

MEETING SUMMARY

SOUTH COAST SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

1:30 p.m.

SBMTD
Santa Barbara, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor Third District; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria

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

Members Absent: None

SBCAG Staff Members Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Michael Powers, Deputy Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Gregg Hart, Public Information Officer

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. MEETING SUMMARY

Under Item 2 — Public Comment, it was noted that “Chair Carbajal” should be changed to “Chair Bennett.” Following a motion by Supervisor Wolf, seconded by Mayor Blum, the Meeting Summary of September 2 was approved as revised.

4. 2010 CENSUS

Michael Powers provided a summary of the census staff report. Michael also summarized the discussion at the North County committee meeting earlier that morning.

Dave Matson of the County Long Range Planning Division indicated the County is moving forward with the development of a regional Strategic Communication Plan for Census outreach and is soliciting input from local agencies. The County will use the information to help develop a master calendar that will enable staff to identify outreach opportunities, methods/channels and dates, which we can use as a tool to do more coordinated outreach. County staff will provide the Board of Supervisors with an overview of outreach activities at a briefing tentatively scheduled for November 10. County staff is discussing scheduling and co-hosting a Lompoc CCC meeting in the near future. Plans are in the works for a similar meeting in Santa Barbara.

Supervisor Wolf indicated the need to respond in advance to any negative messages on the census that might inhibit the overall response to the census.

Mayor Blum emphasized the importance of including radio in the outreach program.

In response to questions about the count of the homeless, Santa Barbara City staff member, Liz Limon indicated that all agencies have participated in a program that identified "non-sheltered" locations for the census bureau so this group should also end up a part of the complete count.

5. MEASURE A STRATEGIC PLAN

Jim Kemp introduced the item and Bob Bramen, PB Consultant, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the background and issues emerging from the development of the Measure A Strategic Plan. The presentation included a discussion of the project protocols, revenue assumptions, and alternative cash flow scenarios that are being developed with input from TTAC.

Rich Krumholz stressed the importance of Highway 101 to the regional economy. He stated that the HOV lane requires a system to be fully functional. He expressed Caltrans commitment to deliver projects but that SBCAG will be required to provide funding support. He cautioned that the CTC has institutional memory of when SBCAG rejected state funds for the 101 and an aggressive posture will be required to secure state funds.

Mayor Blum and Supervisors Carbajal and Farr asked staff to provide additional information regarding the proposed allocation of STIP funds to north county named projects versus south county named projects over the thirty-year life of Measure A.

The City of Goleta's Public Works Director, Steve Wagner described the Draft Measure A Strategic Plan as a thirty-year transportation capital program for the county. He said the 101 freeway widening requires so much STIP funding there is no other money available for other projects. The result is a regional disparity in the remaining STIP allocation between north and south county named projects.

Rob Dayton, from the City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department, stated that STIP funds should be shared equally between the north and south. He stated the City of Santa Barbara was unable to proceed with a PSR for Cottage Hospital access improvements because SBCAG staff was not supportive of adding new projects that would require funding in competition with Measure A Investment Plan projects.

Supervisors Wolf and Carbajal and Councilmember Bennett agreed, of the two scenarios presented, the shorter construction period for the 101 freeway was preferable. In light of the reduced revenue anticipated over the next five years from Measure A and STIP, Councilmember Armendariz questioned if it might be necessary align revenues with funding needs by deleting projects from the Measure A investment plan and possibly asking the public to amend the plan with a ballot measure. Supervisor Carbajal asked staff to consider a scenario that allowed for a reserve for new projects after completion of the 101 widening and reminded members of the committee that the 101 widening project was the only project that was funded equally by both the north and south county in the Measure A Investment Plan.

There was also discussion of the role the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee would play in reviewing the draft Measure A Strategic Plan.

Supervisor Wolf asked staff to prepare a timeline illustrating when the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee, TTAC, the Subregional Committees and the SBCAG Board will discuss the Draft Measure A Strategic Plan.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp indicated:

- The Measure A Citizens Advisory Committee had its first meeting, elected a chair, approved by-laws, and received some background information on Measure A,
- Staff had submitted rail improvement projects for ARRA funding; and
- LOSSAN was examining the need for full time staff, a new business plan, and a revision to the JPA.

There being no other business, the committee adjourned.