

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

**COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MEASURE A AUTHORITY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS**

April 16, 2009 1:30 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Botelho, Director De La Cruz, Director Edge, Director Emerson, and Director Gomez

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Transportation Planner, Veronica Lezama; Transportation Planner, Betty LiOwen; Secretary, Monica Gomez

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Botelho called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Upon a motion duly made by Director Edge, and seconded by Director De La Cruz, the Directors unanimously approved the Certificate of Posting.

REGULAR AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Draft Budgets – Rheinheimer/Postigo

- a. **REVIEW** FY 2009/10 Council of Governments, Local Transportation Authority, Measure A Authority, and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Draft Budgets.
- b. **HOLD** Public Hearing.

Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo provided a Power-Point presentation on the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Council of Governments, Local Transportation Authority, Measure A Authority, and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Draft Budgets. Ms. Postigo noted that the Council of Governments Draft Budget is balanced and was prepared using revenue assumptions that match State and Federal funding levels.

Director De La Cruz inquired about COG's Administrative percentage amounts and whether or not the percentage is in line with other COG agencies. Ms. Rheinheimer stated that staff would have to research the information and report back to Director De La Cruz.

Director Emerson inquired about the percentage of Cost Of Living Adjustments increase.

Ms. Postigo stated that staff included the 1% from the County and the standard 5% step increases.

Director Emerson inquired about the transfer of funds from the LTA budget to the COG budget.

There was discussion about what is happening at the County level regarding personnel and adjustments to salaries.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that staff is aware of the discussions occurring at the County level because COG has a contract with the County for personnel services. The 1% cost of living increases were included in the budget because staff is not aware of what direction the County will take at this time.

Chair Botelho inquired about the MEA Budget and asked if there would be funds remaining to complete the speed limit study on the Highway 25 Bypass.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that the MEA Budget should be fully expended once the closeout costs and remaining litigation case is completed.

Ms. Postigo noted that any remaining funds will be reapportioned back to the City and County.

Chair Botelho opened the public hearing at 1:50 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Chair Botelho closed the public hearing at 1:50 p.m.

Staff will provide one more Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Draft Budgets at the May 21, 2009 meeting and will bring the final Budget to the Board at its June meeting.

Upon a motion made by Director Gomez, and seconded by Director De La Cruz, the Director's unanimously voted to adjourn the COG meeting.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR COG MEETING APRIL 16, 2009 AT 2:00 P.M.