

MEETING SUMMARY

SOUTH COAST SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 3, 2010
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;; Helene Schneider, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Roger Aceves, Councilmember, City of Goleta;

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

Members Absent: Doreen Farr, Supervisor Third District; Councilman Joe Armendariz

SBCAG Staff Members Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Michael Powers, Deputy Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Scott Spaulding, Transportation Planner, Gregg Hart, Public Information Officer; Fred Luna, Transportation Engineer.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Carbajal asked for public comment and there was none.

3. MEETING SUMMARY

Following a motion by Mayor Aceves, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, the Meeting Summary of December 2, 2009 was approved.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following a motion by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Mayor Aceves, Supervisor Janet Wolf was elected chair and Mayor Helene Schneider Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.

5. CENSUS UPDATE

Michael Powers summarized the staff report. Supervisor Carbajal expressed appreciation to all staff working on census outreach.

Liz Limon, City of Santa Barbara reported that the Santa Barbara City Council will receive a census briefing on February 23rd and staff will also initiate outreach to the South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee on February 11th 10:30 at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, so this group can be made aware of activities directed at counting those individuals.

6. INTERREGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE – VALLEY EXPRESS

Scott Spaulding summarized the staff report. Chair Wolf asked for confirmation that the service was reduced from four routes to three routes in 2008.

Mayor Schneider moved the staff recommendation which was seconded by Councilmember Aceves and passed unanimously.

7. HIGHWAY 101 WIDENING UPDATE

Scott Eades provided a status report on the Highway 101 widening update. Supervisor Carbajal asked if there was overlap of Phases 1 and 4. Mr. Eades replied no, Phase four will start south of Cabrillo. Supervisor Carbajal asked about the security of funding for phase 1 and Jim Kemp replied that it was secure through June 30, 2010 and then dependent on future bond sales. Supervisor Carbajal asked Mr. Eades if Caltrans could assist SBCAG in obtaining federal assistance and Mr. Eades replied that he will look to see if his agency can provide SBCAG with a support letter. Mayor Schneider asked how the development of the Pedestrian/Bike improvements at Cabrillo was progressing. Fred Luna replied that making progress on this improvement, which was conditioned as part of the Milpas Hot Springs project, has been a challenge since UPRR has denied all of the original alternatives and a complete bridge replacement appears to be the only option acceptable to them. Jim Kemp indicated that continuing work on preliminary design for the ped undercrossing was dependent on the City of Santa Barbara providing funds from the sale of excess property on Haley St that is owned jointly by SBCAG and the city.

8. SOUTH COAST INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS

Fred Luna presented the staff report and provided an update as to progress on several ITS projects that were included in the South Coast ITS Plan approved by SBCAG in April 2009. Mayor Schneider expressed support for the projects within the City of Santa Barbara, the Carrillo and Upper State St projects. Councilman Aceves expressed concern about the one project in the City of Goleta that called for synchronizing signals on Los Carneros. Staff responded that this project came up in early discussions with City staff but SBCAG was recently made aware of concerns by city staff. It was agreed that SBCAG staff would continue to discuss possible projects with City of Goleta staff and determine whether Los Carneros or some other project was preferable.

9. SOUTH COAST PASSENGER/COMMUTER RAIL

Jim Kemp and Scott Spaulding presented the staff report. Chair Wolf asked if the rail bridge at Cabrillo could be a candidate for ARRA stimulus funds. Mr. Spaulding replied that because it is not identified in the LOSSAN North Strategic Plan, it was not considered as an option for the applications submitted in 2009. Mayor Schneider noted that the LOSSAN board meeting in February will be held in Santa Barbara and that this will make it easier for individuals who live in the South Coast to attend. She also noted that she attended the January LOSSAN board meeting and requested that the customer satisfaction survey results be separated between LOSSAN North and South. Chair Wolf asked what the total project cost is for constructing the Ortega siding. Mr. Spaulding responded that it is identified in the LOSSAN North plan at \$20 million.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There being no other business, the committee adjourned.