

**MEETING SUMMARY  
SOUTH COAST SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**July 8, 2009  
SBMTD Conference Room  
550 Olive St., Santa Barbara, California**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Acting Chair Wolf called the meeting to order at 1:40PM.

**South Coast Subregional Planning Committee Members Present:** Salud Carbajal, Supervisor First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor Second District; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5; Richard Weinberg, SBMTD Board of Directors

**SBCAG Staff Members Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director, Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Gregg Hart, Scott Spaulding

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Wolf asked for public comment and there was none.

**3. MEETING SUMMARY**

The summary of the May 6, 2009 meeting of the South Coast Subregional Planning Committee was approved.

**4. MEASURE A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Gregg Hart summarized the staff report on the applicants for the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee and the process for selecting candidates to serve on the committee. A motion to recommend to the SBCAG board that Hamid Bahadori of the California State Automobile Association be selected for one of the three at-large committee members was passed unanimously.

Mr. Hart noted that the anticipated staff recommendation for the SBCAG board meeting on July 16 would be for the chair to form a subcommittee to select candidates for the at-large members, and that all SBCAG boardmembers would receive information on all the candidates as part of the July SBCAG Board Meeting packet. Chair Wolf clarified that one option would be for the South Coast Subregional Committee to select four South County representatives for the Oversight Committee members at their August meeting, scheduled for August 5.

5. **SOUTH COAST PASSENGER\COMMUTER RAIL**

Scott Spaulding summarized the staff report on activities related to implementing improved passenger\commuter rail on the South Coast, including the addition of dedicated SBCAG rail planning and project delivery staff, the development of the rail program project description as part of the Measure A Strategic Plan, the pursuit of state and federal funding for increasing the capacity of the Goleta-Ventura rail corridor through the construction of additional sidings, and the creation of the South Coast Rail Working Group, a staff-level group with members from the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, the County of Santa Barbara, MTD, and Caltrans.

Supervisor Farr asked what impact delays by the Coast Starlight train have on the corridor and train traffic south of Santa Barbara. Mr. Spaulding responded that in general the low volume of Starlight traffic (one per day southbound) does not have very much impact on train movements between Santa Barbara and Ventura.

Dennis Story asked whether the Working Group will be holding public meetings and indicated that RailPAC questions the need for the siding extension at Sea Cliff. Jim Kemp responded that the Working Group was a staff level group without regularly scheduled meetings and is not subject to the Brown Act. It is expected that the Working Group would report on it's activities to the South Coast Subregional Committee which would provide opportunities for public input. It was noted that the Sea Cliff siding is supported by both UPRR and Caltrans Division of Rail.

6. **SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY 101 HOV LANES WIDENING**

Mr. Hart provided an update on the public information meeting held July 7 in Carpinteria for the HOV Lanes project, mentioning that a second outreach meeting would be held that evening in Montecito. Supervisor Carbajal noted that there is concern in the community regarding whether funding will be secured to complete the entire project and the importance of avoiding an outcome where the project is left partially completed. MTD boardmember Weinberg complemented staff on the high quality of the presentation at the Carpinteria meeting.

7. **MEASURE A STRATEGIC PLAN**

Stephen VanDenburgh summarized the staff report on the progress in preparing the Measure A Strategic Plan. Chair Wolf asked how the timeline was developing. Mr. VanDenburgh responded that progress was being made, but that the prioritization of projects originally scheduled for completion in July was now expected to be completed in August.

8. **ADJOURN**

Chari Wolf adjourned the meeting at 3:40PM.