

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGULAR MEETING**

November 21, 2013, 3:00 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Botelho, Director Boch, Director De La Cruz, Director Gomez, and Director Scattini

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Gilbert; Secretary, Monica Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Olejnik, Caltrans District 5

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Botelho called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Upon a motion duly made by Director Scattini, and seconded by Director Gomez, the Directors unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Rheinheimer

Ms. Rheinheimer provided a handout which announced that on November 5th the Transportation California Board of Directors authorized a collaboration to join with the California Alliance for Jobs to take a first step towards placing a new transportation funding measure on the November 2014 General Election ballot.

Ms. Rheinheimer will keep the board apprised of any new information that comes along on this subject.

E. CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 REPORT: Olejnik

John Olejnik reminded everyone to drive safely during the upcoming holidays.

F. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **APPROVE** Council of Governments Draft Meeting Minutes Dated October 17, 2013 – Gomez
2. **APPROVE** COG Transaction Report (Financial Claims) dated October 2013 (Postigo)
3. **APPROVE** COG Office Closure Days During the Upcoming Holidays – Postigo
4. **RECEIVE** Construction Projects Report – Caltrans District 5

There was no public comment on the Consent agenda.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Scattini, the Directors unanimously approved Items 1-4 from the Consent Agenda. Vote: 5/0 motion passes

REGULAR AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS:

5. **APPROVE** 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program – Gilbert

Mary Gilbert reported on the 2014 State Transportation Program (STIP). Staff recommended approval of the State Transportation Improvement Program, which would continue advancing funds for the Highway 156 project.

There was discussion from some of the Board members about the potential use of STIP funds for other projects.

Public Comment

Scott Fuller

Mr. Fuller urged the COG Board to continue their support of the Highway 156 project. He stated that the project will be beneficial to the community.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Gomez, and seconded by Director Scattini, the Directors approved Item 5. Vote: 3/2 motion passes.

6. **RECEIVE** Update on the Highway 25 Bypass Route Transfer and Relinquishment – Gilbert

Ms. Gilbert provided an update on the Highway 25 Bypass Route Transfer and Relinquishment. She mentioned that Caltrans will be making a few improvements to the ADA curb ramps that they recently installed.

Ms. Gilbert announced that Senate Bill 788 was signed by the Governor on October 3, 2013. The bill becomes effective on January 1, 2014. Ownership change will occur in late February after the California Transportation Commission action.

There was brief discussion about the need to synchronize the lights on the Highway 25 Bypass.

There was no public comment on this item.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Gomez, and seconded by Director De La Cruz, the Directors unanimously adjourned the COG meeting.

ADJOURN TO COG MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2013.