



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

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2017
3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: **Board of Supervisors Chambers
481 Fourth St., Hollister, CA 95023**

DIRECTORS: Chair Tony Boch, Directors Anthony Botelho, Jaime De La Cruz, and Ignacio Velazquez
Alternates: San Benito County: Mark Medina;
City of Hollister: Mickie Solorio Luna; City of San Juan Bautista: Jim West
Ex Officio: Caltrans District 5

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3:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Verification of Certificate of Posting**
- C. ELECT COG Chairperson for 2017**
- D. ELECT COG Vice Chairperson for 2017**
- E. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
 - 1. Delegate and Alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG)
 - 2. Two Representatives to the San Benito/Santa Clara Mobility Partnership
 - 3. Representative to Speak on Behalf of COG at California Transportation Commission and Central Coast Coalition Meetings
- F. Public Comment** (Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest on a subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Council of Governments and not appearing on the agendas. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2 Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.)
- G. Executive Director's Report**
- H. Caltrans Report – Gubbins/Loe**
- I. Board of Directors' Reports**

CONSENT AGENDA:

(These matters shall be considered as a whole and without discussion unless a particular item is removed from the Consent Agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on a Consent Agenda item must submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk and wait for recognition from the Chairperson. Approval of a consent item means approval as recommended on the Staff Report.)

1. **APPROVE** Council of Governments Draft Meeting Minutes Dated December 15, 2016 – Gomez
2. **RECEIVE** Construction Projects Report – Caltrans District 5

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. **RECEIVE UPDATE** on Work Plan for Regional Transportation Funding Strategy in San Benito County – Gilbert

CLOSED SESSION:

4. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
Title: COG Executive Director

Adjourn to COG Meeting on February 16, 2017. Agenda Deadline is Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

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US 101 Santa Maria River Bridges Santa Barbara County

Connecting the community through bicycling and walking



FALL 2016

Caltrans District 5



District Director

Timothy Gubbins

Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

District Director's Report

A quarterly publication for our transportation partners



CTP 2040

The *California Transportation Plan 2040* provides a framework for transportation to help meet the state's climate goals by promoting livable communities, economic growth, greenhouse gas emission reduction, and a fix-it-first approach for highways, roads and bridges. It features the following six major goals for a *whole system* approach:

- Improve multimodal mobility and accessibility for all people
- Preserve the multimodal transportation system
- Support a vibrant economy
- Improve public safety and security
- Foster livable and healthy communities and promote social equity
- Practice environmental stewardship

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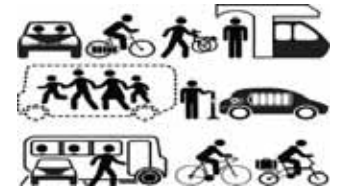


US 101 Linden/Casitas interchanges

Caltrans recently joined its local partners to celebrate the groundbreaking of the US 101 Linden/Casitas interchanges project in Santa Barbara County. Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty noted the project will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on this busy corridor.

The \$60 million project will reconstruct and widen the US 101 overcrossings at Linden Avenue and Casitas Pass Road, install a new landscaped median, sidewalks and bicycle paths, and extend the adjacent frontage road—connecting the community to local streets for in-town trips.

The Carpinteria Creek overcrossing will be widened to accommodate the highway's future widening in this area. Security Paving Company of Sylmar, Calif. is the contractor for the project scheduled for completion in 2020.



Origin-Destination Survey

Studying travel behaviors of regional and interregional trips on US 101 in and between Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties is the primary goal of the recently completed 2016 *Central Coast Origin-Destination Survey*. The survey collected travel data to help calibrate Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) regional travel demand model and support planning efforts to improve regional transit and rail services.

Key study findings confirm previous planning assumptions, including the heavy peak hour congestion across the Santa Barbara-Ventura county line and prevailing truck traffic using US 101 over SR 154. They also show a major awareness gap regarding some regional transit services.

