



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

DATE: Thursday, February 15, 2024
4:00 p.m.

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

DIRECTORS: Scott Freels, Chair (City of San Juan Bautista)
Mia Casey, Vice-Chair (City of Hollister)
Dolores Morales (City of Hollister)
Angela Curro, (County of San Benito)
Mindy Sotelo (County of San Benito)
Ex Officio: Caltrans District 5

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER 4:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Verification of Certificate of Posting

5. **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 agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2 Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.)*

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6. APPROVE Council of Governments Regular Meeting Action Minutes Dated January 18, 2024 – Gomez

INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. RECEIVE Update on the Purpose and Development of the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan (MTP/RTP) – Borick
8. RECEIVE Outlined Priorities for Transit in 2024 – Kean
9. RECEIVE Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report – Caltrans Ex-Officio
10. Caltrans Report/Correspondence (Verbal Report) – Caltrans Ex-Officio
11. Executive Director’s Report (Verbal Report) – Abraham
12. Board of Directors’ Reports (Verbal Report)

Adjourn to COG Meeting on March 21, 2024. Agenda Deadline is March 05, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

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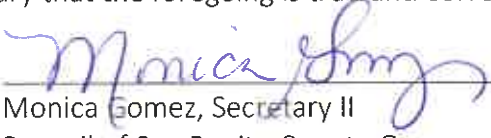
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BY: _____


Monica Gomez, Secretary II

Council of San Benito County Governments

COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
REGULAR MEETING
Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street,
Hollister, CA 95023 & Zoom Platform
January 18, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Scott Freels, Vice-Chair Mia Casey, Director Angela Curro, Director Mindy Sotelo, Director Dolores Morales, and Ex Officio Brandy Rider (via-Zoom); Caltrans District 5

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director; Binu Abraham, Transportation Planning Manager; Veronica Lezama, Administrative Services Specialist; Norma Rivera, Transportation Planner; Douglas Kean, Transportation Planner; Samuel Borick, Office Assistant; Griselda Arevalo; Secretary; Monica Gomez, Deputy County Counsel; Shirley Murphy.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leona Medearis-Peacher; Heather Adamson; Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Jill Leal, and Terry Thompson (via-Zoom); Caltrans District 5.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Freels called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Freels led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Secretary Gomez called the roll call and confirmed a quorum of Directors were present.

4. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Motion made to acknowledge Certificate of Posting:

Motion: Director Mindy Sotelo Second: Director Dolores Morales

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Casey, Curro, Sotelo, Morales, Freels

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vice Chair Freels stated for the record that COG received Mr. Joe Thompson’s public comment correspondence. The correspondence was entered into public record.

6. Certificate of Recognition

On behalf of the COG Board, Vice-Chair Freels presented a certificate of recognition to Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planning Manager, in appreciation for 20 years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the Council of San Benito County Governments and looked forward to seeing her continued success.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. COG Board Chair and Vice Chairperson Election and Committee Appointments – Freels

- a. HOLD Nomination and Election of COG Chair and Vice Chairperson for the 2024 Meeting Calendar.

Motion made to Elect Scott Freels as COG Chairperson for 2024:

Motion: Director Mia Casey Second: Director Mindy Sotelo

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Curro, Casey, Sotelo, Morales, Freels

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

Motion made to Elect Mia Casey as COG Vice Chairperson for 2024:

Motion: Director Dolores Morales Second: Director Angela Curro

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Curro, Casey, Sotelo, Morales, Freels

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

- b. APPROVE Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).

Motion made to Appoint Vice Chair Casey as Delegate and Director Morales as Alternate for CALCOG:

Motion: Director Mindy Sotelo Second: Director Dolores Morales

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Curro, Casey, Sotelo, Morales, Freels

No: None

Recused: None
Abstention: None
Absent: None

c. APPROVE Appointment of Two Representatives to the San Benito/Santa Clara Mobility Partnership (One City of Hollister Representative and One Other Representative).

