



## MEETING SUMMARY

### NORTH COUNTY MEASURE D POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

1:00 p.m.

Central Coast Water Authority  
255 Industrial Way  
Buellton, CA

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

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

**Members Absent:** Brooks Firestone, Supervisor, Third District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District

**Advisory committee members proceeded with self-introductions. Policy Development Committee members in attendance included:** Hamid Bahadori, Auto Club of Southern California; Roger Welt, Allan Hancock College; Vibiana Saavedra, PUEBLO; Deborah Brasket, Santa Barbara County Action Network; Andy Caldwell, COLAB; Philip Greene, Marian Medical Center; Don Oaks, Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association; Carla Renard, Parent Teachers Association, 15<sup>th</sup> District; Denny Anderson, Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce; John Peterson, Buellton Chamber of Commerce; Linda Jackson, Solvang Chamber of Commerce; Harrell Fletcher, Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce.

**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

Chair Hicks informed the committee that Matt Dobberteen would not be available to serve as facilitator for the committee meetings and that he would act as meeting facilitator.

#### 3. JULY 12 MEETING REVIEW

Jim Kemp presented the meeting summary from the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Committee members commented that all comments and actions made at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were not included in the meeting summary such as those relating to 'Investment Plan' and the

committee agreeing to have the City of Santa Maria present a draft expenditure plan. Members of the committee requested that the meeting summary be revised to include the items previously mentioned.

The committee also discussed the need for a facilitator and that ground rules should be established for the meeting. It was noted that Russ Hicks is the SBCAG North County Subregional Committee Chair and should be able to run the meeting and ensure that everyone would have the same opportunity to speak.

Jim Kemp reviewed the meeting overview and presented the responses to questions received from committee members after the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Fred Luna presented a handout that provided examples of transportation measure programs around the state. In response to committee questions, Mr. Luna made the following comments:

- Each region's measure programs are different based on needs and were organized by staff into generalized categories to give an overview by region.
- Expenditure plans were structured in a way that would win support by the public

Steve VanDenburgh reviewed a handout providing information about State Proposition 1B and funding the Santa Barbara region has or will receive as a result. Committee members discussed the following in regards to the impact of state funding in Santa Barbara:

- Funding shortfalls to widen Highway 101 do exist even with Proposition 1B funds
- Shortfalls for statewide transportation needs are at between \$80 and \$125 billion

***Committee members requested more information regarding the City of Guadalupe's eligibility for Proposition 1B Transit Funding.***

Sarkes Khachek presented the transportation funding guide handout.

Committee members discussed the importance other funding sources and how Measure D Renewal would affect how additional funding would be brought to the region. Rich Krumholz, Caltrans, mentioned the importance of Measure D allowing Santa Barbara to partner with State and Federal agencies to help delivery regionally significant projects.

Following discussion of other transportation funding sources, the committee discussed using the term 'Investment Plan' for the renewal of Measure D and agreed to table the item for future discussion.

The committee recessed for a short break.

#### **4. MEASURE D LOCAL PROGRAM**

David Whitehead, City of Santa Maria Public Works Director, gave a presentation on local transportation needs for the City of Santa Maria and provided the committee with a handout on suggested Local Measure shares for each jurisdiction. Based on comments and questions from the committee, Mr. Whitehead provided the following information:

- City of Santa Maria recommends Measure D funding for the Highway 101 widening on the South Coast not be taken 'off the top,' however North County's share should come from the North County Regional Program to simplify the process for voters.
- The local streets and roads need identified in the presentation were only for the City of Santa Maria

Larry Bean, City of Lompoc Public Works Director, discussed local transportation needs for the City of Lompoc. Based on comments and questions from the committee, Mr. Bean provided the following information:

- City of Lompoc would be willing to commit to a Pavement Condition Index goal in the plan to provide an assurance of specific local program benefits for maintenance and rehabilitation of streets and roads.
- City of Lompoc expends a lot of non-Measure D Local Transportation Funds for transit with increased ridership levels
- In response to Marc Chytilo's question regarding on quantifying the investment in sidewalks and bike lanes, Mr. Bean responded that based on how it is defined, Lompoc expends many Measure D funds for sidewalks and bike lanes with the construction and maintenance of streets and roads. He indicated that Lompoc could agree to specifying the amount of local program spending on bike and pedestrian projects if they were allowed to meet the goal over a multi-year period.

