

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

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

1. Q: Can we get detailed descriptions for each of the regional projects identified in the 2006 plan?

A: As part of agenda item #5, we have provided descriptions of regional projects for the 2008 plan. They are essentially the same projects as in the 2006 plan, except for commuter rail which is scaled down for the 2008, ½ percent measure compared to the more extensive program funded with \$126 million in Measure D in the 2006, ¾ percent measure. A description of the full commuter rail program in the 2006 expenditure plan on the SBCAG website, under Measure D Renewal.

2. Q: Can we get a better description of the Local Program?

A: Under the existing Measure D, each city and the county receives a base allocation of \$50,000 and the balance is distributed by population. As part of agenda item #5, we have provided a list of proposed eligible uses for local flexible funds for the 208 renewal. We also provided an estimate of how much each local agency would receive in local flexible funding under a \$50,000, \$100,000 and \$200,000 base allocation scenario and assuming MTD receives an annual allocation of \$3 million. This amount, which is their estimate of funding needed annually for operating purposes to maintain existing services over 30 years, is not a recommendation but a number we used to demonstrate how local flexible funds could be allocated by a formula which includes MTD.

3. Q: Can we see a copy of the North County Investment Plan so that we can better understand the shared interest projects?

A: Yes, we will show the committee the North County's draft plan at the September 12 South Coast meeting, including changes the North makes to the plan at the North County Subregional meeting on the morning of September 12.

4. Q: Can the Bicycle Coalition discuss bicycle needs at the September 12 meeting?

A. Transportation needs that the committee may want to consider which have not been addressed in previous presentations can be raised at the September 12 committee meeting under item # 4D, Other Transportation Needs. Given the time limitations, it would be helpful if information on other transportation needs is provided in a written format.

5. Q: The official records of these meetings do not reflect what actually took place, and important points are left out. We request that Measure D Advisory Committee meetings be recorded, preferably video taped, so that a clear record is available for review by interested parties.

A: The committee has been provided with meeting summaries which are not intended to be transcripts of the meeting; staff resources have been focused on developing a consensus plan for each subregion. Staff has requested that the facilitator discuss your concern and request at the next meeting so that the committee can decide how it wants staff to respond.

6. Q: At the August 1<sup>st</sup> South Coast meeting several committee members suggested that the expenditure plan be organized not under the categories of “regional” and “local,” but by project type, as done by the other California counties used for comparison. This is a very important issue brought up by representatives of different groups, and the acting chair should have recognized it as such. Coincidentally, this issue was also brought up at the North County meeting.

A: Staff has requested that the facilitator raise your concern and request at the next meeting so that the committee can decide how it wants staff to respond. As you can see from the discussion draft investment plan, there is a choice to be made about how to allocate funds to local agencies and MTD. Should local agencies decide annually the amount of Local Program funding they will pass on to MTD as part of the city and county budget process or should Local Program funds go directly to MTD so that it has a guaranteed Measure D revenue stream? Once the committee answers that question, the committee can decide whether to continue to describe the projects as local or regional, create new categories, or drop the category headings.