

MEETING SUMMARY

SOUTH COAST MEASURE D POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE May 6, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. and the committee proceeded with self-introductions.

South Coast Subregional Planning Committee Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor Second District; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Michael Bennett, Mayor, City of Goleta

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

SBCAG Staff Members Present: Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Gregg Hart, Public Information Officer; Scott Spaulding, Transportation Planner; and Brittany Odermann, Senior Transportation Planner

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chair Bennett asked for public comment and there was none.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Supervisor Wolf made a motion nominating Councilmember Bennett to serve as Chair, Mayor Blum seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the motion. Supervisor Carbajal made a motion nominating Supervisor Wolf to the Vice-Chair position, Mayor Blum seconded the nomination. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

4. MEASURE A STRATEGIC PLAN

Stephen VanDenburgh summarized the staff report and introduced the selected consultant team for development of the Measure A Strategic Plan. Bob Bramen representing the consulting team, Parsons Brinckerhoff, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the process for development of the strategic plan as well as the proposed content.

Supervisor Wolf inquired about SBCAG staffing needs and the budget to cover additional staff. Stephen VanDenburgh responded that up to 1% of Measure A proceeds can be used for administrative purposes. Mr. Bramen explained that the plan will assess whether SBCAG has the staffing resources available to implement and deliver the 30-year Measure A program while assessing SBCAG's organizational structure.

Mayor Blum noted that the south coast investment plan contained many programs, not projects and asked if this would affect the strategic plan. Mr. VanDenburgh responded that this point emphasizes the need for the strategic plan to make assumptions for how and when Measure A funding will be distributed to various programs since the programs do not have delivery schedules associated with them.

Committee members inquired about the flexibility of the plan and whether there would be opportunities to update the plan, especially with respect to program delivery and projects that surface over the course of the 30-year program. Mr. VanDenburgh responded that the ordinance states that the strategic plan must be updated at least every other year. Mr. Bramen confirmed that the plan and protocol for project implementation will allow flexibility to address opportunities in project delivery. Kevin Ready also reminded the Committee that the investment plan can be amended by Board action.

Several committee members inquired about the development schedule since the Measure A ordinance states that the strategic plan must be adopted by November 1, 2010 and the proposed schedule is to complete the plan by the end of the 2009 calendar year. Mr. VanDenburgh responded that the schedule was developed to have the plan in place before Measure A revenues are collected starting April 1, 2010. Per a request from the Committee and local agencies receiving Measure A revenues, the consultant team and SBCAG staff confirmed that a more detailed schedule would be provided highlighting meeting dates and times.

5. MEASURE A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Gregg Hart summarized the staff report outlining the requirements for establishing a citizen's oversight committee. Mr. Hart summarized the direction received from the North County Subregional Planning Committee related to this item. Supervisor Carbajal expressed his support for the NCSPC direction and that the Committee should consider the same action.

After discussion related to the committee's role in Measure A implementation, Kevin Ready clarified that the Citizen's Oversight Committee has an oversight role and they are not a decision making body. Several committee members agreed that the oversight committee should be made up of citizens that do not have a direct stake in Measure A and should not be limited to those who were involved in development of the investment plan. The committee directed staff to prepare a job description for oversight committee members as well as a schedule for the process of soliciting committee members for the full SBCAG Board to consider and adopt.

6. MEASURE A ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE

Stephen VanDenburgh summarized the staff report and the sections of the ordinance that the Committee may want to consider for revisions. Mr. VanDenburgh also summarized the direction received from the North County Subregional Planning Committee related to any changes to the administrative ordinance. The NCSPC asked staff to survey the LTA board member compensation rates and provisions of other agencies to determine if that section of the ordinance should be modified. Committee members concurred with the direction given by the NCSPC and asked for more information related to costs associated with making any substantive changes to how the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) is staffed. The Committee also directed staff to flesh out the pros and cons of changing the ordinance and bring the item back at a future meeting date.

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

Gregg Hart presented a summary of the four phases of South Coast Highway 101 widening and the proposed schedule for delivering each phase. In response to committee questions, Caltrans Project Manager, Scott Eades clarified that existing auxiliary lanes will convert to third lanes and a corresponding auxiliary lane will be added to complete a 6-lane segment through the entire corridor.

Mayor Blum thanked Caltrans for the progress being made on the current Milpas to Hot Springs project. Scott Eades announced that the Notice of Preparation for the environmental document has been sent to various stakeholders for the segment between Carpinteria and Montecito (phase 4).

8. **ADJOURN**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.