The committee then discussed including the opportunity for Local Measure D funds to be allocated for bicycle facilities, bus transit and Safe Routes to School projects and the necessity for a Citizens Oversight Committee with the renewal of Measure D.

Scott McGolpin, County of Santa Barbara Interim Public Works Director, gave a presentation on local transportation needs for the unincorporated areas of North Santa Barbara County. Based on comments and questions from the committee, Mr. McGolpin provided the following information:

- Under a policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors, each Supervisorial District receives Measure D Local funding based on population and number of lane miles.

The committee then discussed the importance of Measure D Local funding and opportunity to use the funds for the local match portion on state and federal grants.

Tully Clifford, City of Solvang Public Works Director, discussed local transportation needs for the City of Solvang. The committee did not have any questions for Mr. Clifford.

John Lizalde, City of Guadalupe Councilmember, discussed local transportation needs for the City of Guadalupe. The committee did not have any questions for Mr. Lizalde.

The committee went into a short discussion about the need for shared interests between the North County and South Coast should be shared equally.

## **5. MEASURE D 2008**

David Whitehead gave a presentation on a proposed Measure D Renewal Regional Program for North Santa Barbara County and provided committee members with a handout that included suggested projects for the North County Regional Program as suggested by North County jurisdictions. Committee members said that they would like to make sure there will be adequate matching funds for the projects; SBCAG staff said it could provide that information in future meetings as the investment plan developed.

The committee then began discussing the framework for Measure D Renewal and funding Highway 101 on the South Coast. The committee came to a consensus that funding for the project must be taken off the top as a countywide shared cost rather than a contribution from

each subregional plan since this is the policy framework approved by the SBCAG Board. The discussion then focused on how the Regional and Local Programs would be divided. Suggestions included keeping the same 70/30 split as the existing Measure Program or going with an 80/20 split to allow local jurisdictions to receive existing levels of funding. The committee also discussed including funding for local transit, bicycle and Safe Routes To School projects in the Local program.

The committee then discussed funding for Highway 101 widening on the South Coast and what the ultimate project cost would be. Steve VanDenburgh responded that the estimated cost was approximately \$425 million.

***The committee directed staff to develop an investment plan proposal based on the overall framework agreed to by the SBCAG Board with the Regional Program based on the highway and interregional transit projects included in the City of Santa Maria's handout, and including other regional projects so long as the Local Program remained at or near 80% of North County funds. An 80% allocation to the Local Program would provide local agencies with the same amount of annual flexible funding as the current program. The committee also expressed support for raising the base allocation in the Local Program to provide more funding to small cities; staff was directed to provide information on the estimated local allocations using a larger base allocation.***

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**7. CONFIRM NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

The committee agreed to change the next meeting date from September 5<sup>th</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts.

The next meeting will be September 12, 2007 from 9:00am to noon at the Central Coast Water Authority.

There being no other business, the committee adjourned.



*September 12, 2007  
North County Measure D Renewal Policy Development Committee  
Agenda Item #3B.*

**Responses to questions asked at the August 1 meeting.**

1. Q: Why doesn't the summary table of Proposition 1B funding under Transit Agency Improvements show estimated revenues for Guadalupe?

A: The table should have said "Santa Maria Valley" rather than SMAT. We have revised the table posted on the SBCAG website to reflect that the estimate is for the Valley. Guadalupe is included in the Valley and will receive approximately 5% of the funds for that area. The remainder of the funds go to SMOOTH for specialized transit service (5%) and SMAT (90%). So, from the Prop 1B estimate, Guadalupe would receive approximately \$330,000. We have also updated the estimated funding to be received by each area of the county based on new information we have received. The Santa Maria Valley's share of the \$26 million we expect to receive in the county is estimated to be \$6.75 million rather than \$6.6 million reported last month.