

## SBCAG STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Congestion Management Program

**MEETING DATE:** January 17, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM: 4K**

**STAFF CONTACT:** Michael Becker, Andrew Orfila

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution 19-08 finding that the thresholds required by Government Code Section 65088.3 have been satisfied by the region's city councils and Board of Supervisors, collectively representing in excess of 50 percent of the region's jurisdictions and 50 percent of the region's population, thereby electing to exempt the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments from the state's Congestion Management Program statutes.

### DISCUSSION:

Over the last several months, SBCAG staff have been working with the TTAC members to update the Congestion Management Program (CMP) in response to concerns that the CMP is no longer effectively accomplishing its objectives. In July, the SBCAG Board directed staff to work with local jurisdictions to explore becoming exempt from the state's Congestion Management Program statutes. The exemption process outlined in Assembly Bill (AB) 2419 (1996) requires "*a majority of local governments collectively comprised of the city councils and the county board of supervisors, which in total also represent a majority of the population in the county, each adopt resolutions electing to be exempt from the congestion management program.*" (Gov. Code § 65088.3). In October and November 2018, SBCAG staff coordinated with local public works staff to adopt local resolutions of support for exemption from the CMP statutes; including Lompoc, Solvang, Buellton, Goleta, Santa Maria, and the County of Santa Barbara. More information regarding the local resolutions is contained in Attachment 1.

Federal congestion management requirements will still apply and be implemented through the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). SBCAG will be developing a dynamic, web-based map that will report congestion on the National Highway System, utilizing data available from the National Performance Monitoring Research Dataset (NPMRDS). The implementation of the dynamic, web-based congestion-mapping tool would further align SBCAG with the federal congestion management requirements and the MAP-21 Travel Time Reliability performance measure requirement.

Attachment A provides a list of jurisdictions that have approved a resolution in support of SBCAG's exemption from the State's Congestion Management Program.

Following today's action, staff will inform appropriate state agencies of SBCAG's exemption from the State's Congestion Management Program.

*The recommended action is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act section 15378.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Information re: Resolutions of Support Obtained for Exemption from the CMP
- B. Resolution 19-08

## Attachment A

### Background Information re: Resolutions of Support Obtained for Exemption from the CMP

Jurisdiction	Action Date	Population*
Lompoc	October 2, 2018	43,600
Solvang	October 8, 2018	5,770
Buellton	October 25, 2018	5,290
Goleta	November 6, 2018	31,950
County of Santa Barbara	November 13, 2018	142,260
Santa Maria	November 20, 2018	108,470
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>337,342</i>
	<i>Countywide Population Total</i>	<i>453,460</i>
	<i>% Total share population with resolutions of support for exemption from CMP</i>	<i>74%</i>

\* Source: CA Dept. of Finance, January 2018 (Table E-1).

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA  
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT )  
PROGRAM EXEMPTION )

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) is the designated congestion management agency for Santa Barbara County, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65089(a), and includes in its transportation planning process a congestion management system that provides for effective management of new and existing transportation facilities as required by Section 134(i)(3) of Title 23 U.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, State law, AB 2419, allows local cities and Counties the option to become exempt from preparation and implementation of the State requirements of the Congestion Management Program (CMP); and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2018, the SBCAG Board directed staff to initiate a process to work with the local jurisdictions to become exempt from the State requirements of the CMP; and

WHEREAS, SBCAG staff has consulted with the Santa Barbara County Technical Transportation Advisory Committee (TTAC), regarding the process for becoming exempt; and

WHEREAS, the City Councils of Buellton, Goleta, Lompoc, Solvang, Santa Maria, and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors each passed resolutions electing to become exempt from the State requirements of the CMP. (Gov. Code § 65088.3.)

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments finds that the region is exempt from the State requirements of the Congestion Management Program because a majority of local governments, collectively comprised of the city councils and the county board of supervisors, that represent a majority of the population in Santa Barbara County have adopted resolutions electing to be exempt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in making this finding, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments is still obligated to include a transportation planning process that manages congestion on new and existing transportation facilities under Section 134(i)(3) of Title 23, of the United States Code.

*(signatures on following page)*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: WILLIAMS, HART, HARTMANN, ADAM, LAVAGNINO, WAITE, JULIAN,  
MOSBY, PEROTTE, CLARK, MURILLO, SIERRA AND CHAIR PATINO

NOES:

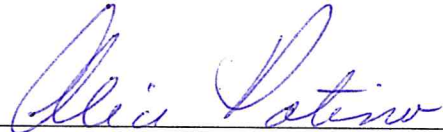
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ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:



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Terry Contreras  
Clerk of the Board  
Santa Barbara County  
Association of Governments

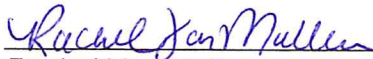


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Alice Patino  
Chair  
Santa Barbara County  
Association of Governments

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Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Rachel Van Mullem  
Chief Assistant County Counsel