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## MEETING SUMMARY

### NORTH COUNTY MEASURE D POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Royal Scandinavian Inn  
Oslo Conference Room  
400 Alisal Road  
Solvang, CA

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

**Members Present:** Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Russ Hicks, Councilmember, City of Buellton and committee chairperson; Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Jim Richardson, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Aileen Loe, Caltrans, District 5 (ex-officio member)

**Members Absent:** Brooks Firestone, Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth district; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor; City of Guadalupe

**Advisory committee members proceeded with self-introductions. Policy Development Committee members in attendance included:** Hamid Bahadori, Auto Club of Southern California; Vibiana Saavedra, PUEBLO; Deborah Brasket, Santa Barbara County Action Network; Andy Caldwell, COLAB; Don Oaks, Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association; John Peterson, Buellton Chamber of Commerce; Linda Jackson, Solvang Chamber of Commerce; Sam Cohen, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians; Susan Warnstrom, Santa Barbara County 4<sup>th</sup> District Office; John Peterson, Buellton Chamber of Commerce; Norene Nims, 15<sup>th</sup> District Parent Teachers Association of Santa Barbara County; Denny Anderson, Lompoc Chamber of Commerce; Bill Marsalek, Associated General Contractors.

**SBCAG Staff Members Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director of Programming & Project Delivery; Gregg Hart, Public Information Officer; Fred Luna, Transportation Engineer; Sarkes Khachek, Transportation Planner

#### 2. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND MEETING OBJECTIVES

Jim Kemp reviewed the meeting agenda and meeting objectives.

#### 3. SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING REVIEW

Jim Kemp presented the meeting summary from the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and noted a correction to the date included in the heading of the meeting summary.

Jim Kemp reviewed the meeting overview and presented the responses to questions received from committee members after the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jim mentioned that the Safe

Routes To School informational item was not included in the meeting packet, but would be distributed to the committee prior to the next meeting.

#### 4. MEASURE D 2008 – NORTH COUNTY INVESTMENT PLAN PROPOSAL

Sarkes Khachek presented the Draft North County Investment Plan Local Program Allocations.

Following the presentation, the committee discussed the following issues:

- Whether to provide the same base annual allocation for each jurisdiction rather than giving a bigger base allocation only to the smaller jurisdictions as the committee recommended at the September 12 meeting
- Increasing the base allocation for the County of Santa Barbara to equal the annual base of \$100,000 for all jurisdictions to accommodate the County's costs for unincorporated transportation needs.
- Adding a Buellton Circulation Improvements project on the regional project list similar to regional projects included in the plan for Guadalupe and Solvang.
- The inclusion of a Maintenance of Effort policy within the Measure D Local Program

Following discussion of the Local Program Allocations table, Mayor Lavagnino stated that he would support adding \$3.0 million for a City of Buellton Circulation Improvements project to the regional program and reducing the Measure D Allocation for the Highway 101/Betteravia Road Interchange in Santa Maria from \$5 million to \$2 million to accommodate the new project.

**The committee reached consensus on the following items:**

- **Setting the same annual base allocation of \$100,000 for each jurisdiction, including the County of Santa Barbara, for the Measure D Local Program.**
- **Decreasing the Measure D allocation for the Highway 101/Betteravia Road Interchange project from \$5 million to \$2 million to include a \$3 million allocation for the City of Buellton Circulation Improvement project.**

Sarkes Khachek then presented the proposed alternative transportation allocations table for the Measure D Local Program. Sarkes noted the proposed Local Program minimum percentages for alternative transportation projects for each agency were the same as those included in the Measure D 2006 plan which was approved by each city and the county.

Following the presentation, the committee discussed the following issues:

- Whether or not a minimum percentage should be included in the Measure D Local Program for alternative transportation expenditures.
- Determining how much a jurisdiction expended on alternative transportation within its' local program and over what period of time, i.e. five or ten-year allocation periods.
- Creation of a Citizen's Oversight Committee to review local jurisdictions' Local Program of Projects.

There was concern raised by some committee members that minimum alternative percentages should not be decided by the North County Measure D Policy Development Committee. Since the percentages were agreed to by local jurisdictions as part of the 2006 Measure D

Expenditure Plan, some committee members discussed local jurisdictions reviewing the percentages and providing updated percentages for the 2008 Measure D Expenditure Plan.

Staff noted that the proposed minimum alternative transportation expenditure amount for the County of Santa Barbara was for the entire county including the South Coast subregion and that the County could elect to provide a new percentage for the 2008 North County plan due to it including only the more rural, North County supervisorial districts.

The committee recessed for a short break at this time.

Following the break, Jim Kemp presented the Draft Regional Projects list and noted changes made per the September 12 meeting. Jim also noted projects currently not included in the regional list which the committee should determine whether they should be added to list and how they should be funded.

A member of the committee asked who made the determination on how much funding would come from a developer for an impact fee for a regional project. Steve VanDenburgh responded that a Memorandum of Understanding is created between the local agency, SBCAG and Caltrans that considers the new traffic generated by development and its impact on the regional project.

A committee member asked if costs for interregional transit services that crossed neighboring counties were shared among agencies and Jim Kemp responded affirmatively.

A committee member asked if the county would be negatively impacted in regards to the State's Highway Safety Program if a Rural Highway Safety Program were omitted from the Regional Project List and Aileen Loe with Caltrans responded that while increased local matches are helpful for expediting projects that Caltrans determines its priorities for highway safety projects based on need.

Deborah Brasket then presented the Coalition for a Fair Measure D Regional Project List proposal. She noted that the Coalition acknowledges that the proposal was ambitious and that the committee member might not support all of the proposed changes. Their proposal shows how some important projects could be added to the regional program by reducing funding for other projects. She said the coalition is willing to work with the committee on getting some of the projects included in the Investment Plan.

After reviewing the proposal, some committee members felt the percentage allocations for the alternative transportation modes were too high.

A committee member asked how traffic demand management was different from Alternative modes and Jim Kemp responded that traffic demand management connects commuters and employers with facilities such as bus transit which is an alternative mode.

Some committee members expressed support for including additional projects in the regional program but no consensus was reached on which projects to add or how to fund them.

**There was a request by the committee to receive information on population projections, existing and projected levels of service on highway and road facilities included in the regional list.**

**Following discussion of the requests for data, the committee directed staff to make revisions to the draft Investment Plan for the next meeting by:**

- **Reducing the Measure D allocation for the Highway 101/Betteravia Road project by \$3 million**
- **Re-allocating the \$3 million to the Buellton Circulation Improvements Project**
- **Increasing the annual local base allocation for all agencies in the north county to \$100,000.**

**The committee also directed staff to review the draft proposal presented by the Coalition For A Fair Measure D and to evaluate the addition of projects from the 'Regional Projects Not Funded' list prior to the next meeting.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was provided at this time.

**6. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be October 17, 2007 from 9:00am to noon the Central Coast Water Authority in Buellton, CA.

There being no other business, the committee adjourned.