SBCAG partnered with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments and the Ventura County Transportation Commission to conduct the study funded through a Caltrans *Strategic Partnerships* transportation planning grant. More information at:

http://www.sbcag.org/uploads/2/4/5/4/24540302/Central_coast_o-d_survey_final_report_7-8-2016.pdf

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CTP 2040 continued

The plan builds upon the state's Interregional Plan, Freight Plan, Rail Plan, Aviation Plan, Transit Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and Regional Transportation Plans. It also includes 15 strategies addressing mode shift, transportation alternatives, pricing and operational efficiency.

The state's first priorities for sustainable mobility is investing in bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure and transit. Caltrans aims to triple bicycling and double walking and transit use statewide by 2020. This supports the state's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, and 80 percent below those levels by 2050.

Caltrans conducted extensive public outreach statewide for the plan's development. This included two public comment periods, focus groups, public workshops, interactive website, news releases, social networking and webinars. Continued collaboration between Caltrans, local agencies, communities and all transportation stakeholders is essential to successfully achieving the state's high priority goals. The plan and more information is available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/californiatrnsportationplan2040/final-draft-ctp2040/index.shtml>



Sustainable Grants

A call for projects is under way for the 2017-2018 Sustainable Transportation Planning grants. About \$7.8 million is available statewide for the Sustainable Communities grants, and \$1.5 million for Strategic Partnerships.

These grants promote a balanced, comprehensive multimodal transportation system supporting Caltrans' key objectives of sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation, economy, health and equity. Applications are due to Caltrans **Friday, November 4, 2016**. Applications, guidebook and more information is available at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>



Critical Rural Freight Corridors

California is the nation's largest gateway for international trade and domestic commerce with an interconnected system of ports, railroads, highways and roads facilitating freight movement nationwide. The system supports one-third of the state's economic product and jobs. In 2014, freight-dependent industries provided more than \$740 billion in gross domestic product and more than five million jobs.

US 101 and Highways 46 and 156 are integral to this system. Caltrans is recommending their designation as critical rural freight corridors within the Interim National Multimodal Freight Network. Working in partnership with local agencies, Caltrans recently submitted this recommendation, among others, to the U.S. Department of Transportation for consideration.



Federal Transit Funding

Providing more modern, reliable bus service nationwide is a top priority for the Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program. Sixty-one projects across the country will receive about \$211 million to replace, rehabilitate and purchase transit buses and related equipment/facilities. These include \$4.3 million to Caltrans to construct a new maintenance facility in the Monterey-

Salinas area, \$4 million to the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority for a new transit center, \$5.7 million to the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District to purchase new buses, and \$3.7 million to Monterey-Salinas Transit to replace buses and provide workforce development training. More information at:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/news/us-department-transportation-announces-211-million-grants-new-buses-facilities-improve>

Transit Plans Coordinate City/Regional Services

The San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and the City of San Luis Obispo recently released their jointly developed 2016 *Short Range Transit Plans*. Both plans provide operational, capital, institutional and implementation guidelines for the agencies to better coordinate their services. Caltrans funded the five-year plans with a *Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities* grant.



Countywide, 77 percent of residents live within one-half mile of a public transit route, contributing to more than one million riders annually. In fact, RTA ridership increased 270 percent in 2013 from the previous decade and the city's, 64 percent.

To meet future travel demand, both plans recommend enhancing, modifying and expanding daily transit services—including evening runs—as well as purchasing new buses, improving bus stops and operations/maintenance facilities and providing a new downtown transit center. More information at:

<http://slocog.org/sites/default/files/SLORTA-SRTP-2016-Final-web.pdf>
<http://www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/public-works/slo-transit/general-service-information/short-range-transit-plan>

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

December 15, 2016, 3:00 P.M.