Motion made to Appoint Director Sotelo and Director Morales as Reps. to the San Benito/Santa Clara Mobility Partnership:

Motion: Director Angela Curro Second: Vice Chair Mia Casey
Motion carried: 5/0
Yes: Curro, Casey, Sotelo, Morales, Freels
No: None
Recused: None
Abstention: None
Absent: None

d. APPROVE Appointment of Representative to Speak on Behalf of COG at Central Coast Coalition Meetings.

Motion made to Appoint Director Curro as Representative to the CCC meetings:

Motion: Director Mindy Sotelo Second: Director Dolores Morales
Motion carried: 5/0
Yes: Curro, Casey, Sotelo, Morales, Freels
No: None
Recused: None
Abstention: None
Absent: None

Motion made to Appoint Vice Chair Casey as Alternate to the CCC meetings:

Motion: Director Angela Curro Second: Director Dolores Morales
Motion carried: 5/0
Yes: Curro, Casey, Sotelo, Morales, Freels
No: None
Recused: None
Abstention: None
Absent: None

There was no public comment on item 7a-d.

CLOSED SESSION:

The COG Board Convened to Closed Session at 4:10 p.m.

8. Public Employee Appointment

Title: COG Legal Counsel

Government Code section 54957(b)(1)&(4)

The COG Board reconvened from Closed Session at 5:47 p.m.

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy, stated that the COG Board deliberated in closed session regarding Public Employee Appointment, COG Legal Counsel, under Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)&(4). The COG Board selected the combined firms of Sloan Sakai and Law Office of Kirk E. Trost and delegated Authority to the Executive Director to negotiate a contract and if there are any significant issues to bring it back for further direction from the COG Board.

All in favor by unanimous vote: 5/0

Voting for: Curro, Casey, Sotelo, Morales, Freels

Voting against: None

There was no public comment on item 8.

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9. APPROVE Council of Governments Action Regular Meeting Minutes Dated December 21, 2023 – Gomez

10. RECEIVE the 2024 Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting Calendar – Aceves

11. ADOPT Resolution No. 2024-01 Authorizing the COG Executive Director to Carry-Over and Program Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) Funds Totaling \$49,857.76 from the Previous Fiscal Year – Lezama

12. APPROVE Cathedral Oaks Consulting Contract Amendment #3 - Aceves

There was no public comment on Consent.

Motion made to Approve Consent Agenda 9-12:

Motion: Director Mia Casey Second: Director Mindy Sotelo

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Curro, Casey, Sotelo, Morales, Freels

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None
Absent: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

13. RECIEVE Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report – Brandy Rider, Caltrans

Caltrans Deputy District Director for Transportation Planning, Brandy Rider, provided an update on major construction projects on the Caltrans State Highway System in San Benito County and answered questions from the Board.

Director Sotelo inquired about the Hwy 156 project, stating these were questions that came up at the Board of Supervisors meeting. She asked about the status on what still needs to be done to prohibit left hand turns on Hwy 156. She also asked what the level of condition (traffic index, type of pavement levels) expected once the Hwy 156 project is completed, and the frontage road is turned over to the County. Lastly, she asked the status on last month’s request for maps of Hwy 156 in its entirety.

Ms. Rider stated that Caltrans is working on an appropriate type of signage package to be installed, anticipated to be done in the next several weeks. Caltrans will provide an update when it gets closer to being installed. Regarding the frontage road, Caltrans plans to give the road back to the County in a state of good repair. Caltrans offered to meet with the County to provide more detailed information and mapping. Lastly, regarding last month’s request for maps of Hwy 156, Caltrans is working on two different sets of mapping 1) mapping of the entire corridor, expected to be completed in the next couple of weeks. 2) mapping of the detour, expected to take a couple of months because they are still working those details out with construction.

Regarding prohibiting left hand turns on Hwy 156, Chair Freels requested that the word gets out on social media as soon as possible.

