

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*****SPECIAL MEETING*****

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION:

JULY 18, 2007, WEDNESDAY

Time: This Meeting follows the RTA Board Meeting
(The RTA Board meeting starts at 8:30 a.m.)

Location: San Luis Obispo City Council Chamber
990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**
- 2. Public Comments.** Any member of the public may address the Executive Committee for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Council. In compliance with the Brown Act, the Committee will listen to all communication and will not take any action on items not on the agenda.
- 3. Executive Committee Minutes of May 16, 2007, and April 11, 2007 (Approve).**
- 4. SLOCOG August 8, 2007 Draft Agenda (pages 4-1 thru 4-3).** Executive Committee is asked to review and comment on the timing, sequence, and the proposed advisory committee agenda items (circled items) that are being considered for discussion on the attached August SLOCOG meeting agenda. The following summarizes major items planned for discussion:

Public Hearing Items:

A-1, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Formal Amendment No. 4. The TIP is the region's programming document that lists transportation projects that receive federal funds. This amendment covers projects receiving federal funds from the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFTEA-LU), which include the following: 1) High Risk Rural Roads

(HR3) Program to widen and improve shoulders on Templeton Road from South El Pomar to SR 41 (\$900K); 2) Highway Safety Improvement Program Lump Sum & Project List (\$535K); and 3) Safe Routes to School Program projects for Nipomo Elementary School (\$605K).

A-2, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Grant application being submitted by San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare to acquire Speech-Powered Bus Trip Technology for the Regional Interactive 511 Phone System. A public hearing and a local resolution of approval is a new federal requirement for the submittal of discretionary grants.

A-3, Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan. This draft consultant prepared plan will be presented for review and comment. Comments will be integrated into a final draft for scheduled adoption in October. One issue getting a lot of attention is SLOC's designation of the Regional Mobility Manager, to either "Ridesharing" or "Ride-On."

Presentation Item:

B-1, Triennial Performance Audits – Findings and Recommendations: Atascadero and Morro Bay. The consultant will present the draft audits for Board acceptance. No major issues have been identified.

Transportation Items:

C-1, 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Cycle: Draft Schedule and Programming. Upon adoption of the State budget, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) will adopt a STIP Fund Estimate (FE) and schedule for the next cycle of STIP programming in either September or October. This staff report will introduce the program, summarize the process, likely schedule, programming considerations and possible program amounts. Candidate projects would likely be submitted for programming consideration in either November or December, with SLOCOG Board adoption in January or February, and CTC approval in April or May. More specific information will be presented as it becomes available.

C-2, 2006 Proposition 1B State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Program. Once the State Budget is adopted, each regional agency will be notified of the amount of funding to be allocated to each region for transit projects. This staff report will summarize and introduce the program, clarify possible regional priorities, and set a schedule for adoption. Staff recommends this proceed in conjunction with the STIP program process.

C-3, New Programs to Improve Transportation System Performance. In February, the SLOCOG Board considered a biennial Performance Indicators Report. Many of the performance trends were negative. A follow-up item was presented in April, identifying a range of actions to address each performance measure. This staff report further assesses those actions identifying new or modified programs to improve system performance.

C-4, 2007 State and Federal Legislation Update. This staff report will provide a comprehensive update on the status and recommended actions on pending legislation.

C-5, Comparison of Recent Shuttle Performance – Senior Shuttle, Shandon Shuttle, Templeton Shuttle, Five Cities Shuttle, and Mesa Shuttle. Innovative transportation shuttles have been implemented in a number of communities addressing requests submitted through the unmet transit needs hearings. This staff report will summarize the productivity and performance of each system and any recommended actions.

C-6, Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): SAFETEA-LU Gap Analysis and Update Schedule. This item will assess compliance of the current RTP with newly established federal rules and statutes. Each

region is required to adopt and periodically update a RTP that satisfies federal rules and regulations. The Federal Highway Administration recently promulgated new rules that must be satisfied to secure federal transportation funds. SLOCOG's RTP (Vision 2025) was adopted in April 2005. At that time, it met all federal requirements. This staff report will assess compliance with revised rules and regulations and identify suggested actions to update the plan to assure continued compliance.

