

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Buellton City Council Chambers
140 West Highway 246
Buellton, CA

SBCTAC Members Present

Jim Talbott (Chair)	SMOOTH
Petra Löwen (Vice-Chair)	Independent Living Resource Center
Barry Stotts	Community Access Network
Ed Zoost	SMAT/RAC
Richard Fernbaugh	COLT Transit Agency - Lompoc
Victor Suhr	South Coast Transit User
Howard Kraus	R&D Transportation
Dean Palius	Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People
Polly Bleavins	Children and Families Commission
Bea Merwin	Community Partners in Caring
Julie Kahn	Transit User – South County
Julie Guzman	Transit User – North County
Austin O'Dell	SMAT
David Damiano	SBMTD
Matt Dobberteen	Santa Barbara County Transit
Vibiana Saavedra	Farmworker Population Representative
Jon Dotson	Santa Ynez Valley Transit
Rick Hummel	LOVARC
Cathy Farrar	Transit User – North County
Ernesto Paredes	Easy Lift - CTSA

Others Present

Michael Seden-Hansen	Breeze Bus
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SBCAG Staff

Michael Powers
Sarkes Khachek

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Löwen called the meeting to order and initiated a round of introductions.

Member Agencies

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chair Löwen asked for public comment.

Vibiana Saavedra asked what the status of Measure D renewal. Michael Powers replied that the SBCAG Board had agreed to a ½ cent renewal scheduled for November 2008 with 101 funding off the top and expenditure plans to be developed by the Subregional Planning Committees. Vibiana requested regular updates on the renewal.

3. MINUTES

Following a motion by Richard Fernbaugh, seconded by Austin O'Dell, the minutes of May 8 were approved with changes to page 4 "operations" contract and spelling corrections on Page 6.

4. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Michael Powers provided a report on the SBCAG Board adoption of Transit Needs Assessment and findings of unmet need and reasonable to meet.

Jim Talbot asked about lessons for next year and Michael replied that more Hispanic outreach was advisable.

A discussion ensued about potential surveys.

David Damiano recommended the UCSB Survey Center.

Kirk Spry stated his satisfaction with the focus groups, but did raise concerns about VAFB involvement and access to on-base facilities.

Austin O'Dell and Polly Bleavins recommended solicitation of VAFB involvement in SBCTAC.

Vibiana Saavedra favored early outreach with public service announcements

Polly Bleavins offered to coordinate with outreach by First Five.

Jim Talbot asked when this outreach would begin in earnest and Michael replied in September.

5. CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC TRANSIT HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATION PLAN

Sarkes Khachek provided an analysis of survey responses for Public transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

Vibiana Saavedra asked if the survey response was statistically significant and if not sufficient. Sarkes replied that while there were no glaring emissions and follow up e-mails were sent, a statistical accurate response was not received. Michael Powers added that this survey is used in conjunction with census data, unmet transit needs input among other sources of information.

Vibiana Saavedra asked for a clarification of the “other” and recommended on page 9 that the number of people vs. agencies needed service be identified.

David Damiano asked what fixed route deviated service referred to and Sarkes replied that it refers to services in Guadalupe, Los Alamos, and Cuyama that serve locations as requested by the transit riders.

Jim Talbot requested a list of respondents.

Kirk asked if the respondents could reply on line and Sarkes replied affirmatively.

Matt Dobberteen asked if there were any surprising results and Sarkes replied the large number of out of county service needs.

Polly stated that subsidized dental care was only available in Ventura County and UCLA and City of Hope provided services to low-income persons.

Dean Palius added that in addition to transportation costs the cost for translation services is an issue.

Jim asked about next steps and Sarkes replied that the next meeting the Committee would review additional background information and engage in priority setting.

Michael concluded the item by thanking Sarkes and stating that this was his last meeting as he was taking a lateral transfer within SBCAG and going over to the Program Division of SBCAG. SBCTAC members expressed their appreciation to Sarkes with best wishes and a cake.

6. TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Michael Powers provided SBCAG with a presentation on “Funding Transportation Improvements: Where, When, and How Much do you pay? Where does your money go? How does it come back? How is it distributed? What does it pay for?” After the presentation members requested that the item be brought back to the next meeting for follow up questions.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julie Guzman announced that she and Howard Kraus were selected by SBMTD as surveyors.

Polly announced that she received certification as a children’s car seat installer.

Vibiana Saavedra asked when the SBCAG Subregional Planning Committee was meeting to discuss Measure D and Michael replied that the North County sub committee would meet on June 20 at 11:00 AM in Buellton.

8. ADJOURN

There being no other business, Jim Talbot announced that SBCTAC was adjourned till the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 10 at 1:30 PM.