

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Unmet Transit Needs

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2007

AGENDA ITEM: 6

STAFF CONTACT: Michael G. Powers, Gregg Hart

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss outreach by local agencies and SBCAG

DISCUSSION:

Based on the discussion during October and November SBCAG will expand its noticing of the annual unmet transit needs hearing to include High School Newspapers, the VAFB newspaper, and Spanish language radio stations.

Lompoc and Santa Maria will hold public workshops in their respective communities to discuss schedules, routes and desire changes to public transit services. Santa Maria has already held its workshop and Lompoc will hold its workshop. As a follow up to these workshops, representatives from the cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara will meet with SBCTAC in January and February to discuss both the input received from the public regarding expanding transit service and other input received locally on unmet transit needs.

The SBCAG board will continue to have its annual unmet transit needs public hearing in North County as mandated by state law. This will occur in Santa Maria on January 17, 2008. Notices for this meeting are attached.

Staff believes that the annual extensive public outreach program on schedule changes by SBMTD has developed to the point that it is sufficient to identify most if not all unmet transit needs in the south coast and additional outreach by SBCTAC is unnecessary. Staff recommends that SBCTAC request the SBMTD staff member to SBCTAC report on the input received at these workshops during the January or February SBCTAC meeting so SBCTAC could provide SBCAG and hence SBMTD with its recommendations on service changes. This would avoid the need for duplicative outreach efforts by SBMTD and SBCTAC.

Member Agencies

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

As the case with every year, it will be most important for SBCTAC members to help publicize and participate in the Transit Needs Assessment public outreach efforts at the local and regional level.

Attachments:

Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Notices
Unmet Transit Needs Flyers in English and Spanish



Public Hearing Notice Unmet Transit Needs

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) is holding a hearing to receive public comments on unmet transit needs in Santa Barbara County, as required under Section 99401.5 of the Public Utilities Code.

The public hearing will be held:

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2008
Time: 10:00 AM (Time certain)
Where: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, CA

Remote testimony available at Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 105 E. Anapamu Street, 4th Floor, Santa Barbara, CA.

Written comments must be received by February 17, 2008. Mail comments to SBCAG at 260 North San Antonio Road, Suite B, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Comments may also be emailed to comments@sbcag.org. An Unmet Transit Needs on-line comment form is available at www.sbcag.org.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact SBCAG at least three working days prior to the meeting at (805) 961-8900. A Spanish translator will be available at the hearing.

For more information, call SBCAG at 961-8900. Favor de llamar a SBCAG al 961-8918, para más información del reunión.

How can the bus better serve your needs?

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments will be holding a public hearing to learn about the transit needs of the residents of the North County. Please plan to attend and present your comments or concerns about transit service in the North County.

When: Thursday, January 17, 2008 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, California



It's Easy!

Simply come to the public hearing on January 17, 2008 by 10:00 AM. Fill out a "comment card" located on the table in the back of the Supervisors Hearing Room. Staff will forward your card to the Chair, who will call your name for you to come to the podium and express your views.

You may also send your comments in writing by Feb. 17, 2008 to:

**Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
260 N. San Antonio Rd., Suite B
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
-or by email to-
publiccomment@sbcag.org**



Favor de contactarse con SBCAG al 961-8900 tres días antes de la reunión si usted necesita traducción en español.

¿Como puede servirle mejor el autobús?

El Santa Barbara County Association of Governments tendrá una audiencia publica para aprender cuales son las necesidades de transito que los residentes del norte del condado tienen. Por favor asista y presente sus comentarios o preocupaciones acerca del servicio de transito en norte del condado.

Cuando: Jueves, 17 de Enero del 2008 @ 10:00 AM

Donde: Salón Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, California



¡Es Fácil!

Simplemente llegue a la audiencia pública a las 10:00 am el 17 de Enero del 2008. Llene la tarjeta de comentarios que esta en la mesa atrás del salón. El personal entregara su tarjeta a el Encargado, quien llamara su nombre para que vaya al podio y exprese su punto de vista.

También puede mandar sus comentarios por escrito antes del 17 de Febrero 2008 a:

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
260 N. San Antonio Rd., Suite B
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
-o por correo electronico a-
publiccomment@sbcag.org



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