

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Measure D

**MEETING DATE:** October 9, 2007

**AGENDA ITEM:** 6

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive status report on Measure D Renewal effort.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Michael Powers, Gregg Hart

**DISCUSSION:**

At the last meeting, committee members approved a letter to the chair of the respective South Coast and North County Subregional Measure D Renewal Policy Development Committees describing general principles regarding the need for adequate funding for public transportation. SBCTAC members believe are important considerations in developing the new Measure D Renewal Expenditure Plan. The letter was submitted following the signature of SBCTAC Chair Jim Talbot. The letter is attached.

Both the North County and South Coast Measure D Policy Development Committees will be meeting individually on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> respectively to consider the draft subregional expenditure plans. The staff material for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is available and is attached while the South Coast meeting material was unavailable.

Attached: Measure D Renewal letter submitted by SBCTAC in September 2007  
North County Draft Measure D Expenditure Plan and Local Program options



September 11, 2007

Chair Jonny Wallis and  
SBCAG Board of Directors

Dear Chair Wallis 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.

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 recognizes that local transportation needs can vary significantly by jurisdiction; however SBCTAC recommends setting funding levels for transit as high as possible**

**SBCTAC recommends the North County Investment Plan be amended to increase the \$23.375 million for interregional transit funding to include the cost of the extension of interregional service from Lompoc to Buellton (amount to be determined) and an additional \$6 million for specialized transit (allocation process to be determined).**

**SBCTAC recommends the South County Investment Plan be amended to set the funding level for SBMTD at \$129 million and to increase funding for specialized transit to \$6 million. Funding for these projects should not be taken from the existing \$27.35 million for interregional transit.**

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

Sincerely,

Jim Talbott  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Transit Advisory Committee

# Measure D Renewal

2008 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PLAN

## North County Measure D Renewal Investment Plan Proposal

North County Subregional Share - \$455 million (30 years)		
Local Program (77.5%) - \$352.625 million		
Regional Program (22.5%) - \$102.375 million		
Regional Program Project List	Measure D Contribution	Estimated Project Cost
<b>Highway 101: Union Valley Parkway Interchange</b> - Construct a new interchange at Union Valley Parkway in Orcutt	\$10 million	\$17 million
<b>Highway 101: Santa Maria River Bridge</b> - Widen the Santa Maria River Bridge from 4 to 6 lanes	\$10 million	\$50 million
<b>Highway 101: McCoy Lane Interchange</b> - Construct a new interchange at McCoy Lane in Santa Maria	\$10 million	\$25 million
<b>Highway 101: Highway 135 Interchange</b> - Reconstruct the Highway 135 (Broadway) interchange in Santa Maria near the Santa Maria River Bridge	\$10 million	\$23 million
<b>Highway 101: Betteravia Road</b> - Add a northbound loop on-ramp at Betteravia Road in Santa Maria	\$5 million	\$5 million
<b>Highway 246: Passing Lanes</b> - Add passing lanes from Purisma Road to Domingos Road between Buellton and Lompoc	\$20 million	\$50 million
<b>Highway 246: Santa Ynez River</b> - Improve the Highway 246 crossing of the Santa Ynez River to Lompoc	\$8 million	\$26 million
<b>Circulation Improvements: Guadalupe</b> - Widen roads, install traffic signals, construct bike/pedestrian paths, improve railroad crossings	\$3 million	\$6 million
<b>Circulation Improvements: Solvang</b> - Make safety and operational improvements including intersection improvements, pedestrian crossings, bicycle lanes, wider bridges, and traffic signal synchronization	\$3 million	\$7 million
<b>Interregional Transit Program</b> Current examples of services that may be funded include, but are not limited to:  <b>Clean Air Express:</b> Fund operations and capital to maintain and expand existing service from Santa Maria and Lompoc to employment centers on the South Coast and add future reverse commute service to North County employment centers (North County 50% Share) <b>Breeze Bus:</b> Transit service between Santa Maria, Vandenberg AFB and Lompoc and add future extension from Lompoc to Buellton. Fund operations and expansion costs. <b>Valley Express:</b> Fund operations and capital costs to maintain existing service from Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez Valley to employment centers on the South Coast (North County 50% share) <b>Guadalupe Flyer:</b> Transit service between Guadalupe and Santa Maria. Fund operations and expansion costs.	\$23.375 million	\$80.5 million
<b>Total Regional Program Project List</b>	<b>\$102.375 M</b>	<b>\$289.5 M</b>

