



MEETING MINUTES (Revised)

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA
Thursday, January 24th, 2008 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

TCC MEMBERS

William C. Boyd	Present
Mark Bradley	Present
Keith Coffman-Grey	Present
Michael Cooper	Present
Steve Maas	Present
David Pritchett	Present
David Tabor	Present

Attendance

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager
Robert J. Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner
Brandon Beaudette, Administrative Assistant
Michelle Bettle, Interim Administrative Specialist

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Roger Horton, Council Liaison

Others Present

Gregg Hart, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Dennis Jaffe, Walk Santa Barbara

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

The modified agenda was posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Dennis Jaffe – Project Director of Walk Santa Barbara introduced himself and the Walk Santa Barbara program recently launched by COAST (Coalition for Sustainable Transportation).

Mark Bradley arrived at 6:03 pm.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of TCC Minutes for November 8, 2007

Mr. Coffman-Grey moved and Mr. Pritchett seconded to approve the Minutes as written from the November 8, 2007 meeting.

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

REPORTS

3. MTD Monthly Report for October, November, and December 2007 Transit Assisted Services and Crosstown Shuttle, Mesa Loop, Line 1 & 2 Enhancement, and Traffic Mitigation December 2007 Quarterly Report

Mr. Coffman-Grey noted for public record that the reports for the last 3 months have shown that Enhanced Transit is working on Lines 1, 2, 6 and 11; ridership is way above what was needed for the mitigation of the Granada Garage.

4. Presentation of the Measure D Expenditure Plan

Gregg Hart, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments presented the Measure D Expenditure Plan. He began by providing background on the Measure D Expenditure Plan.

Mr. Hart then cited the reasons given by opinion-leaders and organizations for Measure D's failure at the voting polls in 2006 along with the solutions offered by SBCAG in the current plan:

1. Voters did not want a tax increase; SBCAG Board responded by taking the increase out of the current plan.
2. Voters were concerned that widening of the 101 Freeway had not yet begun; the SBCAG Board responded by dedicating \$140 million to the widening project which will begin this summer (2008).
3. Both regions of Santa Barbara County were concerned about where the tax dollars were being spent and did not want to fund the other region's projects; the board responded by equally dividing the funds between the two regions and sharing the responsibility of developing the spending plan so that representatives from their respective region could determine where the tax dollars are spent.

Mr. Hart proceeded to go through the individual Investment Plans for the South Coast Subregional portion of the proposed Measure D and the Development Timetable, pointing out where SBCAG is currently on the timetable, having just completed public polling as scheduled for January.

Questions:

Mr. Pritchett asked Mr. Hart how the Measure D Expenditure Investment Plan relates to the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Hart replied that it is a subset of the regional plan. Everything that is included in Measure D is included in the regional plan. Not everything in the regional plan is included in Measure D as everything that needs funds goes into the regional plan. Mr. Pritchett urged that support is needed for Measure D as a lot of work has gone into devising the numbers listed in the Measure.

Mr. Maas asked if Mr. Hart had run into any organized opposition to Measure D, to which Mr. Hart replied that he has had some clarifications questions but no organized opposition. Mr. Maas will be supporting it and hopes that the majority of residents do as well.

Mr. Bradley commented that commuter rail needs to be on the RTP to attract matching state and federal funds. Mr. Bradley would like to have seen more money for **Traffic Solutions**, particularly to reduce traffic on the freeway but recognizes that it is hard to find a solution to work for both north and south counties. Mr. Bradley stated that he would like to wait for polling results and more information before recommending to Council.

Mr. Tabor raised concern about the ability to fund some of the projects in a timely fashion, saying that he hoped projects such as the Goleta Overpass Improvement Project wouldn't have to wait 30 years until the funds accumulated to complete the project. Mr. Hart answered his concern stating that there are ways to fund the projects such as using grants and bonds so that the projects can be completed early on but the decisions about how to allocate the funds are made after the Measure has been successful at the polls.