One concern is that all RTPs must be fiscally constrained. The plan's adoption project costs have escalated dramatically while revenues and revenue projections have remained relatively constant. The staff report will discuss this funding shortfall and any other identified potential compliance issues.

The RTP update schedule will be presented and key milestones identified (including circulation of SLOCOG's Public Participation Plan for stakeholder input), and a "funding summit" (see item #8) scheduled for early October to assist in developing early policy input for the plan update.

Regional Rideshare Program Items:

D-1, San Luis Obispo (SLO) Regional Rideshare Program Update. SLO Regional Rideshare staff will provide a brief update of current and anticipated activities.

D-2, 2007 Commute Profile (Survey Results) - San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Once every three years, SLOCOG participates in a tri-county telephone commuter survey. Rideshare staff will summarize survey results and suggest follow-up actions.

Intelligent Transportation System Items:

E-1, Central Coast (five county) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Video. In 2000, the five counties within Caltrans District 5 developed and adopted a Central Coast ITS Strategic Deployment Plan. Over the past two years, a consultant has been working with these counties to update the plan. A ten-minute video has been prepared to disseminate the latest plan update programs. Staff recommends this video be presented at the upcoming SLOCOG Board meeting.

E-2, 511 Traveler Information System Scope of Work. Staff will summarize and present this new Traveler Information Service concept, the proposed consultant scope of work, and request Board authorization to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consultant services to design the system.

E-3, Motorist Aid Program (Call Box Program) Update and Next Steps. This is an annual update.

E-4, Traffic Signal Preemption Grant Update. The grant was not approved. Staff will present suggested next steps.

Consent Items: See attached agenda. No major "issues" are identified. Two items may be of interest: The 2008 Meeting Calendar and a list of "qualified consultants" for engineering services.

Closed Session. Two closed sessions are recommended. First, the Executive Director's annual performance evaluation. Rating forms and a list of accomplishments and goals for 2007/08 were distributed to Board members and SLOCOG staff. Second, staff requests a reconsideration of an Employee Benefit authorized for SLOCOG employees in November, but recently rejected by the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

5. **2007 California Regional Progress Report.** The report is a collaborative effort between the California Center for Regional Leadership, Caltrans, CALCOG (all COGS) and UC Davis. The report provides a baseline for how California regions are doing across a range of integrated quality of life measures. Many regions, including SLOCOG, are monitoring their progress through performance

indicator reports. This report is the first time all of the State's regions are included in a comprehensive framework and with a common set of progress indicators and measures. Would the Executive Committee prefer to simply disseminate this report or agendize it for presentation and discussion?

6. **2006/07 Annual Report:** Scheduled for completion and presentation in October.
7. **Community 2050 Telephone Poll.** In June, the Board authorized distribution of a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for a telephone poll as part of the Community 2050 Planning Effort in coordination with the APCD and the County Planning Department. Total budget for this poll was \$20k. Only one proposal was received. That proposal would provide a poll of 400 respondents for \$20k at a 95% confidence level (countywide). A larger sample size and budget would be required to obtain at least an 85 to 90% confidence level for each sub-region or city. SLOCOG staff will present options to complete this survey at an acceptable confidence level to derive conclusions within major sub-areas.
8. **Proposed "Funding Summit/Workshop."** As noted, a key concern to be addressed in the update of the Regional Transportation Plan is a federal requirement that the plan must be fiscally constrained. The plan, when it was adopted, met this requirement. Since that time, costs have escalated and revenues (in real dollars) have deteriorated. In June, partly in response to these fiscal concerns, Caltrans and SLOCOG staff recommended a consultant contract to assess the potential of a regional impact fee program. The SLOCOG Board overwhelmingly raised concerns with this proposal and recommended a more comprehensive assessment of fiscal needs and potential revenues.