Caltrans will work with staff to get announcements out to the public. Caltrans also encouraged that the County reach out to CHP advising them about the resolution that passed, so they can be prepared for enforcement.

There was no public comment.

14. Caltrans Report/Correspondence – Brandy Rider, Caltrans

Caltrans Deputy District Director for Transportation Planning, Brandy Rider, announced that the California State Transportation Agencies have announced an open call for applicants to serve on the Interagency Equity Advisory Committee. It is a fifteen member committee that advises agencies on how to achieve meaningful outcomes and transportation equity. Committee applications are open until February 4.

There was no public comment.

15. Executive Director’s Report – Abraham

Executive Director Abraham announced that Transportation Planning Manager, Veronica Lezama’s last day with COG is January 24, 2024. She expressed how much COG appreciates all the work she has done over the last 20 years and wished her the best in her future endeavors. She was also pleased to announce the addition of two Transportation Planners to the COG team, Douglas Kean, and Samuel Borick. Ms. Abraham mentioned that she is working with SBC Water District on their plans to bring water pipeline to San Juan Bautista via the Hwy 156 frontage road. Ms. Abraham announced that staff submitted the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) application on December 20th. She expressed appreciation to Administrative Services Specialist, Norma Aceves and Steve VanDenburgh, Consultant with Cathedral Oaks, for all of their work. Lastly, Ms. Abraham announced that COG’s Highway 25 Workshop is scheduled for January 31, 2024. Staff will also be reaching out to the COG Board to schedule the COG Board Retreat and Strategic Planning meeting.

There was no public comment.

16. Board of Directors’ Reports –

Director Curro stated that she was excited about being on COG and looked forward to working and building that partnership with everyone.

Vice Chair Casey stated that COG got a lot of work done last year and she recommended working with the Executive Director to prepare a public announcement regarding COG’s 2023 accomplishments that can be shared with the community through social media.

Chair Freels inquired about the maintenance of the bus stop shelters. He noted that the bus stop shelter on Fourth and San Benito Street needed to be cleaned.

Executive Director Abraham stated that MV Transit and COG staff have been maintaining the bus stop shelters. She noted that staff is aware of the issue and is looking into it.

Director Morales expressed appreciation to Veronica Lezama, not just for all of the work she has done for COG over the years, but for the community as well.

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Director Sotelo motioned to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

Motion seconded by Director Casey.

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Curro, Casey, Sotelo, Morales, Freels

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

ADJOURN TO COG MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.



STAFF REPORT

Information

Prepared By: Samuel Borick,
Transportation Planner
Subject: 2050 MTP/RTP Update

Agenda Item No. 7

Approved By: Binu Abraham, Executive
Director
Meeting Date: February 15, 2024

Recommendation:

Receive update on the purpose and development of the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan (MTP/RTP)

Summary:

This staff report provides the COG Board with information regarding the contents, purpose, and development of the Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plans.

Background/ Discussion:

The Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) develops a comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years with the intention of addressing the current and future transportation needs of the entire county. The RTP is designed to guide transportation planning priorities over a minimum of 25-year period. The plan considers a variety of factors, including projected regional growth, input from the public, projected funding estimates, and directives from the COG Board of Directors. The final adopted RTP is a supporting document that is developed in close coordination with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which is created by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG). The MTP developed by AMBAG is broader in scope and it addresses the context and future needs of transportation systems across Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito counties.

Features of the RTP

1. The RTP offers crucial context regarding the region's geographic setting, economic composition, and long-term demographic trends. This context shapes the general development of the plan and influences the selection of projects supported therewithin. By articulating goals that reflect the core values of both the county and state, the RTP establishes a guiding framework for future decision-making processes.
2. The RTP offers practical insights into the current and projected travel patterns and regional dynamics of San Benito County. This contextual information is essential for understanding the underlying issues and concerns that influence the transportation

projects included in the RTP. Additionally, the RTP analyzes the county's existing transportation infrastructure, emphasizing the alignment of regional priorities with anticipated future growth.

