



submitted to the appropriate agency for inclusion in the California Statewide Needs Assessment Project.

Ms. McClintock requested an electronic version of the report so she can forward to the Public Works contractor.

Mr. Wittry stated that he will provide staff with the City of Hollister's report and will include the street projects that have been completed to date.

## **12. Receive Report on Available Funding through AB2766 Emission Reduction Grant Program**

Transportation Planner Veronica Lezama stated that the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District is now accepting grant applications for the AB2766 Emission Reduction Grant Program. The purpose is to reduce pollution from motor vehicles and other related purposes needed to implement the California Clean Air Act.

Ms. Lezama stated that staff is seeking information on member agencies proposed projects for the grant program.

Ms. McClintock stated that the City of San Juan Bautista is particularly interested in promoting the purchase of electric vehicles. Ms. McClintock stated that the City of San Juan Bautista is interested in implementing a coordinated biodiesel project.

Mr. Wittry stated that the City of Hollister is interested in a bike lanes project, which would extend the current bike lanes on San Felipe Road and bring the bike lanes closer to Santa Ana Road.

Ms. Rheinheimer suggested holding another meeting to discuss the potential of a biodiesel project and asked Ms. McClintock to take the lead in getting people together for the meeting.

Staff will come back with a list of projects at the May Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

## **13. Receive Final 2008 Short Range Transit Plan**

Transportation Planner Betty Li reported that The Local Transportation Authority staff has been working on the Final Short Range Transit Plan and presented the Board an implementation timeline on February 21, 2008. The Authority's Board approved the implementation timeline and it has been incorporated into the Final Plan. The Final Plan was adopted by the Board on March 20, 2008.

Highlights of the Final Plan include the following:

- Reverting to the 2004 system with minor modifications
- Fleet replacement plan
- Three fare increase options
- Recommendation to switch from tickets to tokens
- Capital and financial plans

Staff has begun implementing the recommendations of the Short Range Transit Plan.

Ms. Li noted that staff will hold a Public Hearing at the Board of Supervisors Chambers on April 17, 2008 at 5 p.m. to discuss Fare Increase Options.

Committee members requested an electronic copy of the Short Range Transit Plan.

Ms. Li noted that the Short Range Transit Plan is available on the County Express website at [www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org](http://www.SanBenitoCountyExpress.org).

*Upon a motion duly made by Jan McClintock and seconded by Steve Wittry, the Committee voted to adjourn the TAC meeting.*

**ADJOURN TO MEETING OF MAY 1, 2008 AT 2:00 p.m.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

### **9. Receive Update on the Highway 25 Bypass Project**

Transportation Planning Manager Mary Dinkuhn stated that staff continues to prepare for the upcoming detour at the Sunnyslope Road/Airline Highway intersection, which is now estimated to begin in early May.

Ms. Dinkuhn noted that staff met with the Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, AMR, and the Hollister Police Department. Staff is scheduled to meet with the Board of Supervisors and the Hollister City Council and will also be meeting with the California Department of Forestry, the Fire Department, and California Highway Patrol.

The Committee made the following suggestions:

- Speak with Mandy Rose at Integrated Waste Management (potential issues with garbage pick-up)
- Speak with Charter Communications
- Speak with local Grocery Stores regarding major distributors (Elixir, Couch, etc.)

Ms. Dinkuhn mentioned that on March 6, a portion of the Bypass at the intersection with San Felipe Road opened to the public.

Mr. Wittry mentioned that the City has received concerns regarding traffic backing up to Flynn Road. It seems that drivers are taking the Wright Road cutoff and then making a right turn, which is backing up the traffic at the temporary stop sign. The City is concerned that the traffic backup will worsen in July during the Hollister Independence Rally. The City inquired about installing 3-way stop signs in the area to alleviate congestion and leaving the stop signs in place until after the Hollister Independence Rally.

Staff will look into the possibility of installing 3-way stop signs.

Ms. Dinkuhn played the public service announcement (virtual detour) for the Committee's review.

The Committee suggested placing arrows or dots on the picture of the public service announcement going North, South, East, or West, to point drivers in the right direction.

### **10. Receive and Comment on Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Administrative Draft Overall Work Program**

Transportation Planner Veronica Lezama provided a Power-Point presentation on the Draft 2008/2009 Overall Work Program and reviewed some of the highlights of the program.

Ms. Lezama stated that as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, the Council of Governments is eligible to receive certain types of state and federal funds for preparing an Overall Work Program. The Overall Work Program is a one-year statement of proposed work and budget for the Council of Governments transportation planning activities.

Ms. Lezama noted that the COG Board will have an opportunity to comment on the draft Overall Work Program at the April 17, 2008 Board meeting.

The Committee suggested mentioning participation in the General Plan coordination.

### **11. Receive Report on California Statewide Needs Assessment Project**

Executive Director Lisa Rheinheimer stated that the California Statewide Needs Assessment Project will entail a comprehensive and systematic approach to quantify local streets and roads needs statewide. This information will be used to assist local and regional agencies in securing funding for their streets and roads infrastructure needs. The report will be a comprehensive analysis.

TAC member agencies were asked to gather the requested information and submit it to the Council of Governments by April 30, 2008. A regional summary will be developed by the Council of Governments and

**COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 3, 2008**

**2:00 PM**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lisa Rheinheimer, Council of Governments; Theresa Yee, San Benito County Public Works; Steve Wittry, City of Hollister Public Works; Mark McCumsey, Caltrans District 5; Jan McClintock, City of San Juan Bautista; Sean McRae, California Highway Patrol

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mary Dinkuhn, Transportation Planning Manager; Kathy Postigo, Administrative Services Specialist; Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planner; Betty Li, Transportation Planner; Monica Gomez, Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Lisa Rheinheimer, Executive Director called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING:**

*Upon a motion duly made by Jan McClintock and seconded by Steve Wittry, it was unanimously approved to acknowledge the Certificate of Posting.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Executive Director Lisa Rheinheimer announced that there will be a scoping meeting on the Highway 25 4-Lane Widening project today at the R.O. Hardin School from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Approve TAC Meeting Minutes dated February 7, 2008**
- 2. Receive Report on Available Funding through the Rural Safety Innovation Program**
- 3. Receive Report on Available Funding through High Risk Rural Roads (HR3) Program**
- 4. Receive Update on San Benito County Highway Projects**
- 5. Review the FY 2008/2009 Council of Governments Draft Budget**
- 6. Review the FY 2008/2009 Local Transportation Authority Draft Budget**
- 7. Review the FY 2008/2009 Measure A Authority Draft Budget**
- 8. Review the FY 2008/2009 Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Draft Budget**

*Upon a motion duly made by Steve Wittry, and seconded by Mark McCumsey, the committee unanimously approved Items 1-8.*