Several options have been identified:

1. Modify consultant contract into two phases, the first being a comprehensive assessment of fiscal needs and potential revenues (October meeting), followed by the original proposed scope of work to assess and possibly implement a regional impact fee program.
2. Defer action on the impact fee program and address the issue in the update of the RTP.
3. Hold a funding summit/workshop in October conducted by a transportation fiscal consultant, independent of regional impact fee consultant (up to \$2k). Date: same day as COG Board meeting; 2 hour session.

Staff recommendation: Option three. This option brings in an independent fiscal assessment to assess likely revenue potential and supplemental revenue options. Under a workshop format, the consultant will seek Board input and policy direction for the RTP update and the proposed regional impact fee study.

9. **Regional Housing Needs Assessment.** The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has notified SLOCOG of the need to begin updating the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan (See attached letter). HCD staff will be meeting with SLOCOG staff over the next several weeks to begin this process.
10. **Late Breaking News**
11. **Executive Committee Member Comments and Adjournment.**

Next Meeting: August 15, 2007, Wednesday

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES - “SPECIAL MEETING”

May 16, 2007

SLOCOG

Members Present: James Patterson, President
Tony Ferrara, Past President

Staff Present: Ronald De Carli, Executive Director (SLOCOG)
Steve Devencenzi, Planning Director (SLOCOG)
Tim McNulty, Legal Counsel (SLOCOG/SLORTA)
Aida Nicklin, Executive Secretary (SLOCOG)

Also Present: Eric Greening, Citizens’ Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)
representative

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: **President James Patterson** called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. Silent roll call was taken.

2. Public Comments: **Mr. Eric Greening**, Atascadero, thanked all the people who were involved in inviting and hosting the recent California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting. He said, *“It is startling to see how many billions of dollars were talked about at the CTC meeting. The news was mostly good and there was talk about transportation system maintenance, with an annual target being set at \$700M to \$800M more than what is currently available.”* **Mr. Greening** urged SLOCOG staff to attend the May 22nd County Board of Supervisors meeting to provide input and some kind of reality check relative to SLOCOG project priorities. He noted that one item on the agenda is the Prado Road Interchange project. Referring to the Prado Road Interchange agenda item, **Mr. Ronald De Carli** remarked he would look into that. On the transportation system maintenance target, he indicated that Caltrans uses the *State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)* funds for rehabilitation and operational improvement of state highways. Every time SHOPP money is increased, the amount of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding decreases. It is more likely that the \$800M would come out of the 2008 STIP. SLOCOG staff will know the exact number from the CTC meeting in August. **Mr. Greening** brought to attention that the California Governor is still proposing raids on the State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. He stressed the need to oppose it. **Mr. Steve Devencenzi** noted that it would be approximately \$1.7M to \$2M reduction in funding of what would be available to this region.

3. Executive Committee Minutes, April 11, 2007: Past President Tony Ferrara recommended continuing the approval of the April 11, 2007 meeting minutes to the next meeting because President Patterson cannot vote on the minute approval (President Patterson was not present at the April meeting). **The Executive Committee directed staff to file the April 11, 2007 minutes and bring it back for approval in the next Executive Committee meeting.**

4. Draft SLOCOG May 2, 2007 Agenda: Mr. De Carli reviewed the draft SLOCOG May 2nd agenda:

Public Hearing Item:

A-1, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Formal Amendment No. 3: Mr. De Carli noted this is a public hearing item and that at the time of the processing of the Executive Committee agenda, staff was not certain of the items that would be included in the SLOCOG TIP Amendment No. 3. At this time, only the *2006/2007 Highway Safety Improvement Program (if awarded) – Regionwide Signal Preemption update effort* item would be included. Staff recommends moving this project forward and keeping the funding going.

Transportation Items:

B-1, 2007/2008 Unmet Transit Needs Follow-up: Three items will be included in the 2007/2008 Unmet Transit Needs follow-up, namely: 1) *Oceano Senior Center*; 2) *Fill Transit service gaps to Cuesta College*; and 3) *Shuttle service from Cambria to the North County*. Staff is currently evaluating the above items and looking at different options. The proposed shuttle service from Cambria to the North County is likely not reasonable to meet due to low population density, which may result in below 10% farebox ratio.