3. The RTP offers a comprehensive insight into the financial dimensions of transportation projects across the county. By outlining projected revenues and funding sources for the next 25 years, the RTP aims to prioritize projects in an effective manner. This ensures that the identified projects are supported with available funding, facilitating tangible improvements to our transportation infrastructure.

Towards Completion: Current Work and Next Phases

The current MTP and RTP, adopted in 2022, provide forecasts and planning initiatives until 2045. The new update of MTP and RTP, scheduled for adoption in 2026, provides planning staff with an opportunity to address the changing needs and priorities of the community and reassess the assumptions that guide our analysis. The horizon year for the new update will be 2050.

Currently, AMBAG and its regional partners are soliciting public feedback on the Notice of Preparation for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR will assess potential environmental effects resulting from the planning process. The public comment period opened on January 26th, 2024, and closes on March 1st, 2024. Opportunities exist for written submissions regarding the EIR scope, and public workshops hosted by AMBAG, in coordination with SBCOG, are scheduled for February 21st and 22nd. The resulting EIR will serve as the EIR for both the MTP and RTP. The incorporation of these public engagement activities ensures the plan reflects the diverse perspectives and needs of the community.

In the coming months SBCOG will shift its focus to coordinate with AMBAG in the development of the regional growth forecast models. These forecasts will summarize population, job, and housing trends both across the entire Monterey Bay area and in county specific contexts.

COG staff will work in partnership with AMBAG to ensure modeling efforts reflect the goals and vision of San Benito as these forecasts are influential in determining how planning and funding opportunities are approached in the future. COG staff is actively in collaboration with AMBAG on this matter.

The San Benito County RTP serves as a crucial tool for shaping a resilient and responsive transportation system that meets the future needs of the community while preserving the region's unique rural character.

Financial Impact:

This has no financial impact.



STAFF REPORT

Information

Prepared By: Douglas Kean,
Transportation Planner

Subject: Transit Priorities

Agenda Item No. 8

Approved By: Binu Abraham, Executive
Director

Meeting Date: February 15, 2024

Recommendation:

Receive outlined priorities for transit in 2024.

Summary:

COG aims to boost post-pandemic ridership for LTA by analyzing causes, improving timeliness, frequency, alignment with land use, and enhancing transit facilities based on best practices and community input.

Background/ Discussion:

The COG is responsible for authorizing funding to the LTA and ensures that public participation processes and needs assessments are conducted. LTA services have seen a decrease in ridership since the pandemic. As of now, ridership has not bounced back to pre-COVID levels, which is the case at both a state and national level. Staff would like to investigate the causes of this ridership deficit and identify strategies to remedy it.

Staff deem it necessary to understand who isn't riding our service, why they're not riding it, and how that can be changed to make transit an attractive mode of travel for the community. Staff have identified three key areas to focus on.

1. Measuring productivity of transit services - Timeliness, predictability, and frequency
 - a. Measuring effectiveness of service improvements through enhanced data collection and performance measures.
 - b. Analyzing current scheduling practices and their effect on service predictability and ease of use for riders.
 - c. Assessing the frequency of current services offered and determining if and where additional services should be added.
2. Alignment of land use patterns and transit operations
 - a. Develop transit routes around high-density residential and commercial centers.

- b. Greater coordination between SBCOG, City of Hollister, the County of San Benito, and City of San Juan Bautista to examine alignment between transit operations and land use patterns.
3. Promoting Transit Awareness - Transit facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian improvements.
- a. New signage, bus shelters, and other amenities to increase the visual presence and importance of transit.
 - b. The addition of pedestrian and bicycle improvements within the vicinity of transit stops to improve safety for riders and the community at large.
 - c. The creation of mobility hubs surrounded by enhanced walking and biking facilities.

Staff would like to explore these factors that might boost transit ridership and develop strategies based on those very factors, paired with our rider feedback to make our transit more equitable, convenient, reliable, and accessible for the community as a whole.

