

Santa Barbara County Association of
Governments
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

Agency Overview

SBCAG/SLOCOG Joint Board Meeting
September 29, 2005



What is SBCAG?

- Voluntary council of governments
- Established in 1966 under a JPA executed by local governments
- 13 member Board of Directors:
 - 5 County Supervisors
 - One city council member from each city (8)
 - Caltrans District 5 Director and State legislative delegation (ex officio)
- 19 staff members
- \$25.7 million budget (\$3.4 million operating budget)

SBCAG's Responsibilities

- Regional Planning
 - Transportation
 - Land use
 - Air quality
- Transportation project programming/funding
- Delivery of transportation projects/services
 - Measure D Highway projects
 - Traffic Solutions
 - Regional transit services
 - Clean Air Express
 - Coastal Express
 - Highway call boxes
 - Freeway service patrol



Major Functions

- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)
- Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)
- Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies
(Highway call boxes and freeway service patrol)
- Congestion Management Agency
- Affiliate Census Center
- Traffic Solutions
- Local Transportation Authority (Measure D)

Measure D Local Transportation Sales Tax



- ½ cent countywide transportation sales tax approved in 1989 for 20 year term
- Generates \$30 million/year (\$0.5 billion)
- Expenditure Plan
 - 70% to cities/counties
 - 29.5% to regional highway projects
 - 0.5% for paratransit
- Measure D provides:
 - Local control
 - Flexibility
 - Dependability
 - Matching funds to leverage state/federal funds

Measure D Renewal



- Ballot measure on Nov 2006 ballot
- Requires 2/3 voter approval
- August 2006 poll results (county likely voters)
 - Transportation/traffic are #1 issues in county
 - 72% support for renewal
 - Voters support balanced spending plan that includes:
 - alternative mode (bus, bike, pedestrian)
 - congestion relief
 - road maintenance/repair and
 - safety projects
 - Support for county split is very low
- Expenditure plan must be approved by SBCAG, cities and county

SBCAG's Current Priorities

- Measure D renewal ballot measure (Nov 2006)
- 101 in Motion
 - Widening 101 to 6 lanes (carpool lanes)
 - Commuter rail—Ventura Co to South Coast
 - Demand reduction (eg., express bus, flex work)
 - Operational/management (eg., ramp meters, traveler information)
- Major highway improvement projects
 - 101 Santa Maria 6 lane
 - South Coast 101 operational improvements
- North County Transit Plan
- Replacing highway call boxes
- Implementing 101 Freeway Service Patrol
- Assisting local agencies with project delivery