President Patterson said if the Cambria shuttle service is implemented, it could pick up people at the Twin Cities Hospital, the Target shopping center and other places on the way to the north county. He noted, *“Cambria is a tourist/shopping destination; therefore, look at the number of people that may need the shuttle service to go to Cambria. Also, explore other alternatives such as vanpooling.”* Mr. De Carli indicated that staff would be recommending more flexible alternatives like vanpools or new carpools, and an East/West connection to North County and the Coast. Mr. Tim McNulty commented that people in the hospitality industry have different commute hours because they work non-normal hours. Mr. De Carli said that would be a whole different service to assess. A deficiency analysis is needed to be done annually. He noted that staff would do a survey in the fall relative to farm workers and the hospitality work force, further noting that there are federal and state grants available for farm workers.

Public Comments: Mr. Greening brought to attention that the hospitality business is one of the big employers in this county and that based on the CALWORKS Mobility Study conducted years ago, these workers do not work 8-5; they are the evenings/weekends workers. Their hours are not always predictable. On the East/West connection recommendation, Mr. Greening said he believes that the Route 41 corridor may be a promising route for this recommendation. Mr. De Carli noted the possibility of doing a beach shuttle similar to the Lopez Lake and Santa Margarita Lake shuttles. It will serve Morro Bay, Cayucos and the Charles Paddock Zoo for the summer. This may be a good pilot project next year.

B-2, 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation – California Transportation Commission (CTC) Staff Recommendations: Mr. De Carli gave a brief background, noting that because of the passage of Proposition 1B, different programs will receive Proposition 1B funding; one of them is the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Caltrans and regional agencies (including SLOCOG) are submitting candidate projects. The STIP includes SLOCOG’s RTIP (Regional Transportation Improvement Program) and the joint SLOCOG and Caltrans’ nominations for ITIP (Interregional Transportation Improvement Program) – Santa Maria River Bridge, Highway 101

Operational Improvements (auxiliary lanes in south county), and continued funding for widening Highway 46. **Mr. De Carli** discussed the candidate projects, the RTIP and ITIP recommendations and priorities and several issues that may require policy direction (subject to final CTC staff recommendations), including the concern that the CTC staff recommendations will not be available until May 17th or 18th, with last minute negotiations on June 6th, before the CTC is scheduled to act on the program. June 6th is the same day as the SLOCOG Board meeting; therefore, either Mr. De Carli or Richard Murphy (SLOCOG Programming Director) will attend the CTC hearing and present SLOCOG staff recommendations on the ITIP.

Past President Ferrara expressed concern about the last minute negotiations to be done on June 6th. Mr. De Carli said, "We have worked with the CTC staff on our recommendations. Additionally, I will be meeting separately with State Senator Abel Maldonado and Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee. I have asked if both of them could testify at the CTC hearing. The reply was that there is a conflict relative to timing – the State Assembly will be holding its final policy voting and the Chair would not be supportive of any representative leaving the session. **Past President Ferrara** inquired about the implications of any recommended cuts in the ITIP projects, particularly relating to the 101/Willow Road Interchange (IC) project. **Mr. De Carli** explained that it comes down to local IC/projects versus State projects. If there are any cuts, it is more likely that the "New Starts" (US 101 Operational Improvements – Brisco/Auxiliary Lanes and SLO Ops 2) will be cut. He pointed out that if the CTC cuts the 101 operational improvements, he will be recommending reducing the proposed ITIP funding on Highway 46 to retain full funding for Highway 101 Operational Improvements.

B-3, Pending State Legislation: **Mr. De Carli** stated staff is updating the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) legislative positions to consider the *League of California (LCC)* and *California State Association of Counties (CSAC)* positions. He noted that a new Bill that would be introduced would require major changes relative to greenhouse gases, the Blue Print program, and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Blue Print Program is gaining a lot of attention in terms of addressing greenhouse gases emission and other issues. **Mr. De Carli** indicated there probably be a separate agenda item to address the Governor's proposed budget relative to transit funding, adding that although the *State Transit Assistance (STA)* funding coming to the San Luis Obispo region would be lesser than earlier anticipated, there is still an increase in the total amount coming to the region (the exact amount is unknown at this time).

