

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

June 5, 2008

2:00 PM

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Rheinheimer, Council of Governments; Bill Avera, City of Hollister Planning Department; Mark McCumsey, Caltrans District 5; Art Bliss, County Public Works Department; Sean McRae, California Highway Patrol; Art Henriques, County Planning Department

STAFF PRESENT:

Mary Dinkuhn, Transportation Planning Manager; Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planner; Betty Li, Transportation Planner; Monica Gomez, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claudia Espino, Judy Lang, Caltrans District 5

CALL TO ORDER:

Lisa Rheinheimer, Executive Director called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING:

Upon a motion duly made by Art Henriques, and seconded by Bill Avera, it was unanimously approved to acknowledge the Certificate of Posting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Art Henriques provided an update on the Santana Ranch and El Rancho San Benito projects.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve TAC Meeting Minutes dated May 1, 2008

2. Receive Report on Available Funding through the Federal Safe Routes to School Program

Upon a motion duly made by Art Henriques, and seconded by Bill Avera, the committee unanimously approved Items 1 and 2 from the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. Receive Update on the AMBAG 2008 Population, Employment, and Housing Forecast

Executive Director Lisa Rheinheimer requested to continue Item 3 to the next meeting agenda since the AMBAG representative was not present.

4. Receive Update on the Highway 25 Bypass Project

Transportation Planning Manager Mary Dinkuhn reported that the project construction is approximately 77% complete and the contractor continues work ahead of schedule.

Staff continues to prepare for the upcoming work at the Sunnyslope Road/Airline Highway intersection, which is now estimated to begin at the end of June, early July.

Mr. Henriques inquired if staff has received any complaints regarding traffic backup at the San Felipe Road and Highway 25 Intersection.

Ms. Dinkuhn stated that staff received a few indirect complaints when the four-way stop signs were first placed at that intersection however; staff has not received any direct complaints.

Ms. Rheinheimer noted that staff will be inviting Committee members to the grand opening ceremony.

Mr. Henriques suggested opening up the bypass to the community (as other communities have done) and allowing citizens to walk, bike, or skateboard etc., along the new road, prior to opening the road up to motor vehicles.

Staff was pleased with his suggestion and stated that they would look into celebrating the grand opening in a similar manner.

5. Receive Update on 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program

Executive Director Lisa Rheinheimer reported that the California Transportation Commission approved its Statewide Transportation Improvement Program last month. The Council of San Benito County Governments was very fortunate to receive \$47.2 million for the Route 156 Improvement Project, as well as \$10 million to move forward with the preliminary design and environmental studies for the Route 152 Mobility Partnership.

There was discussion amongst the Committee and staff.

6. Receive the Central Coast Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Implementation Plan

Transportation Planner Veronica Lezama reported that at the November 2007 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee received a presentation on the Central Coast Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Implementation Plan.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects involve the use of a broad range of advanced computer, wireless and wire line communications-based information, and electronics technologies.

As ITS projects are developed and implemented, staff is requesting that local agencies complete paperwork and submit it to COG, who in return will submit the paperwork to the Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Henriques requested a copy of the ITS Implementation Plan.

Ms. Lezama will provide a copy of the ITS Implementation Plan to Mr. Henriques and noted that the plan will also be available on COG's website.

7. Receive Presentation on System Analysis Study of Routes 25, 101, 152, and 156

Executive Director Lisa Rheinheimer introduced Claudia Espino and Judy Lang from Caltrans District 5, who provided a Power-Point presentation on the System Analysis Study of Routes 25, 101, 152, and 156.

Ms. Espino reviewed the 9 different scenarios and the highlights of the System Analysis Study with the Committee.

There was discussion amongst the Committee and Ms. Espino regarding the different scenarios.

Ms. Espino mentioned that other studies are already underway and agencies will be able to incorporate the Caltrans System Analysis Study into these studies.

In conclusion, Ms. Espino mentioned that the Final System Analysis Study is a technical report that can be used to guide decision makers to compliment other studies just as their study complimented the Southern Gateway Study.

Mr. Henriques inquired as to when the study would be made available to the public, and requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation Ms. Espino provided.

Ms. Espino stated that the final report will be made available to the public once it is presented to the COG Board at the June 19th COG meeting. Caltrans will also be presenting the study to the Valley Transportation Authority's Policy Advisory Board at a later date.

8. Consider Project Study Report Candidates for 2008/2009

Transportation Planning Manager Mary Dinkuhn stated that Caltrans District 5 has initiated a call for Project Study Report candidate projects for fiscal year 2008/2009. Staff has proposed a PSR to consider a Noise Attenuation Feasibility Study for existing route 156 in San Juan Bautista.

Staff requested that committee members advise Ms. Dinkuhn of any project study reports to ensure that they're submitted to Claudia Espino at Caltrans District 5. Reports must be submitted to Caltrans by July 1st for a project that is done by the 2010 cycle.

Ms. Espino stated that once she receives the reports she will arrange a pre-meeting to discuss the functional needs of the project.

9. Discuss July 2008 Meeting Date and Consider Cancellation

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that she planned on providing a report and discussion on the distribution of our Local Transportation Funds at the July 3rd meeting, however since the meeting falls near the holiday weekend, staff inquired if the committee would like to reschedule or cancel the July meeting.

After brief discussion amongst staff and committee members, the consensus of the committee was to cancel the July TAC meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Bill Avera and seconded by Art Henriques, the Committee voted to adjourn the TAC meeting.

ADJOURN TO MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2008 AT 2:00 p.m.