

**San Benito County
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MEETING**

June 18, 2009 2:30 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice-Chair Edge, Director De La Cruz, Director Emerson, Director Gomez, and Director Loe

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn; Transportation Planner, Betty Li; Secretary, Monica Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Murray, Caltrans District 5

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Edge called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

A. ACKNOWLEDGE Certificate of Posting

Upon a motion duly made by Director Loe, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Directors unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Thompson

Mr. Thompson comments were in regards to the LTA Board and its violation of the Brown Act. Mr. Thompson stated that the Board is guilty of the same thing that the Valley Transportation Authority was indicted for in 2004.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approve** LTA Transactions Report (Financial Claims) dated May 2009 – Postigo
2. **Approve** LTA Meeting Minutes dated May 21, 2009 – Gomez
3. **Approve** Special Joint Meeting Minutes dated May 21, 2009 – Gomez
4. **Receive** County Express Monthly Operations Report for the Month of May 2009 – LiOwen
5. **Receive** Jovenes de Antaño Specialized Transportation Services Monthly Service Report for the Month of May 2009 – LiOwen
6. **Approve** and **Authorize** Chair to Sign Contract Between the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) and San Benito County for Personnel Services for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 – Postigo
7. **Approve** and **Authorize** Chair to Sign Contract with Pacific Municipal Consulting for County Express Brochure Designs which Extends the Expiration Date to December 31, 2009 and Increases the Budget by \$1,800 - LiOwen

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Directors unanimously approved Items 1-7 from the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

8. Receive Report on Caltrain Service to Gilroy (Verbal Report) – Rheinheimer

Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer, provided an update on the proposed Gilroy Caltrain extension suspension.

The Board of Supervisors and Hollister City Council passed resolutions opposing a proposed Gilroy Caltrain extension suspension. Ms. Rheinheimer and COG staff attended the public hearing in San Carlos and testified before the San Carlos Joint Powers Board.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that it appears that the Caltrain service to Gilroy will continue based on their staff's recommendation, as well as the Caltrain weekend service.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that she will provide an update on this item once the final vote is taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Thompson

Mr. Thompson stated that it seemed strange to him that the people who think they provide transport policy for San Benito County did not consult the Citizen's Rail Advisory Committee about this transportation policy decision.

Mr. Thompson asked if the Golden Gate Bridge requires attention, would the Executive Director be dispatched to the Golden Gate Bridge because San Benito County residents occasionally use the Golden Gate Bridge. Mr. Thompson stated that our jurisdiction ends at the San Benito County line.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

9. Approve Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget for the Local Transportation Authority – Postigo

Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget for the Local Transportation Authority.

The Local Transportation Authority's (LTA) total budget for FY 2009/2010 is \$1.9 million. Overall, the Budget for FY 2009/2010 is \$245 below the FY 2008/2009 Budget.

Ms. Postigo noted that pending grant applications will be amended into the Budget at a future date if the funds become available.

In summary, the LTA Budget meets the goals and objectives of the agency and matches revenues with expenses.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Thompson

Mr. Thompson asked to remember his standing objection to the items that the COG Board passes on the agenda. He stated that he objects to the jurisdiction and illegality of the COG Board for its violation of the California State Constitution. Mr. Thompson stated that if the Board continues on the current policy, they will ruin us.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Directors unanimously approved Item 9.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Loe, and seconded by Director Emerson, the Director's unanimously voted to adjourn the LTA meeting.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING JULY 16, 2009.