

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

**December 2, 2010 2:00 PM**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lisa Rheinheimer, Council of Governments; Rudi Golnik, City of Hollister Engineering Department; Tim Saxon, California Highway Patrol; Steve Wittry, San Benito County Public Works; Gary Armstrong, San Benito County Planning Department; Mark McCumsey, Caltrans District 5

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mary Gilbert, Transportation Planning Manager; Monica Gomez, Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Richard Rosales, Caltrans District 5

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **APPROVE** TAC Meeting Minutes dated November 4, 2010 – Gomez

*Upon a motion duly made by Tim Saxon, and seconded by Steve Wittry, the Committee approved Item 1 from the Consent agenda.*

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

2. **RECEIVE** Update on the 2011 Traffic Impact Fee Program – Gilbert

Ms. Gilbert stated that a project team made up of COG, City, and County staff has met bi-weekly with the consultants to monitor the progress of the fee update.

Ms. Gilbert stated that the Consultant prepared an “existing deficiencies list” using the AMBAG model. The Consultant will be providing information on what future deficiencies are and the projects that could potentially be on the impact fee list. Once this information is received and the project cost information is determined there will be a better idea of what the impact fee will be.

Ms. Gilbert reported that the project team held a successful stakeholders meeting this week.

Mr. Wittry mentioned that there needs to be more discussion on the aspects of how and where the zoning lines are drawn as it will have an effect on on the County.

Ms. Gilbert noted that the zoning item will be on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Ms. Gilbert stated that the Draft Traffic Impact Fee Program should be available by the end of the year.

Mr. Wittry noted that the projects should be identified by the end of the year; however, the final cost numbers may not be available.

Ms. Rheinheimer mentioned that COG staff will schedule a meeting between COG, the City Manager, and County Administrative Officer to determine how they should proceed.

Ms. Rheinheimer noted that the Blueprint will have a significant impact on future developments as they will associate documentation from the blueprint to the planning documents as well as future planning documents.

### **3. COMMENT** on the 2010 Draft Monterey Bay Regional Blueprint Plan – Gilbert

Ms. Gilbert stated that COG, City of Hollister, and San Benito County staff worked with AMBAG to identify priority areas for development in these areas, which are reflected in the Draft document. The Draft is now available for public review and comment. The plan and technical appendix are also available for download at [www.ambag.org/programs/blueprint/index.html](http://www.ambag.org/programs/blueprint/index.html).

After some discussion the committee and staff identified the following comments:

- All maps should be reviewed to ensure that SR 156 from San Juan Bautista to Hollister is identified.
- The Blueprint should more clearly identify that it is a guidance document, and local control over planning decisions will not be impacted by the Blueprint's findings and recommendations.
- The Blueprint includes discussion of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment as it pertains to Monterey and San Benito Counties. The discussion should note that in San Benito County, the Assessment is prepared by the Council of San Benito County Governments for the City of Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and San Benito County.
- AMBAG may consider including a discussion of the Blueprint's limitations related to the economy. The Blueprint was developed over a number of years and relies on data which may not be representative of the current economic climate in the region.

Ms. Gilbert stated that the comments will be included along with any COG Board comments in a letter to AMBAG to be provided following the December 16 COG meeting.

### **4. Central Coast U.S. 101 Corridor Improvements – Gilbert**

- a. **DISCUSS** the U.S. 101 Corridor in San Benito County and the Central Coast, and
- b. **COMMENT** on Draft Memorandum of Understanding between San Benito COG , the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, and Santa Barbara Association of Governments

Ms. Gilbert reported that COG staff has met with staff from Caltrans and other agencies in Caltrans District 5. The group has proposed the adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide a

foundation for closer coordination to seek funding for the improvement of the U.S. 101 corridor in the Central Coast.

Ms. Rheinheimer noted that there is no commercial development along San Benito County's portion of the U.S. 101 corridor, which runs from the Red Barn to the Santa Clara County line near Betabel Road. Ms. Rheinheimer stated that there will have to be some discussion to be able to figure out what types of improvements are needed along the corridor to support future development.

The City and County representatives recommended that Ms. Rheinheimer mention the discussion about future development along the U.S. 101 Corridor when meeting with the County Administrative Officer.

After brief discussion there was a consensus from the Committee in recommending that the COG Board adopt the Memorandum of Understanding and works in the future to identify deficiencies in projects.

Richard Rosales stated that Caltrans has some information to bring to the table as they started a PSR study called "Los Aromitas" about nine years ago on the stretch of the corridor from the Red Barn to the U.S. 101 and U.S. 156 interchange.

There was consensus from the TAC committee to recommend adoption of the MOU to the COG Board and also work in the future to identify future opportunities and deficiencies in projects.

*Upon a motion duly made by Steve Wittry, and seconded by Gary Armstrong, the Committee voted to adjourn the TAC meeting.*

**ADJOURN TO MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2011 AT 2:00 P.M.**