B-4, San Luis Obispo North Coast Scenic Byway Corridor Plan: **Mr. De Carli** noted, "*Caltrans staff promised to submit their comments to SLOCOG staff by today, May 16th. Caltrans Deputy Director Steve Price indicated that he wants more time to review the Plan and requested continuing this item to August. Staff will not know if this needs to be continued to August until they see Caltrans' comments. Staff will work with Caltrans and if there will be any substantial changes, this item will be pulled from the June Agenda.*"

Regional Rideshare Program:

C-1, San Luis Obispo (SLO) Regional Rideshare Program Update: This item is a general update on the SLO Regional Rideshare Program focusing on the Bike Month activities.

C-2, 2007 Commute Profile (Survey Results) San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties: **Mr. De Carli** showed a draft of the Profile, noting that the staff report will include a summary of the local results of the survey, together with telephone survey of 1200 individuals in San Luis Obispo County. He said that the results show Rideshare is a better name recognition and that this region is doing better in some areas and needs improvement in some areas.

President Patterson asked how this Profile compares to the Performance Indicators Report. **Mr. De Carli** replied that it is very similar and has very consistent findings. He asked the Committee if they prefer a full document to be included in the staff report or just a summary. **The Executive Committee**

directed staff to include just the summary and make the full document available to those who request it, and also, to make sure that the full document is posted on the SLOCOG website.

Area Wide and Agency Issue:

D-1, California Climate Change Action Plan: **Mr. De Carli** said this Plan is a result of Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order # S-3-05, which establishes climate change emission reduction targets for the State of California. The Climate Action Team (CAT) (created to coordinate the statewide effort) has developed a *Climate Action Plan*. SLOCOG staff just recently received a copy of Caltrans' "Climate Action Program at Caltrans," a document that contains their findings and recommendations. **Mr. De Carli** pointed out two issues: 1) *On the regulatory side, "we need to improve our emissions per State regulations."* 2) *How can we improve the operations and efficiency of the transportation systems?* To do these, Caltrans recommends reducing congestion by eliminating the bottlenecks and improving efficiency of the transportation systems through smart land use, operational improvements, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). He brought to attention that staff found there is an emerging focus from Sacramento to address these provisions in the Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs) (as supported during discussions at the COG Directors meeting) and that Assembly Bill (AB) 32, the *California Global Warming Act of 2006*, requires a reduction of greenhouse gases to 1990 emission levels by year 2020. It also encourages the reduction of Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT). **Mr. De Carli** noted that the State Attorney General's Office has released a letter to the Central Valley COGs, finding their RTPs and Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) were "business as usual" and did not address greenhouse gas reduction. He then asked the Committee if a copy of the Attorney General's letter should be included in the staff report. **The Committee concurred.**

During the extensive discussion that ensued. The following comments/questions/answers were given:

- **Past President Ferrara:** *"Take the politics out of this issue. We are better off focusing on the substance of science – how we can clean up our environment. I would like to see us spend our time more on looking at clean air programs/emission reduction or at substantive issues that deal with air quality and other issues that we have control over. I suggest exploring the 2008 edition of Title 24, the California Building Standards Code, as it deals a lot with new science on green building. Let us focus on becoming independent from fossil fuel and looking at issues that affect us locally. We do not want people to become more focused on the politics of global warming because they might get disengaged from what we are trying to do. Our response to AB 32 should be putting together a comprehensive package, a multi-faceted program that deals with environmental issues that are tied together under one umbrella. I recommend doing a filler meeting with APCD, LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) and those involved in the Blue Print Program."* **Mr. De Carli** concurred, noting the need to invite *Strategic Energy Alliance for Change (SEA Change)* representative/s to the meeting. **Past President Ferrara** brought to attention that there would be a meeting on June 7th at the South County Regional Center. It will be attended by city council members from the cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, and Pismo Beach. There will be a presentation on green building.
- **Mr. De Carli:** *"The Plan is above and beyond greenhouse gases and global warming issues. The suggestions from the Attorney General's Office are addressing these issues (via alternative transportation, etc.). In general, this county is in good shape. The net effect would be good but the concern is how we get there and document it. I agree about putting together a comprehensive program; we need to do it now and to work closely with the Air Pollution Control District (APCD). I am more concerned on the accounting side, tracking the emissions budget, and on how to structure SLOCOG's version of the Plan."*
- **Mr. McNulty:** *"There is a 'White Paper' that is being circulated and it includes an approach to addressing greenhouse gases. This paper may have an approach that we can use. Mr. De Carli* said staff received a copy of that paper and that it contains five different approaches

