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**Santa Barbara County Transit Advisory Council  
(SBCTAC)**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2007**

Buellton City Council Chambers  
140 West Highway 246  
Buellton, CA

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**SBCTAC Members Present**

Jim Talbott (Chair)  
Barry Stotts  
Ed Zoost  
Richard Fernbaugh  
Victor Suhr  
Howard Kraus  
Polly Bleavins  
Bea Merwin  
Julie Kahn  
Austin O'Dell  
Matt Dobberteen  
Vibiana Saavedra  
Jon Dotson  
Rick Hummel  
Cathy Farrar  
Ernesto Paredes

SMOOTH  
Community Access Network  
SMAT/RAC  
COLT Transit Agency - Lompoc  
South Coast Transit User  
R&D Transportation  
Children and Families Commission  
Community Partners in Caring  
Transit User – South County  
SMAT  
Santa Barbara County Transit  
Farmworker Population Representative  
Santa Ynez Valley Transit  
LOVARC  
Transit User – North County  
Easy Lift - CTSA

**Others Present**

Michael Seden-Hansen  
Pat Mickelson  
Jim Richardson  
Sam Cohen  
Ashley Payne

Breeze Bus  
Caltrans  
SBCAG Boardmember  
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians  
Community Partners in Caring

**SBCAG Staff**

Michael Powers  
Gregg Hart

**Member Agencies**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Talbot called the meeting to order and initiated a round of introductions.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Talbot asked for public comment and there was none.

**3. MINUTES**

Following a motion by Ernesto Paredes, seconded by Kathy Farrar, the minutes of June 12 were approved.

**4. CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC TRANSIT HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATION PLAN**

Michael Powers presented an overview of Sections 1 – 6 of the draft plan.

The following comments were provided on Sections 1 – 5:

- Vibiana Saavedra and Michael Seden-Hansen noted errors in the fiscal years listed for the Guadalupe Shuttle and the Breeze on page 9.
- Vibiana also asked for clarification of the high percentage of disabled that are employed and Michael responded that the census definition is very broad. Polly Bleavins added that people on certain types of assistance will lose their benefits if they receive too much income from other jobs.
- Vibiana recommended that recognition of Mistecos be added to the discussion of the discussion of Hispanics on page 21 She added that any outreach should recognize this population.
- Bea Merwin asked for clarification of the ethnicity estimates and Michael replied that text will be added to indicate persons can be white or black, or other race and also be classified as Hispanic.
- Barry asked if Filipino was separated out and Michael replied no.
- Michael Seden-Hansen asked why the unemployment number was zero for areas but there was still a percentage indication in the rate column and Michael replied he would examine and correct the entries.
- Sam Cohen requested a clarification of the Chumash Tribal Indian description on Page 23 and stated he would provide the appropriate language.
- Ashley Payne stated she would provide text for Community Partners in Caring description to be added on page 10.

The following comments were provided on Section 6, Goals and Strategies to Improve Transportation Connections.

- Ernesto and Jim expressed the reluctance of CTSA's to take on more coordination without additional resources and/or general agreement from social service providers
- Austin stressed the importance of getting the information out to social service providers on existing transportation services.

- Polly stated that the 211 program was a potential vehicle for dissemination and coordination but it was not living up to its promise in the area of transportation
- Matt proposed use of the Non-Profit Support Center as a vehicle to improve coordination.
- Austin requested a draft application and scoring criteria.
- Julie emphasized the need to connect services such as the train and bus.
- In general, committee members recommended collapsing coordination strategies 1-3 and 4-6, and that bi-lingual information was important in information dissemination.
- In general, committee members supported prioritizing the improvement of access to health care by low income persons
- In general, committee members favored programs that provided multiple benefits and improved the information flow between transit providers and social service providers.

Michael asked the committee members to assist in getting the word out on the upcoming workshops to solicit input on Transportation Connections. He distributed flyers announcing the workshops.

**6. MEASURE D RENEWAL**

Gregg Hart provided a status report on Measure D renewal. He noted Jim Richardson and Vibiana Saavedra were on the North County Policy Development Committee whose first meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 12 in Buellton. Barry Stotts raised the possibility of submitting a letter stating the preferences for renewal, similar to the one submitted by SBCTAC with the last renewal attempt. Ernesto asked if SBCAG had selected a PR firm and Gregg replied that it was too early to pursue at this time.

**7. TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

Michael asked if there were any follow up questions from last month's presentation and there were none

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Austin O'Dell described the celebration of SMAT's one millionth passenger.

Vibiana announced that there would be an attempt to recruit drivers for the County farmworker vanpool transportation program. Matt added that the County Board had just approved the selection of SMOOTH as the contractor for the program.

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no other business, Jim Talbot announced that SBCTAC was adjourned till the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 14 at 1:30 PM.