

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

August 5, 2010 2:00 PM

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Rheinheimer, Council of Governments; Bill Avera, City of Hollister Planning Department; Rudi Golnik, City of Hollister Engineering Department; Tim Saxon, California Highway Patrol; Mitch Gabriel, City of San Juan Bautista; Mark McCumsey, Caltrans District 5; Mitch Gabriel, City of San Juan Bautista; Arman Nazemi, San Benito County Public Works

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brandy Rider, Adam Fukushima, Garin Schneider, Darleen Panico, Caltrans District 5

CALL TO ORDER:

Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Rheinheimer announced that the flyover at the Interchange of State Highway Routes 152 and 156 will be dedicated to Mr. Zanger as the "Joseph A. Zanger Memorial Flyover"

Mr. Golnik inquired about upcoming projects.

Ms. Rheinheimer mentioned that the Traffic Impact Fee Program update is coming up and will be on the next meeting agenda.

Ms. Gilbert stated that staff is starting work on the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan update. Staff has also been working with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) on their Blueprint Plan.

Ms. Gilbert mentioned that she attended a workshop this morning for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program funded through the Strategic Growth Council. Applications are due August 31st. There are funds available to local jurisdictions for planning activities. Staff will forward the grant information to Committee members.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **APPROVE** TAC Meeting Minutes dated July 1, 2010 – Gomez

Upon a motion duly made by Mitch Gabriel, and seconded by Bill Avera, the Committee approved Item 1 from the Consent agenda.

The Committee directed staff to place the May 6th meeting minutes on the next meeting agenda for approval.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **RECEIVE** Update from Caltrans Local Assistance (Verbal Report) – Rheinheimer

Garin Schneider from Caltrans District 5 provided an update on the Toll Credits (off system bridges) and stated that if local off system bridges meet the requirements; the federal government will cover 100% of the cost.

Mr. Schneider noted that all of the information on “Toll Credits” is on the website and encouraged members to look at the Caltrans Headquarters website for the most up-to-date information. Mr. Schneider mentioned that Caltrans has been sending out emails with the most current updates.

Darleen Panico noted that any Requests for Authorization for the 09/10 fiscal year need to be in by August 15, 2010.

There was discussion about different grant programs, such as the “signage program” that are available through Caltrans. Mr. Schneider provided some information and also referred everyone to the Caltrans Headquarters website for more information. Additional questions can be directed to Mikie Wickersham, the program coordinator.

3. **RECEIVE** and **COMMENT** on the FY 2010-11 to 2013-14 Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) – Lezama

Ms. Lezama stated that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is soliciting comment on the FY 2010-11 to 2013-14 Draft Monterey Bay Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The public comment period opened on July 26, 2010 and will close on August 26, 2010.

Ms. Rheinheimer noted how important it was for the City and County to ensure that their projects are accurately listed in the MTIP, otherwise, the projects will not go through.

Ms. Lezama mentioned that she has been working with City and County staff to ensure that the project list is accurate; however, staff encouraged the City and County to review the MTIP with their staff for accuracy as well.

4. **RECEIVE** Update on the Highway 25 Safety and Operational Enhancements Project – Dinkuhn

Ms. Gilbert provided an update on the project and stated that construction is nearing completion with construction scheduled to be complete in mid-August.

The contractor completed the pavement overlay in mid-July. The contractor constructed the rumble strips along the shoulders and inside median, and completed final striping.

Ms. Gilbert noted that staff updated project financial reports and identified a potential balance of funding when construction is complete. Staff worked with the project design team and construction personnel to identify additional improvements to the project area; however, no major improvements were identified. New signage will be placed along the project area and minor drainage improvements have been made. Additional funds may be used to fund project closeout and pay any valid claims submitted by the contractor.

Staff will be sending out invitations for the project completion celebration at the end of August.

5. RECEIVE Update on the Demolition and Removal of the COG Owned Excess Building (Verbal Report) – Rheinheimer

Ms. Rheinheimer reported that the former South Valley Trailer building has been successfully demolished and removed.

The Leadership group will start construction of the “Welcome to Hollister” sign, which will be located at the corner of the Highway 25 Bypass and San Felipe Road. Ms. Rheinheimer mentioned that the Redevelopment Agency helped with funding for the demolition and removal of the old building, as well as funding for the cost of the “Welcome to Hollister” sign.

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

ADJOURN TO MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 AT 2:00 P.M.