Mr. Boyd asked who will make the decisions about the details of the projects funded by the local flexible funding. Mr. Hart responded that the decisions will be made at the local level by local agencies. Mr. Boyd then voiced concern about lack of flexibility in the funds since it is a 30 year plan. Mr. Hart reassured him that while the plan was designed to provide certainty for the voters, it also contains an element of flexibility that would begin at the regional level with a majority vote then go before the full SBCAG board in order to make amendments to the plan. Mr. Boyd asked what portion of the South Coast Sub Regional funding would go to Santa Barbara.

Mr. Allen responded to the question stating that flexible funding is given to all agencies based upon a population formula and that the funds would be similar to what Santa Barbara is receiving from the current Measure D. The major difference of funding is that funds will be taken off the top and go directly to MTD for regional transit service and operations along with commuter rail. Regular transit routes will come out of MTDs budget, but the specialized transit services will remain contracted with the City.

Mr. Coffman-Grey emphasized that it is important to convey to the public that sales tax will not increase and that Measure D is the seed money that is needed to apply for

grants to double or triple the funds needed for the county. Mr. Coffman-Grey can support and move it on to City Council.

Mr. Bradley raised concern about potential opposition and suggested that it could help the environmental and alternative transportation communities to have more faith in the Measure if there were guaranteed funding for bikes and pedestrians.

Mr. Allen addressed the question stating that he and Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director for Santa Barbara County are currently working with the Coalition for Fair Measure D on what percentage of the local flex funding the city and county will allocate for alternative transportation. Mr. Allen noted that staff supports the expenditure plan as it is, but they just need to work out the details and requested that the committee supports the expenditure plan as the details yet to be determined will have no impact on the overall plan. They will meet in February to determine how to allocate funds and will report back to the committee. Mr. Allen then reassured the committee that the TCC currently gives input to the City Council on how local funds are spent. The TCC along with the Planning Commission help to prioritize the Measure D funds along with the Streets Funds and Grant program funds and they will continue to come before TCC for recommendation before moving on to City Council.

Mr. Boyd moved that the committee recommends to the Council the endorsement of the Measure D Expenditure Plan subject to staff coming back with the expenditure plan for use of local funds for alternative transportation. Mr. Coffman-Grey seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mr. Pritchett suggested that the committee either make an addition to the motion or make a second motion that the City request SBCAG to promptly revise the RTP to reflect the projects under the new Measure D. The committee agreed that it should be a separate motion.

The motion carried.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Mr. Pritchett moved that City of Santa Barbara requests that SBCAG promptly revise the Regional Transportation Plan in the first half of calendar year 2009 to reflect the projects under the new Measure D.

Mr. Coffman-Grey seconded the motion.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

5. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Coffman-Grey nominated David Pritchett to serve as Transportation and Circulation Committee Vice Chair for 2008 and Mark Bradley seconded:

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Mr. Boyd moved that David Tabor be recognized as Chair of the Transportation and Circulation Committee for 2008. Mr. Pritchett seconded the motion.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

David Pritchett excused himself from the meeting at 7:05pm.

6. Status of Ongoing Projects - staff

Mr. Dayton gave an update on the Plan Santa Barbara workshop where Dr. Dick Jackson spoke about the connection between health issues and transportation.

7. Review of Upcoming Agenda Items - staff

Mr. Allen reviewed the upcoming agenda items: The Measure D Local Funds Expenditure Plan for Alternative Transportation, The Modoc Bike Lane Project and The Hacienda Lane Residential Parking Permit Program.

Mr. Allen than gave an update on the St. Francis area traffic calming projects which are currently under construction and should be complete by the end of February or early March.

8. TCC Subcommittee Reports

None reported.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 PM

Committee Members: **Michael Cooper (Chair), David Tabor (Vice Chair), Bill Boyd, Mark Bradley, Keith Coffman-Grey, Steve Maas, and David Pritchett**

Liaisons: **Roger Horton (Council Liaison), Addison Thompson (Planning Commission Liaison)**

Please Note: These Minutes were revised on Thursday February 29, 2008. Items in bold and italics have been added to the Minutes, while items that have been crossed out have been deleted.