

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

May 7, 2009 2:00 PM

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Rheinheimer, Council of Governments; Bill Avera, City of Hollister Planning Department; Steve Wittry City of Hollister Public Works; Mark McCumsey, Caltrans District 5; Janelle Cox, County Public Works Department; Mitch Gabriel, City of San Juan Bautista; Sean McRae, California Highway Patrol

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Roemer, AMBAG

CALL TO ORDER:

Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING:

Upon a motion duly made by Bill Avera, and seconded by Steve Wittry, the Committee unanimously approved the Certificate of Posting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Wittry announced that the City of Hollister's preliminary data for the Highway 25 Bypass speed limit survey should be available sometime next week.

Ms. Lezama announced that San Benito County's Bike Week 2009 will be held May 10-16, 2009.

Ms. Dinkuhn announced that staff will hold the Highway 25 Safety and Operational Enhancements Groundbreaking Ceremony Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Construction is scheduled to begin in June.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **APPROVE** TAC Meeting Minutes dated April 2, 2009 – Gomez

Upon a motion duly made by Steve Wittry, and seconded by Bill Avera, the Committee approved Item 1.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **RECEIVE** Update on the Highway 25 Bypass Project – Dinkuhn

Ms. Dinkuhn reported that the contractor's work is substantially complete. COG staff continues work on outstanding items related to route transfer and resolution of right of way issues.

There was discussion about the route transfer to Caltrans. The transfer is expected to be complete in 12-16 months.

Ms. Dinkuhn mentioned that Caltrans has requested that COG submit 12 months of accident and maintenance data prior to the route transfer. In addition, COG must complete and submit a Storm Water Data Report and submit a Record of Survey. These reports will be completed over the next six months.

3. **RECEIVE** Report on the San Juan Highway Bike Lanes Project – Lezama

Ms. Lezama reported that the project includes the construction of a Class II bike lane on San Juan Highway from State Route 101 to Monterey Street in San Juan Bautista. The project is currently in the right-of-way phase. Construction on the project is anticipated to begin by the fall of 2009, pending funding advancement approval of \$252,000, from the California Transportation Commission.

Mr. Gabriel inquired about the area of the project that was shortened.

Ms. Lezama stated that the length of the project was shortened by half a mile on the north side, near Anzar High School.

4. **CONSIDER** 2010 Regional Transportation Plan Draft Goals and Policies and Project List – Dinkuhn

Ms. Dinkuhn stated that COG is required to update its Regional Transportation Plan every five years, with the next update scheduled for completion in 2010. Staff is working on a minor update this time because another update will be required in 2012, in order to meet all the SB375, AB32 requirements.

The Committee reviewed the 2005 policy element at its April meeting and provided general direction to staff. Staff updated the goals and policies according to TAC's direction and will present the Plan to the COG Board for review at its May meeting.

Staff recommended the deletion of Highway 25 Widening – Sunnyslope to Sunset project. The City of Hollister representatives did not see an issue with the deletion, but will notify staff if it is not recommended.

The City of Hollister representatives recommended preliminary discussions of the probable need of an additional north/south connector east of Fairview Road.

Staff recommended that TAC members review the project list and recommend additional changes as warranted. Staff will be presenting the Plan to the COG Board at its July meeting.

5. **RECEIVE** Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Dinkuhn

Ms. Dinkuhn provided an update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and reviewed the project delivery status.

Ms. Dinkuhn reported that under the new legislation, San Benito COG receives approximately \$2.3 million for highways, local streets and roads. There is a separate set-aside for transportation enhancements projects totaling \$75,721 for San Benito County. The Act also includes a set-aside for transit capital projects. The San Benito transit portion is \$374,275.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that Caltrans Division of Local Assistance issued draft guidance, setting forth guidelines for obligation of the funds. The state is requiring each region to obligate 50% of a portion of its Recovery funds prior to June 30 or risk losing future funding. This would require the San Benito region to obligate a minimum of approximately \$650,000. San Benito County anticipates that funds for the Southside Road Overlay project will be obligated by the June 30 deadline. This \$850,000 project will fulfill the obligation requirement.

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

ADJOURN TO MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2009 AT 2:00 P.M.