

MINUTES

TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 6, 2007

9:00 AM

Council Chambers
140 West Highway 246
Buellton

TTAC Voting Members Present

Pat Mickelson (Vice-Chair)	Caltrans
Vijaya Jammalamadaka	SBCAPCD
Kevin McCune (Chair)	City of Lompoc
Rob Dayton	City of Santa Barbara
Steve Maas	SBMTD
Rosemarie Gaglione	City of Goleta
Rose Hess	City of Buellton
Tully Clifford	City of Solvang
David Whitehead	City of Santa Maria
Bret Stewart	County of Santa Barbara

Others Present

Gregg Hart	SBCAG
Sarkes Khachek	SBCAG
Brittany Odermann	SBCAG
Kent Epperson	SBCAG
John Ewasiuk	City of Santa Barbara
Stephen VanDenburgh	SBCAG
Michael Luther	City of Lompoc
Sam Cohen	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin McCune called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McCune asked for public comment and there was none.

3. MINUTES

Following a motion by Bret Stewart, seconded by David Whitehead, the minutes of June 7, 2007 were unanimously approved.

4. 2007 COMMUTE PROFILE SURVEY

Kent Epperson presented this staff report. He highlighted the noticeable reduction in drive alone commuting in Santa Barbara County that is counter to the national trend. He noted increases in carpooling, telecommuting and transit. Bret Stewart asked how the respondents were selected and wondered how accurate the survey was. Kent Epperson responded that they were selected using random digit dialing and that as many as 5 call backs were made to try to reach each respondent. He explained that there was an overall confidence interval of 2.3%, but that the confidence interval increases when analyzing smaller subsets of the data. He also mentioned that the approach for future Commuter Profiles might be needed due to the greater number of people with cell phones and no landlines. Steve Maas inquired about the Spanish and English speaker table and why the numbers did not add up to 100% (Kent Epperson followed-up with an email to TTAC with a clarification and corrections to the table). Rob Dayton expressed his appreciation for Traffic Solutions preparing the survey.

5. MEASURE D PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Sarkes Khachek presented the staff report. TTAC members expressed concern that project categories identified in the County of Santa Barbara Local Program of Projects were not similar to other jurisdiction's POPs and jurisdictions should be allowed to omit categories not funded by their respective jurisdiction's POP submittal. Members agreed to revise and submit Fiscal Year 2007/08 POPs using the County format to Sarkes Khachek by September 14th to see how well their POPs match the County format. SBCAG staff agreed to review the POPs bring back a revised format at the October meeting.

6. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Brittany Odermann presented the staff report summarizing the federal and state Safe Routes to School funding programs. She noted that it is important for local agencies to seek funding from these and other grant programs to fill funding gaps for various eligible capital improvements. Brittany offered to coordinate a workshop with District 5 Local Assistance to answer questions about specific project proposals and offer tips for preparing a competitive application. The committee agreed that they would be interested in this type of workshop.

7. 2008 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING CYCLE

Brittany Odermann summarized the staff report and reported that the updated information staff was hoping to receive was not available at the September 5th Fund Estimate workshop in Sacramento. She reported that Fund Estimate and county shares were unavailable, but a draft 2008 STIP development schedule is proposed and was included in the staff report. She highlighted the process SBCAG staff would like to follow for soliciting projects and funding requests during the 2008 RTIP development cycle. Rob Dayton inquired about the timing of the release of fund estimate numbers and Brittany responded that draft county share estimates should be available for the next TTAC meeting in October. Steve Maas

expressed concern about the need for transit capital and the ability of MTD to fund capital replacements in the future without additional funding opportunities.

8. STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM (SHOPP)

Pat Mickelson presented TTAC with a table updating the projects that are programmed in the 2006 SHOPP. Pat indicated that there are two new projects programmed in the 07/08 fiscal year. She also indicated that none of the Proposition 1B funds allocated to Caltrans for SHOPP projects were programmed in District 5.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve VanDenburgh distributed an organization chart for the Programming & Project Delivery group at SBCAG.

Sarkes Khachek notified the committee of Supervisor Janet Wolf's request to receive a report on the condition of state and locally maintained bridges in Santa Barbara County. He indicated that SBCAG staff wanted to work with local agencies on providing an update on locally owned bridges while Caltrans was providing an update on state maintained bridges at the October SBCAG Board meeting. Sarkes distributed information to the committee from the Caltrans website on the condition of locally maintained bridges. The committee agreed that this update could be an item of discussion for the Public Works Directors to determine the most appropriate format for a report to the board. Steve VanDenburgh told TTAC that SBCAG staff would work closely with local public works departments on the report given to the board.

10. ADJOURN

There being no other business TTAC adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.