



MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA
Thursday, February 28th, 2008 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Tabor 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	Excused
Steve Maas	Present
David Pritchett	Present
David Tabor	Present

Attendance

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager
Robert J. Dayton, Principal Transportation Planner
Michelle Bettel, Interim Administrative Specialist

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Addison Thompson, Planning Commission Liaison

Others Present

Gregg Hart, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. **Approval of TCC Minutes for January 24, 2008**

Mr. Tabor moved and Mr. Coffman-Grey seconded approving the TCC Minutes for January 24, 2008 as amended.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

REPORTS

3. MTD Monthly Report for January 2008 Transit Assisted Services

Mr. Coffman-Grey noted that ridership was down in January due to adverse weather conditions and Mr. Boyd noted that ridership was up on the main East/West (commute) lines.

4. Measure D Expenditure Plan

- A. Gregg Hart, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments presented the polling results for the public opinion survey for the Renewal of the Measure D Expenditure Plan. He reviewed the background of the survey, sample size, polling questions, phases of the poll, positive and negative arguments. SBCAG will use the information gained from the public opinion survey to make improvements to the ballot language for the Measure D Expenditure Plan.

The poll was conducted in January with 600 registered voters who are likely to vote in the November 2008 election. Overall, the survey showed favorable results, demonstrating the consent of more than the two-thirds majority of voters needed to pass the measure in November. Mr. Hart noted a remarkable consistency of the results county-wide in the support of the measure.

Mr. Hart stated that most voters believe that their area of the county does not get their fair share of transportation improvement funding, although this is not the case and the current investment plan divides the funds evenly between North and South Counties. The belief presents a challenge to SBCAG to overcome the concern by educating the public about the Measure. According to Mr. Hart, the survey results show the importance of an education effort and he stressed the importance of getting the message out, explaining what the measure entails and answering questions that people may have about the measure.

Questions:

Mr. Hart pointed out that the letter designation for the Measure is now Measure A, not Measure D.

Mr. Bradley emphasized that not one cent of Measure D money has ever been spent on rail.

In response to a question posed by Mr. Coffman-Grey, Mr. Allen explained that the 10% of the local share of the city's Measure D (now Measure A) money designated for alternative transportation is exclusively for use on pedestrian, bicycle and Safe Routes to Schools (improving walking and biking routes for students to get to school) projects but will not exclude the city's continued contribution of additional Measure D funding toward MTD.

- B. Mr. Allen discussed the city's commitment of local Measure D funds to alternative transportation and recommended that the Council commit 10% of the city's Measure D local share to alternative transportation by resolution of council. Alternative transportation includes: pedestrian improvements, bicycle improvements (including painting bike lanes on roads that do not currently have them) and Safe Routes to Schools.

Since the TCC meeting in January, Mr. Allen met with the Coalition for a Fair Measure D as well as the management staff for Santa Barbara County. Although the Coalition for a Fair Measure D would like to see the 10% put into ordinance, City Staff recommends putting forth a resolution, instead of an ordinance, since the Coalition has not yet consulted with the City of Goleta or the City of Carpinteria about their ability to commit 10% to alternative transportation. There was a brief discussion about the difference between ordinance and resolution.

Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Coffman-Grey seconded the staff's recommendation that the council commit 10% of the city's Measure D funds to bike and pedestrian projects.

Mr. Boyd suggested adding the motion to add "by resolution or ordinance to spend 10% of city's local share of the Measure D revenues it receives on an annual basis".

After discussing the appropriate language, Mr. Allen advised that the intent is to spend a minimum of 10% of Measure D funds for pedestrian, bicycle and Safe Routes to School improvements on an annual basis which will be evaluated every 5 years so that the average would be 10% in a 5-year period. Mr. Maas accepted the added language as part of his motion and Mr. Coffman-Grey seconded.

The motion carried.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

5. Plan Santa Barbara Update

Rob Dayton, Principle Transportation Planner, presented an update on Plan Santa Barbara, the city's twenty-year General Plan that includes various elements such as: Land Use, Housing and Circulation.

In his presentation, Mr. Dayton discussed the purpose, vision, methodology and outcomes of Plan Santa Barbara. Mr. Dayton reviewed the three phases including what has been completed, what has changed and the timeline of the processes. He then urged the committee to plan to attend two upcoming workshops; the Planning Commission Workshop and the Community Workshop.

Questions:

In response to a question posed by Mr. Bradley, Mr. Dayton assured the committee that it has not been ruled out that the Circulation Element could have some amendments, although the Land Use Element and Housing Element need attention more urgently.

David Pritchett arrived at 7:30PM.

Addison Thomson, Planning Commission Liaison, gave a background on the process of updating the General Plan and explained the urgency of addressing updates to the elements. The Housing Element has a state-mandated deadline of August 2009, when the update must be submitted to the state. This update would have preceded all other elements so a subcommittee was created to address the critical updates that needed to be addressed within the General Plan. Although the Circulation Element has had the most recent update and is believed to be a “great” element, it will need to be reviewed and updated as necessary at the same time as all the other elements to ensure its consistency.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 PM

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

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