

COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 1, 2010

10:00 AM

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Art Bliss, David Rubcic, Tenille Ramirez, Tim Saxon, Jack Bachofer, Jeanne Melius

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Rheinheimer, Executive Director; Veronica Lezama, Transportation Planner; Monica Gomez, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Pro Tempore Art Bliss called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE OF POSTING:

*Upon a motion duly made by Tim Saxon, and seconded by Art Bliss, the Committee unanimously approved the Certificate of Posting.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Rheinheimer provided a brief update on the San Juan Highway Bike Lanes project and announced that staff was successful in getting the last signatures for the remaining property. This allows them to move forward to the next phase of work. The project should go out to bid this winter and begin construction in mid-April.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **APPROVE** Draft Meeting Minutes dated January 8, 2010 – Gomez

David Rubcic pulled item 1 and noted a correction to the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph under Member Announcements.

Mr. Rubcic stated that the last sentence should read "The project will **repave Nash Road from San Benito Street to West Street** and it will include bike lanes."

*Upon a motion duly made by Tim Saxon and seconded by Art Bliss, the Committee approved Item 1 with the noted correction.*

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **RECOMMEND** a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Member to Serve on the Regional Transportation Plan Advisory Committee (RTPAC) – Gilbert

Ms. Rheinheimer reported that the Council of Governments is in the early stages of developing its 2012 Regional Transportation Plan update. As part of the update process, the Council of Governments is soliciting community members to serve on an advisory committee.

The Regional Transportation Plan Advisory Committee will advise the Council of Governments on the development of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan. Meetings will be scheduled on a quarterly basis for a total of six between November 2010 and May 2012. The COG Board will appoint committee members based on their applications. In order to ensure a manageable committee, staff recommends that there be no more than 11 members.

Jack Bacher stated that he volunteered on behalf of the Hollister School District to be a part of the RTPAC committee.

Staff handed out Regional Transportation Plan Advisory Committee Applications for BPAC members to review and/or distribute.

### **3. RECOMMEND** Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Facilities Projects for Priority Implementation – Lezama

Ms. Lezama provided a report on bicycle and pedestrian facilities projects for priority implementation.

After some discussion about projects for priority implementation, the Committee identified the following projects:

1. Santa Ana Road Sidewalk Gap Project
2. Bikeway Striping, Monterey Street, Sally Street, and San Benito County Street.

Projects were ranked based on constructability within the next five years or sooner. Project funding will be identified once construction bids are submitted for the San Juan Highway Bike Lanes Project.

### **4. SELECT** Bicycle Parking Sticker for Placement on Existing Bicycle Racks in Hollister, the County, and San Juan Bautista – Lezama

Ms. Lezama stated that the Council of Governments designed bicycle parking stickers for the Committee's consideration. The stickers would be placed on various bicycle racks in the City of Hollister, the County, and San Juan Bautista. The stickers will assist cyclist in identifying bicycle racks available for use. Staff provided several options for the Committee's review.

After some discussion, the Committee provided the following recommendations for bicycle parking stickers:

1. Bike from Option G
2. Lettering from Option A (black font)
3. Option D octagon shape, no border, in yellow highlight background

*Upon a motion duly made by Jeanne Melius, and seconded by Tenille Ramirez, the Committee approved the bicycle parking sticker with the above noted recommendations.*

### **5. RECEIVE** Report on the 2010 Rideshare Week Promotion – Lezama

Ms. Lezama reported that Rideshare Week, October 4-10, encourages thousands of commuters to try an alternative method of commuting, other than driving alone, by rewarding them for their efforts. Commuters that make a commitment to use a sustainable form of transportation to get to work at least

one day during Rideshare Week can enter to win prizes.

San Benito County Rideshare promotes Rideshare Week to fit the unique character of San Benito County. San Benito County Rideshare will promote Rideshare Week by placing ads in the newspaper, radio announcements, entry forms, bus stop ads, and on the Rideshare Week website.

Ms. Lezama stated that she would forward the entry forms in pdf. to Committee members.

#### **6. RECEIVE Report on AB2766 Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program – Lezama**

Ms. Lezama reported that on September 15, 2010, the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District awarded San Benito County five AB2766 Vehicle Emission Reduction Program grants. The funds are to be used solely for the purposes of reducing pollution from motor vehicles and other related purposes needed to implement the California Clean Air Act.

The Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District awarded the Council of Governments and the Local Transportation Authority five FY 09/10 AB2766 Vehicle Emission Reduction grants for the following projects:

1. Tri-County Bike Week  
Awarded Amount: \$61,000
2. Regional Rideshare Program Website Development  
Awarded Amount: \$25,000
3. Safe Routes to School and Countywide Bicycle Maps  
Awarded Amount: \$10,000
4. Bicycle Racks on County Express Vehicles  
Awarded Amount: \$11,359
5. Sunday Intercounty Greyhound and Weekday Gavilan Service  
Awarded Amount \$50,000

Tenille Ramirez stated that San Andreas School received the Safe Routes to School maps however; the school does not have a designated safe route.

Ms. Lezama stated that staff would look into the possibility of modifying the maps to incorporate the school in the next print job of maps.

Mr. Bachofer stated that having the maps in Spanish will be helpful as well.

Ms. Lezama stated that the Spanish version of maps were just completed and will be printed sometime in January 2011.

Ms. Lezama noted that projects will be implemented once the grant agreements are approved by the Council of Governments and Local Transportation Authority in late 2010 or early 2011.

*Upon a motion duly made by Tenille Ramirez, and seconded by Jeanne Melius, the Committee voted to adjourn the BPAC meeting.*

**ADJOURN TO MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2011 AT 10:00 a.m.**