



**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS**

DATE: Thursday, December 21, 2023
4:00 P.M.

LOCATION: County Board of Supervisors Chambers
481 Fourth Street
Hollister, CA 95023

DIRECTORS: Bea Gonzales, Chair (County of San Benito)
Scott Freels, Vice Chair (City of San Juan Bautista)
Mia Casey (City of Hollister)
Dolores Morales (City of Hollister)
Mindy Sotelo (County of San Benito)

ALTERNATES: San Benito County: Kollin Kosmicki
City of San Juan Bautista: Jacki Morris-Lopez
City of Hollister: Rick Perez

NOTICE OF PROCEDURES FOR SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS MEETINGS

The meeting will be available through Zoom, for those who wish to join or require accommodations.

Members of the public may participate remotely via Zoom at the following link: <https://zoom.us/join> with the following: Webinar ID: 823-8891-6646 and Webinar Passcode: 566596

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*Persons who wish to address the Board of Directors must complete a Speaker Card and give it to the Clerk prior to addressing the Board. Those who wish to address the Board on an agenda item will be heard when the Chairperson calls for comments from the audience. Following recognition, persons desiring to speak are requested to advance to the podium and state their name and address. After hearing audience comments, the Public Comment portion of the agenda item will be closed. **The opportunity to address the Board of Directors on items of interest not appearing on the agenda will be provided during Section 3. Public Comment.***

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. Verification of Certificate of Posting
3. **Public Comment:** *(Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.)*

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.)

4. APPROVE SAFE Draft Action Regular Meeting Minutes Dated June 15, 2023 – Gomez

Adjourn to SAFE Meeting on January 18, 2024. Agenda deadline is January 2, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if requested, the Agenda can be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability. If an individual wishes to request an alternative agenda format, please contact the Clerk of the Council four (4) days prior to the meeting at (831) 637-7665. The Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Board of Directors meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board's office at (831) 637-7665 at least 48 hours before the meeting to enable the Council of Governments to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

Written Comments & Email Public Comment

Members of the public may submit comments via email by 5:00 PM. on the Wednesday prior to the Board meeting to the Secretary at monica@sanbenitocog.org, regardless of whether the matter is on the agenda. Every effort will be made to provide Board Members with your comments before the agenda item is heard.

Public Comment Guidelines

1. If participating on Zoom: once you are selected, you will hear that you have been unmuted. At this time, state your first name, last name, and county you reside in for the record.
2. The Council of Governments Board welcomes your comments.
3. Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes.
4. Please keep your comments brief, to the point, and do not repeat prior testimony, so that as many people as possible can be heard. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have questions, contact the Council of Governments, and leave a message at (831) 637-7665 x. 201, or email monica@sanbenitocog.org.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Pursuant to Government Code Section #54954.2(a) the Meeting Agenda for the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways on **December 21, 2023** at **4:00 P.M.** was posted at the following locations freely accessible to the public:

The front entrance of the San Benito County Administration Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023, and the Council of Governments Office, 330 Tres Pinos Rd., Ste. C7, Hollister, CA 95023 at the following date and time:

On the 15th day of December 2023, on or before 5:00 P.M.

The meeting agenda was also posted on the Council of San Benito County Governments website, www.sanbenitocog.org, under Meetings, SAFE, Meeting Schedule

I, Monica Gomez, swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

BY:



Monica Gomez, Secretary II
Council of San Benito County Governments

San Benito County
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
REGULAR MEETING
Board of Supervisors Chambers
481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023 & Zoom Platform
June 15, 2023 4:00 P.M.

ACTION MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Bea Gonzales, Vice-Chair Scott Freels, Director Mindy Sotelo, Director Dolores Morales

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Director Mia Casey

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director; Binu Abraham, Administrative Services Specialist; Norma Rivera, Transportation Planning Manager; Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planner; Regina Valentine (via-Zoom), Office Assistant; Griselda Arevalo, Secretary II; Monica Gomez, Deputy County Counsel; Shirley Murphy

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

2. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Motion made to acknowledge Certificate of Posting:

Motion: Director Mindy Sotelo Second: Director Dolores Morales

Motion carried: 4/0

Yes: Gonzales, Morales, Freels, Sotelo

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Casey

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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4. APPROVE SAFE Draft Action Regular Meeting Minutes Dated January 19, 2023 – Gomez

5. APPROVE SAFE Draft Action Regular Meeting Minutes Dated February 16, 2023 – Gomez

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Director Mindy Sotelo Second: Director Scott Freels

Motion carried: 4/0

Yes: Gonzales, Morales, Freels, Sotelo

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Casey

ACTION ITEMS:

4:00 P.M. Public Hearing (Or As Soon Thereafter As the Matter May Be Heard)

6. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) Budget – Rivera
 - a. RECEIVE Presentation on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Budget.
 - b. HOLD Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Safe Budget
 - c. ADOPT Resolution 23-03 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 SAFE Budget.

Administrative Services Specialist, Norma Rivera provided a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) and answered questions from the Board. Ms. Rivera noted that the budget changed slightly from the amount reported in May, due to a \$500 government tax that was implemented as of April 1st, which was incorporated into the budget.

Chair Gonzales opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Chair Gonzales closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Motion made to Adopt Agenda Item 6c as noted above:

Motion: Director Mindy Sotelo Second: Director Dolores Morales

Motion carried: 4/0

Yes: Gonzales, Morales, Freels, Sotelo

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Casey

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Director Morales motioned to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Motion seconded by Chair Gonzales.

Motion carried: 4/0

Yes: Gonzales, Morales, Freels, Sotelo

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Casey

ADJOURN TO ALUC MEETING AUGUST 17, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M.