**Note: Changes made to the September 12 draft plan are shaded**

## Proposed Regional Program Project Descriptions

### Regional Highway & Circulation Projects

Funding for these projects will be used in combination with other revenue sources such as state and federal gas taxes or local fees to deliver the projects and can be loaned to the State to deliver the projects sooner than would normally be expected using state and federal gas taxes. The cost of these projects can include such items as traffic signals, sidewalks, bike lanes, intersection channelization, curbs and gutters, shoulders, and landscaping as long as these costs are directly related to the project. Where appropriate, traffic impact fees collected from new development served by the regional project will provide a fair share contribution to the cost of the project.

#### **Highway 101: Union Valley Parkway Interchange**

This project will connect Union Valley Parkway to Highway 101 through a new interchange including northbound and southbound on and off ramps to provide Orcutt residents and businesses with access 101 in addition to the existing Clark Avenue and Santa Maria Way interchanges.

#### **Highway 101: Santa Maria River Bridge**

This project will widen the Highway 101 bridge over the Santa Maria River from 4 to 6 lanes to match the 6 lane widening south of the bridge which is currently under construction. The project will also add a Class I bike path adjacent to the northbound lanes.

#### **Highway 101: McCoy Interchange**

This project will connect McCoy Lane to Highway 101 through a new interchange including northbound and southbound on and off ramps to provide Santa Maria residents and businesses with improved access to the highway.

#### **Highway 101: Highway 135 Interchange**

This project will reconstruct the Highway 135 interchange with Highway 101 adjacent to the Santa Maria River bridge to improve safety for merging vehicles and accommodate the six lane widening of Highway 101.

#### **Highway 101: Betteravia Road**

This project will improve the operations of intersections at Betteravia Road and Highway 101 by constructing a northbound loop on ramp in the south east interchange quadrant.

#### **Highway 246: Passing Lanes**

This project will improve the safety and operations of Highway 246 between Buellton and Lompoc by adding passing lanes and turning lanes between Purisma and Domingos Roads.

#### **Highway 246: Santa Ynez River**

This project will improve access to Lompoc across the Santa Ynez River by providing a bridge raised above flood level that can accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.

#### **Circulation Improvements: Guadalupe**

Funds for this project will make improvements to local streets and highways, consistent with the City of Guadalupe's circulation element, including widening roads, installing traffic signals, improving bicycle and pedestrian safety, and improving intersections.

#### **Circulation Improvements: Solvang**

Funds for this project will be used to make safety and operational improvements to local streets and/or Highway 246 in Solvang including intersection improvements, pedestrian crossings, bicycle lanes, wider bridges and traffic signal synchronization.

### Interregional Transit Program

Maintain and expand bus service between North County and South Coast regions and between Santa Barbara County and adjoining counties. Expenses for planning and promotions, vehicles, capital facilities such as transportation hubs, and operations are eligible. Funding would be used to continue existing services after federal funding grants expire, deliver expanded peak hour commute and express bus service and provide greater frequencies on existing routes. Any public transit operator providing interregional services shall be eligible to receive these funds and funds allocated under this program shall

be allocated directly to the public transit operator providing the service. Eligible projects that may be funded from under this program include, but are not limited to:

- Clean Air Express service from North County cities to employment centers on the South Coast and a future reverse commute service to North County employment centers. *(Funding identified in the North County Investment Plan represents 50% of the total Measure D Renewal allocation for the Clean Air Express. The remaining 50% would be included in the proposed draft South Coast Investment Plan.*
- Breeze bus service between Santa Maria, Vandenberg Air Force Base and Lompoc and add future extension from Lompoc to Buellton.
- Valley Express service from Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez Valley to employment centers on the South Coast. *(Funding identified in the North County Investment Plan represents 50% of the total Measure D Renewal allocation for the Valley Express. The remaining 50% would be included in the proposed draft South Coast Investment Plan.)*
- Guadalupe Flyer service between the cities of Guadalupe and Santa Maria.