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Boch, Director Botelho, Director Velazquez, and Alternate Director De La Cruz

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Director Muenzer

Ex Officio: Caltrans District 5

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Mary Gilbert; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Transportation Planner, Veronica Lezama; Transportation Planner, Regina Valentine; Secretary I, Monica Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe Arch, JJACPA, Inc.; Heather Adamson, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments; Brent Barnes, San Benito County Resource Management Agency

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Boch called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Velazquez, the Directors acknowledged the Certificate of Posting. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Reed Sanders,
Senator Anthony Canella's office**

Mr. Sanders stated that constituents had brought to his attention their concerns regarding the lack of a designated left turn lane and light at the State Route 25 Bypass and Meridian (from North/South turning onto SR 25) leading into Marguerite Maze Middle School. People reported an increase in accidents at the location and are interested in finding out what will be done to remedy this safety concern.

Chair Boch stated for the record that the COG Board received Joe Thompson's public comment correspondence dated November 28, 2016 through December 14, 2016. The correspondence was entered into the public record.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Gilbert

Ms. Gilbert reported that she attended the Focus on the Future Conference in Los Angeles which was put

on by the Self Help Counties Coalition. She stated that she would provide more information under Item 5 on the agenda. Secondly, regarding transportation services, she noted that there would be limited County Express transportation service over the holidays. Staff posted limited service flyers on the buses, in the office, website, and on social media outlets to ensure that riders are aware. Lastly, she reminded the Board that the COG office would be closed from December 22, 2016 through January 2, 2017.

E. CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 REPORT: Gubbins/Loe

Ms. Gilbert reported that the Caltrans representative was not able to attend due to weather conditions however, a letter from Mr. Gubbins, Caltrans Dist. 5 Director, was handed out to the Board in response to questions raised by Director Botelho at the November 17th meeting.

F. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **APPROVE** Council of Governments Draft Meeting Minutes Dated November 17, 2016 – Gomez
2. **RECEIVE** Construction Projects Report – Caltrans District 5

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion duly by made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Botelho, the Directors approved Items 1, 2 from the Consent agenda, with an abstention on Item 1 from Director Velazquez. Vote: 3/0/1motion passes.

REGULAR AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS:

3. **ACCEPT** Council of Governments FY 2015/16 Basic Financial Statements – Postigo

Ms. Postigo introduced Joe Arch with JJACPA, Inc. who presented the FY 2015/16 Basic Financial Statements.

Mr. Arch reported that there were no findings and the financial statements were presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. He noted a minor change to the communications letter. They now attach a representation letter along with the communications letter so that you are able to see what staff has represented to them as part of their audit.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Velazquez, the Directors unanimously approved Item 3. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

4. **DISCUSS** Memorial Drive Extension Project and Funding Through the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Program – Gilbert

Ms. Gilbert reported that this item was continued from the November meeting. She noted that staff presented the item at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting however, there was no representation from the City and County engineering departments.

There was discussion about a potential project in the Santa Ana, Meridian Road area.

Brent Barnes, County Resource Management Agency Director, was present and stated that he looked forward to reviewing the project at the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Ms. Gilbert stated that staff will take the item back to the Technical Advisory Committee in February and report back to the COG Board.

There was no public comment.

5. APPROVE Work Plan for Regional Transportation Funding Strategy in San Benito County – Gilbert

Ms. Gilbert provided a Power-point presentation on the work plan for Regional transportation funding strategy in San Benito County. In response to the Boards request, Ms. Gilbert provided geographic information regarding the results of Measure P in the June 7 primary election.

The Board was pleased to see the breakdown of votes by County Supervisor district and by geographic distribution.

**Reed Sanders
Senator Anthony Cannella's Office**

Mr. Sanders stated that he was speaking on a more personal level as a resident. He stated that the general public is more concerned about fixing local roads, than they are about the States diverse funding options. He suggested starting on a smaller level with a 5-10 year tax plan, and then completing some of the smaller projects to demonstrate to the public that something is being done with their tax dollars.

The COG Board expressed interest in getting support from Senator Anthony Cannella's office.

Mr. Sanders distributed his business cards and stated that he was available to relay any messages to Senator Cannella.

