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STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Measure D

MEETING DATE: August 14, 2007

AGENDA ITEM: 5

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Receive status report on Measure D Renewal effort.
- B. Consider update to Measure D Reauthorization letter

STAFF CONTACT: Michael Powers, Gregg Hart

DISCUSSION:

At the last meeting committee members requested that the Measure D item considered in April 2006 be reconsidered by SBCTAC since Measure D renewal is back on the table. As you recall your committee submitted a letter to the SBCAG Board regarding the reauthorization of Measure D. The letter submitted by SBCTAC last year is attached for your review. Staff suggests that if you decide to submit a letter you address it to the chair of the respective South Coast and North County Subregional Measure D Renewal Policy Development Committees.

Attached: Measure D Renewal letter submitted by SBCTAC in 2006

Member Agencies

Buellton ■ Carpinteria ■ Goleta ■ Guadalupe ■ Lompoc ■ Santa Barbara ■ Santa Maria ■ Solvang ■ Santa Barbara County



April 12, 2006

Chairman and Supervisor Joe Centeno and
SBCAG Board of Directors

Dear Supervisor Centeno and SBCAG Board Members:

Re: Measure D Reauthorization Proposal

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Transit Advisory Committee (SBCTAC), I would like to thank you for your continued support for transit services in Santa Barbara County and initiation of the Northern Santa Barbara County Transit Plan.

SBCTAC would like to take this opportunity to stress the need for explicit incorporation of transit services and funding into the Measure D re-authorization effort:

- SBCTAC supports funding for existing and new intercity transit services
- SBCTAC supports guaranteed funding for local transit from each jurisdiction's local funding allocation for transportation
- SBCTAC recognizes that local transportation needs can vary significantly by jurisdiction; however SBCTAC recommends setting funding levels for transit as high as possible
- SBCTAC supports the combined $\frac{3}{4}$ cent sales tax measure as it appears to remove the complexity of the A + B Measure
- SBCTAC supports a greater funding level for specialized paratransit services provided by CTSA's and local transit providers
- SBCTAC supports the reallocation of 5% (one quarter) of the 20% set aside for competitive regional transit programs for senior and disabled transit needs, 15% to remain competitive

Thank you for the opportunity for providing this input. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Petra Löwen
Chair, Santa Barbara County Transit Advisory Committee