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## **Regional Projects Not Funded**

### Rural Highway Safety Program

Funds awarded to projects that will leverage state and federal funding to make safety improvements to rural highways in the county. Eligible highways are 246, 166, 1, 154, and 135.

### Traffic Demand Reduction Program

This countywide program is intended to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and expand commuter choices through the formation of carpools and vanpools and by facilitating the use of transit services, bicycle and pedestrian options, telecommuting and flexible work schedules. Whenever possible, funds would be used in partnership with employers that are seeking to improve employee retention and mitigate the jobs-housing imbalance by expanding commute options for their employees. Funds would be used for planning, implementation, education, marketing and incentives to increase use of these options. An annual report would be published quantifying the effectiveness of the program to ensure that performance measures are being met. It is intended that program funds be used to match federal, state, local, and private funding to maximize the number of commute options implemented.

### Specialized Transit

Reduce fares charged to the elderly, the disabled, and the transportation disadvantaged by funding the operating expenses of specialized transit service providers.

### Circulation Improvements: Buellton

*Note: At its Sept 12 meeting, the committee discussed including funding in the regional program for a project (or projects) that would improve local circulation similar to those projects listed for Guadalupe and Solvang.*



**Proposed Alternative Transportation Allocations for Measure D 2008 Local Program**  
(assuming a \$200K Base Allocation for Buellton, Guadalupe and Solvang)

Each city and the County will be required to expend a minimum percentage of its local allocation on Alternative Transportation projects. By the end of the 30th year of the program, jurisdictions shall have spent a minimum percentage of their funds on alternative transportation according to the percentages identified in the investment plan.

The local program alternative transportation proposal including the minimum percentages on this table were provided to SBCAG by local agencies and approved by each city council and the Board of Supervisors during the preparation of the 2006 Measure D Expenditure Plan. They are the starting point for a discussion of percentages for the 2008 Investment

The definition of eligible Alternative Transportation expenditures is the same as that used for the 2006 plan except that maintenance, repair, construction and improvement of Class 2 bike lanes has been added as an alternative transportation expenditure. A Class 2 bike lane is a lane on a street designated by striping or signage for bicycle use.

	Annual Guaranteed Base Allocation	Total Annual Allocation	Total 30 Year Allocation	Alternative Transportation Minimum Percentage	Alternative Transportation 30 Year Minimum Allocation
<b>North County Jurisdictions</b>					
Buellton	\$200,000	\$436,554	<b>\$13,096,633</b>	5.0%	\$654,832
Guadalupe	\$200,000	\$524,520	<b>\$15,735,612</b>	5.0%	\$786,781
Lompoc	\$50,000	\$2,181,425	<b>\$65,442,745</b>	15.0%	\$9,816,412
Santa Maria	\$50,000	\$4,632,601	<b>\$138,978,043</b>	25.0%	\$34,744,511
Solvang	\$200,000	\$478,762	<b>\$14,362,856</b>	15.0%	\$2,154,428
SB County (Unincorporated North County)	\$25,000	\$3,500,304	<b>\$105,009,112</b>	15.0%	\$15,751,367
<b>North County Total</b>	<b>\$725,000</b>	<b>\$11,754,167</b>	<b>\$352,625,000</b>	-	<b>\$63,908,330</b>

**Eligible Alternative Transportation Expenditures**

- Maintenance, repair, construction and improvement of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including Class 2 bike lanes
- Safe Routes to School improvements
- Reduced transit fares for seniors and the disabled
- Bus and rail transit services
- Education and incentive programs designed to reduce single occupant auto trips
- Traffic calming