toward addressing greenhouse gases in environmental documents. He added that he is more interested from an RTP viewpoint, on “how we document what we do.”

- **President Patterson:** *“We are on the right track. The APCD has begun (last year) tracking greenhouse gases by adding a program into their work plan. I concur with Past President Ferrara to start working together to coordinate these efforts and augment the different programs that exist in this county.”*
- **Mr. Devencenzi:** *“The staff report will include an introduction that outlines the context of issues we are dealing with. Staff will meet with APCD staff at a subsequent date.”*
- **Public Comments:** **Mr. Greening** requested that a copy of the Attorney General's letter be made available to members of the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). **Mr. Devencenzi** responded that the 20-page letter would be included with the staff report. **Mr. Greening** urged advocacy on these issues discussed here relative to the Governor and the Legislature. He noted that being mandated to reduce our VMT by one branch of the State Government strengthens this region's case against the State's raid on funds for public transit. He said, *“We definitely need to redouble our efforts and reverse the trend lines reflected in the Transportation Performance Indicators Report. We should not depend solely on sales tax; however, we need State's help. To do that, we have to prove that our multi-modal approach deserves funding. We should argue for equal treatment.”* **Past President Ferrara** commented that he remembers the huge fines that were levied on landfills and how it was found that the biggest environmental mandate violators were state agencies (i.e., Cal Poly, the Men's Colony, Camp San Luis, etc.). He suggested letting the Attorney General know about it by sending a copy of letters that would be sent to state agencies in this county. The letters will be asking these state agencies to do their part to reduce emissions because they are in this county and they are contributing to the air quality.

Consent Agenda Items: **Mr. De Carli** asked the Committee permission to include Item E-11, *“SLOCOG Testimony before the California Transportation Commission (CTC), April 25, 2007, Southern California 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation Hearing”* in the Consent Agenda as an “Information” item. **The Committee concurred.**

Mr. De Carli pointed out an additional item – “Public Opinion Survey” – SLOCOG staff is preparing an RFP (Request for Proposal) for a public opinion survey. **President Patterson** directed staff to contact Aeron Arlin-Genet of the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) because the APCD is currently preparing a public opinion survey. Staff concurred and said they would coordinate with the APCD.

5. Late Breaking News: **Mr. De Carli** invited the Executive Committee members to attend an upcoming meeting that will be held on Friday, June 22, 2007. Issues of concern that will be discussed include STIP Augmentation, Self-Help – State Local Partnership funds, and the Governor's proposed raid on State Transit Assistance (STA) funds.

Mr. Devencenzi updated the Executive Committee on the status of SLOCOG's future office building, noting the possibility of purchasing an additional parcel of land and partnering with the County Pension Trust to build one building for both agencies. **Mr. Greening** mentioned the need to make the building energy efficient and hoped that funds are available from various grant sources.

Mr. De Carli brought to attention that Parris Glendening, former Governor of Maryland and known as the father of *Smart Growth*, will be in town as the keynote speaker at the Community 2050 Coastside Leadership Session on Saturday, May 19, 2007. He invited Committee members to join him for dinner with the Governor at around 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18th. **Mr. Devencenzi** said that the dinner would be at “Steamers” restaurant in Pismo Beach. **Past President Ferrara** suggested considering “Sea Venture” restaurant as an alternate venue if *Steamers* would not work. He further noted that he might

not be able to attend. He then announced that there would be a Mayors' Luncheon meeting in Atascadero on May 25th. Caltrans District 5 Director Rich Krumholz will be attending that meeting. It would be an opportunity to discuss project design exceptions and advocate some of the local issues.