Financial Impact:

This has no financial impact.



PROJECT UPDATE - SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024, COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS MEETING

Agenda Item: 9

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
1. Highway 25/156 Roundabout (1J480)	Intersection of SR 25/156, north of Hollister (PM 54.048)	Construct Roundabout	June 2022 - February 2024	\$10.9 million	SHOPP	Terry Thompson	Graniterock Construction	Project is currently waiting for appropriate weather to complete final striping.
2. Highway 156 Improvement Project (34490)	In and near San Juan Bautista, from The Alameda to slightly east of Fourth Street (PM 3.0/R8.2)	Construct four-lane expressway	August 2022 - Fall 2025	\$89.7 million	STIP/Local	Terry Thompson	Teichert Construction	Continued construction activities. Installed No Left-Hand Turn signs on State Route 156 at Bixby Rd, Lucy Brown Lane, and Flint Rd. Union Rd detour scheduled for Summer of 2024.
3. Highway 25 Curve Alignment Restoration (1H810)	Near Hollister, just north of San Benito Lateral (PM 18.8/19.1)	Curve restoration	March 2023 - Fall 2024	\$5.4 million	SHOPP	Terry Thompson	Teichert Construction	Excavation and paving activities have been completed. Construction project will remain open until Fall 2024 to monitor soil stability (weather permitting).
4. Hollister Clean CA (1P531)	On Route 25 in San Benito County from Sunset Dr. to Santa Ana Rd. (PM 49.9/51.2)	Install beautification, transportation art, and safety measure enhancement project in Caltrans R/W.	April 2023 – Summer 2025	\$1.2 million	Clean CA	Terry Thompson	Bortolussi & Watkin, Inc.	Construction is on-going.



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
5. U.S 101 Southbound Connector Extension (1N910)	In San Benito County 3.0 miles West of San Juan Bautista at SR-156 and U.S. Route 101	Extend westbound connector an additional 1800 feet and construct a ramp meter	TBD	TBD	Minor A	Terry Thompson	PA&ED	Continued surveys and environmental studies.
6. SR 156/Alameda EB Right-Turn Channelization (1P300)	In San Juan Bautista at the intersection of SR 156 and The Alameda (PM 2.9/3.1)	Installation of eastbound right-turn channelization from SR 156 onto the Alameda	Spring 2024	TBD	Oversight/Local	Terry Thompson/ Paul Valadao	PA&ED	Caltrans is actively collaborating with the City's design team on inquiries regarding adjacent/affected property owners. The City's design team submitted DEER to Caltrans for review.
7. Highway 25 Expressway Conversion - San Felipe, Segment 1 (48541)	San Felipe Road to 0.3 miles north of Hudner Lane (0.8 mi west of SR 25 to 0.5 miles east of SR 25)	Conversion of 2-lane conventional highway to a 4-lane expressway	N/A	N/A	Local	Terry Thompson	PA&ED	Two workshops are being proposed for Caltrans and SBCOG to determine the range of project alternative needed to align this project with SB743 VMT guidelines.



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
8. Rocks Road US 101 Wildlife Connectivity Project (1Q260)	In San Benito County in the Aromas Hills (PM 0.0/2.8)	Identify wildlife crossing opportunities to connect important habitat on both sides of US 101 and improve safety for drivers and wildlife	TBD	TBD	State Funded	Terry Thompson	PID	Developing PID document by preparing project alternatives. Grant funding was awarded to the wildlife Connectivity Project.

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS REPORT:

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
CMIA	Corridor Mobility Improvement Account
CTC	California Transportation Commission
DEER	Design Engineering Evaluation Report
ED	Environmental Document
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document
PID	Project Initiation Document
PM	Post Mile
PS&E	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates
RTL	Ready to List
RW	Right of Way
SBI	Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
SCL	Santa Clara County Line

SHOPP	State Highway Operation and Protection Program
SR	State Route
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TBD	To Be Determined
TMS	Traffic Management System
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled