion carried: 11-0

**ACTION ITEMS**

11. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- A. *Approve federal legislative agenda including project earmark requests and designating 101 HOV project as the highest regional transportation priority for federal funding.*
- B. *Request that local agencies support the 101 HOV project as Santa Barbara County's highest regional transportation priority for federal funding.*
- C. *Direct staff to initiate a process for establishing regional priorities (policies and projects) for the reauthorization of SAFETEA LU.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Larry Bean, Public Works Director, City of Lompoc, addressed the board on making sure the lobbyists look into the Federal Space Infrastructure Development Program and include Hwy 246 as well as Hwy 101 when lobbying for funding.

Steve Wagner, Public Works Director, City of Goleta emphasized the need for SBCAG to be aggressive in obtaining federal funds for Highway 101 and stated the target should be more than \$30 million.

Motion made to approve federal legislative agenda including project earmark requests and designating 101 HOV project as the highest regional transportation priority for

federal funding utilizing the Measure A matching fund amount as a guideline for funding requests.

Motion made to approve staff recommendation for items 6B and 6C.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Aceves

Motion carried: 11-0

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### 9. **UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS** (Time certain 10:00 a.m.)

*Hold hearing and receive public input on unmet transit needs in Santa Barbara County.*

Public hearing only therefore no action was taken.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wayne Botz addressed the board on the need for public transportation on Vandenberg Air Force Base. Improvements that would help include vanpools on base, a sheltered bicycle area, and a cement pad at the bus stop.

Barry Stotts thanked the board for their continued support of public transportation for senior and disabled passengers.

Jim Talbot, SMOOTH Transportation, thanked the board, staff and especially the Measure A formulation committee for the inclusion of a specialized transportation allocation for seniors and disabled passenger in the north county.

Joyce Howerton, Santa Barbara County Action Network, addressed the board on the need for transportation for all of the north county community. SBCAN would like to see extended night, mid-day, and weekend bus service on the Breeze and Clean Air Express, express service between Orcutt and Santa Maria, and new service between Buellton and Santa Maria. Ms. Howerton noted that the Wine County Express is a huge success.

Alex Pujo, COAST, showed a graph representing the percentage of LTF allocated to transit in North County jurisdictions, and a graph showing ridership on North County transit services. He emphasized that many in north County do not have a car and are too young, too old, or too poor to drive.

KK Holland, ASERT, addressed the board on the need for affordable, sustainable and accessible transportation for the community. Would like to encourage the expansion of service, including later week day hours and weekend service.

Larry Bean, City of Lompoc, addressed the board on the possibility of the governor doing away with the public transit account and its significant negative effect on TDA funds.

Motion made to receive information and close public hearing.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Alvarez

Motion carried: 11-0

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### 12. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- A. *Appoint a delegate and alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).*

Motion made to appoint Supervisor Wolf as delegate.

Motion: Schneider                      Second: Pointer

Motion carried: 11-0

Motion made to appoint Councilmember Skytt as alternate.

Motion: Lavagnino                      Second: Pointer

Motion carried: 11-0

- B. *Appoint a delegate and alternate to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council and the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN).*

Motion made to appoint Supervisor Carbajal as delegate and Mayor Schneider as alternate to LOSSAN.

Motion: Lavagnino                      Second: Skytt

Motion carried: 11-0

Motion made to appoint Councilmember Skytt as delegate to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.

Motion: Lavagnino                      Second: Alvarez

Motion carried: 11-0

Motion made to appoint Councilmember Aceves as alternate to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.

Motion: Lavagnino                      Second: Armendariz

Motion carried: 11-0

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

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

Motion: Skytt                              Second: Schneider

Motion carried: 11-0



16. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5, reported on the following:

- Reiterated priority for Highway 101 improvements.
- Santa Maria River Bridge construction funding.
- Caltrans is soliciting for transportation planning grants.

17. COMMUNICATIONS

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, reported that a letter signed by Chair Carbajal went out to the Chief of the Division of Rail supporting a proposal to retime the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner service. All board members received a copy of the letter.

18. ADJOURN

Chair Carbajal adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