6. Executive Committee Member Comments and Adjournment: There were no Committee member comments. **President Patterson** adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Aida Nicklin

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES - “SPECIAL MEETING”

April 11, 2007

SLOCOG

Members Present: John Shoals, Vice President
Tony Ferrara, Past President

Staff Present: Ronald De Carli, Executive Director (SLOCOG)
Steve Devencenzi, Planning Director (SLOCOG)
Warren Jensen, Legal Counsel (SLOCOG/SLORTA)
Aida Nicklin, Executive Secretary (SLOCOG)

Also Present: David Lilly, Regional Transit Manager (SLORTA)
Eric Greening, Citizens’ Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)
representative

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Vice President Shoals called the meeting to order 11:30 a.m. Silent roll call was taken.

2. Public Comments: Mr. Eric Greening, Atascadero, commented about the upcoming California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting that will be held in San Luis Obispo (April 25th and 26th). He said he assumes President Patterson would be attending and will be giving the CTC members a warm welcome. He hopes that policy concerns would be addressed on a statewide basis at that meeting. Mr. De Carli brought to attention that the CTC handles their meetings differently. There will be a public hearing on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) on the first day (Wednesday) and then they will reconvene in the morning the next day. They will open the meeting with San Luis Obispo City Mayor Dave Romero doing the general welcome, followed by President Patterson (representing SLOCOG); he will then present SLOCOG key projects. Mr. De Carli noted that the CTC public comments portion occurs at the last item on the last day of the meeting, which will be around noon.

3. Executive Committee Minutes, March 14, 2007: Vice President Shoals moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2007. Past President Ferrara seconded, and the motion carried in the absence of President Patterson.

4. Draft SLOCOG May 2, 2007 Agenda: Mr. De Carli noted there would be no Executive Director's Report and Caltrans District Director's Report in the May agenda. He then reviewed the May 2, 2007 SLOCOG agenda:

Transportation Item: A-1, San Luis Obispo North Coast Scenic Byway Corridor Plan: This item was continued from the April agenda to address some issues raised by Caltrans. Staff will be meeting with Caltrans next week. The major issues they (Caltrans) raised include:

- ❖ *SLOCOG's request to include State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects.* According to Caltrans, this is beyond their jurisdictional authority to require; this is an internal SHOPP (State Highway Operation and Protection Program) project.
- ❖ *SLOCOG's request for any of Caltrans' maintenance/enhancement projects to come before the Scenic Byway Committee (e.g., bridge structures).*
- ❖ *The Proposed realignment of Highway 1 by Piedras Blancas.* Caltrans treats this as a mitigation project. They want to take the old road and revegetate it. SLOCOG staff recommendation: As part of the Scenic Byway Corridor Plan, it is a coastal trail; therefore, enhance and beautify it and turn it into a walking trail or Class I bike trail (State Parks concur).
- ❖ *Caltrans believe that as owner operator of the highway, they have more district role.*

Areawide Item: B-1, Smart Growth Conference: Mr. De Carli noted that this item was continued twice since the March meeting due to time constraints. For the May meeting, staff is seeking direction from the Executive Committee on whether this item should be presented with a PowerPoint presentation or include it with a Community 2050 update or both. Staff prefers doing an overview.

Past President Ferrara commented, *"However you structure this, keep it as brief as possible. Recognize that we have been given enough information on Smart Growth. Focus on what is different from the past information. Call out what is new and improved. Include any new information from the League of California Cities, CALCOG, etc. It is important to concentrate on what is plausible for the central coast."* Mr. De Carli said staff could pull out a number of things, noting that it would be better to keep this item separate from any Community 2050 discussion.

Vice President Shoals stressed the need to focus on what is relevant to this region.

The Executive Committee advised staff to keep the Smart Growth item separate from Community 2050 and to keep it brief, focusing on any new information relevant to the San Luis Obispo region.