There was no further public comment.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz and seconded by Director Botelho, the Directors unanimously approved Item 5. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Botelho, the Directors Unanimously adjourned the COG meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. Vote: 4/0 motion passes.

ADJOURN TO COG MEETING JANUARY 19, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.



PROJECT UPDATE – SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE JANUARY 19, 2017 SAN BENITO COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' MEETING

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
1.	State Route (SR) 25 Curve Realignment (0T6404)	On SR 25 Near Hollister, from 0.8 miles north of San Benito Lateral to 2 miles south of SR146 Post Mile (PM) 18.8/19.5)	Realign roadway and widen lanes and shoulders	June 8, 2015-December 9, 2015	\$1.99 Million	State Highway Operations Protection Projects (SHOPP)	Brandy Rider (KB)	John Madonna Construction Company, San Luis Obispo.	Project completed and accepted on December 9, 2015 - Note: Emergency roadwork completed to repave and reopen old roadway due to unstable cut slopes. Work continues on investigating the final design strategy to be scoped by Winter 2017.
2.	SR 156 San Juan Bautista CAPM (1C8704)	In and near San Juan Bautista from SR 156/101 Separation to the Alameda (PM 0.0/3.0)	Pavement Preservation	Fall 2016-Winter 2017	\$4.8 Million	SHOPP	Brandy Rider (TBD)	Granite Rock Company, San Jose	Contract awarded November 28, 2016.
3.	SR 156 Hollister CAPM (1C8404)	Near Hollister from 0.5 miles west of Hudner Overhead to Santa Clara County Line (SCL) (PM 10.0/18.4)	Pavement Preservation	Fall 2016-Winter 2017	\$5.6 Million	SHOPP	Brandy Rider (DP)	Granite Construction Company, Watsonville	Project awarded on November 16, 2016.



PROJECT UPDATE – SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE JANUARY 19, 2017 SAN BENITO COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' MEETING

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
4.	SR 25 Widening Project and Route Adoption Hollister to Gilroy (48540_)	Near Hollister and Gilroy on SR 25 in San Benito (SBt) & SCL Counties (PM SBt-25-51.5/60.1) (PM SBt-156-R10.5/12.2) (PM SCL-25-0.0/2.6)	Route Adoption (PM SBt 25-51.5 to SCL-25-2.6)	N/A	N/A	Local	Brandy Rider	Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED)	Final Environmental Document and Project Report approved for Route Adoption. Route Adoption approved at the October 2016 California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting. Coordinating required adoption into SBT/SCL County & City General Plans.
5.	SR 156 Improvement Project (34490_)	On SR 156 in and near San Juan Bautista from The Alameda to 0.2 miles east of 4th Street near Hollister (PM 3.0/R8.2)	Construct 4-Lane Expressway	Summer 2019 to Summer 2021	\$44.6 Million	State Transportation and Improvement Program, Transportation Improvement Program, Interregional Improvement Program, Regional Improvement Program, Local	Brandy Rider	Program Specifications and Estimates (PS&E)	Project design on-going. Right of Way (ROW) appraisals in progress. Controlled Access Highway Agreement approved. Utility relocation design coordination almost complete. 95% design complete, target January 2017. May 2016 CTC action to delay project for 2 years. Project unfortunately did not receive Tiger Grant award.
6.	SR 25 Super Elevation Adjustment and Culvert Extension (1C260_)	In SBt County, from La Gloria Road and to the North of La Gloria Road (PM R25.9/R26.2)	Curve Correction	Spring 2019	\$2.1 Million	SHOPP	Brandy Rider	PA&ED	Final Project Report circulating for final approval. Project design on-going. ROW acquisition and utility work to begin now that environmental documents are finalized.



PROJECT UPDATE – SAN BENITO COUNTY

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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT (Cont'd.)

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
7.	SR 25 Roadway Safety Improvements (1F430_)	In SBt County in Hollister from Sunnyslope/Tres Pinos Road to San Felipe Road (PM R49.9/R52.2)	Route Deficiency Corrections	October 2018	\$6.9 Million	SHOPP	Brandy Rider	PS&E/ROW	Project design continues with concurrent ROW acquisitions and utility work. The 65% constructability review was completed August 23, 2016.



Staff Report

To: Council of Governments
 From: Mary Gilbert, Executive Director Phone Number: (831) 637-7665 x.207
 Date: January 19, 2016
Subject: Transportation Funding Strategy

Recommendation:

RECEIVE UPDATE on Work Plan for Regional Transportation Funding Strategy in San Benito County

Summary:

In December 2016, the Board approved a work plan for transportation financing in San Benito County, including steps to include a transportation sales and use tax on a ballot before voters in 2018. This is a continuing item on the COG agenda for discussion and direction to staff, as needed.

Financial Impact:

A ½ cent sales tax in San Benito County is estimated to generate approximately \$8 million annually over a period of thirty years.

Staff Analysis

Staff is coordinating implementation of the approved work plan. In February, staff will meet with the Technical Advisory Committee and developing a project list using existing plans, such as the pavement management plans recently completed by the City of Hollister and San Benito County. The COG Board has requested that the Technical Advisory Committee identify specific pavement management projects that should be included in the Expenditure Plan.

Other initial steps of work include public outreach and gathering local road data for inclusion in a potential expenditure plan. Staff is working on preparing updated outreach materials and identifying future opportunities for speaking engagements and public outreach. Staff is also coordinating a short meeting of the stakeholder group that worked on efforts in 2016. Staff will bring an updated list of proposed stakeholder members to the Board at a future meeting.

Executive Director Review: _____ Counsel Review: _____ N/A

Attachment: Regional Transportation Funding Strategy Work Plan



COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING STRATEGY
DRAFT WORK PLAN

Goal:

To Identify and Implement a Strategy to Provide for San Benito County's Long Term Transportation Needs

Approach:

- Increase public awareness of transportation needs and funding issues**
- Develop a public and Policy Board consensus around a project list and funding strategy, then implement it**

Description of Tasks:

November 2016 – January 2017

- Review relevant public opinion research and materials from other counties, including election results and analysis from the November 2016 ballot.
- Update and finalize list of Stakeholder members based on Board direction.
- Invite Stakeholders to February meeting. Agenda to review current situation with transportation projects and updated state/federal funding outlook, and review work plan.
- Update presentation materials and fact sheets on transportation funding

February 2017—April 2017

- Finalize presentation materials and fact sheets
- Schedule speaking events and coordinate a speakers bureau bringing Board Members, Stakeholders, and other community leaders to speak on transportation funding issues.
- Hold one-on-one meetings with key community leaders regarding transportation priorities and transportation funding mechanisms, including a transportation sales tax.

May 2017—July 2017

- Hold Stakeholder Meeting. Agenda to make recommendations to revise project list, funding sources, and/or work plan, as appropriate.
- Continue to hold one-on-one meetings with key community leaders regarding potential sales tax and other transportation funding mechanisms.

July 2017—December 2017

- Continue work on Regional Transportation Funding Strategy project list, funding sources, and cash flow, as appropriate.
- Conduct public opinion polling, as appropriate—prepare Request for Proposals, select consultant, and conduct poll
- Continue to hold Steering Committee Meetings, as appropriate. Agendas to provide updated information, build ongoing effort, and make recommendations to revise project list, funding sources, and/or work plan, as appropriate.

Ongoing

- Highlight current transportation project and funding issues, including project construction schedules and state budget impacts, via Agency website and E-newsletter.
- Monitor and participate in regional and statewide efforts to improve transportation funding availability.
- Continue to seek speaking events and coordinate speakers bureau bringing Board Members, Stakeholders, and other community leaders to speak on transportation funding issues.
- Continue public education and outreach activities.



Agenda Item _____

Closed Session

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: COG Executive Director

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