Regional Rideshare Item: C-1, General Update of Upcoming activities: Mr. De Carli brought to attention that the updates would include the "Bike Month" activity update and "511 Information Systems." *511 Information System* is a travel information system that is now available. He noted that Regional Rideshare has submitted a grant application for funding a 511 Program in the region. He mentioned that a national conference on *511 Information Systems* was recently held in San Luis Obispo (at RRM Design). The conference highlighted topics on transit, signals & technology, etc.

Consent Items:

D-1, Minutes (SLOCOG, April 4, 2007; and Executive Committee, April 11, 2007): No discussion occurred.

D-2, STIPEND Policy and Budget adoption and integration into Procedures Manual: In conferring with the Legal Counsel, staff was advised to bring the Stipend Policy forward for formal adoption by the SLOCOG Board. Staff is recommending adding into the Stipend Policy (the Board approved a stipend of \$100/SLOCOG meeting and \$50/SLOCOG advisory committee meetings [for Executive Committee

or formal ad-hoc]) the provision that the \$100/meeting should also apply to other SLOCOG related meetings (i.e., Rail/CALCOG meetings, & CTC hearings in Sacramento).

Past President Ferrara noted that the stipend needs to be limited to what the Board originally approved since SLOCOG already has a travel reimbursement policy (pays travel per diem) for some of these meetings. He said, *"If someone volunteers to be the representative (to Rail or CALCOG), they should expect spending more of their own time. We need to keep this simple and focus only on full SLOCOG Board meetings, Executive Committee meetings and any type of meeting that directly supports the SLOCOG Board. Also, it has to be a standing committee and not just ad-hoc."*

Vice President Shoals commented that attendance at conferences is voluntary. Any additional application of the stipend should only be on subregional committees, and for meetings like Rail or CALCOG, the stipend must apply only to the main representative.

The Executive Committee approved the staff suggestion as amended to apply the stipend to sub-regional meetings (Rail/CALCOG) and only the primary representative/delegate gets paid.

4. Late Breaking News: There was no late breaking news.

5. Executive Committee Member Comments and Adjournment: There were Committee member comments. **President Patterson** adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Aida Nicklin

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**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2007**

**San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors' Chamber
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401

SLOCOG starts at 8:30 a.m.

(SLORTA immediately following)

The AGENDA is available/posted at: <http://www.slocog.org>

President: James Patterson

Vice President: John Shoals

Board Members:

Katcho Achadjian (Fourth District - SLO County)
Bruce Gibson (Second District - SLO County)
Janice Peters (Morro Bay)
Fred Strong (Paso Robles)
Harry Ovitt (First District - SLO County)
James Patterson (Fifth District - SLO County)

Tom O'Malley (Atascadero)
John Shoals (Grover Beach)
Tony Ferrara (Arroyo Grande)
Mary Ann Reiss (Pismo Beach)
Jerry Lenthall (Third District - SLO County)
Dave Romero (San Luis Obispo)

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any member of the public may address the Council for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item of interest not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Council. The Council will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any action on items that are not on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A-1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Formal Amendment No. 4 (06-09) (**ACTION ITEM – ROLL CALL – ADOPT RESOLUTION**) Richard Murphy

A-2 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Grant under the Caltrans Discretionary Subsidy Funding: San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare application to acquire Speech-Powered Bus Trip Planning Technology for the Regional Interactive 511 Phone System (**ACTION ITEM – ROLL CALL VOTE – APPROVE RESOLUTION**). Lisa Quinn

A-3 Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – REVIEW DRAFT; SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION IN OCTOBER**). Heather Menninger (AMMA) / Eliane Guillot

B. PRESENTATION ITEM

- B-1** Triennial Performance Audits - Findings and Recommendations: Atascadero and Morro Bay (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – ACCEPT AUDIT REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**). Lawler Consulting / Eliane Guillot

C. TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- C-1** 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Programming Cycle: Draft Schedule and Programming (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – APPROVE**). Richard Murphy
- C-2** 2006 Proposition 1B State Transit Assistance Fund Program (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – APPROVE CALL FOR PROJECTS; SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION IN DECEMBER**). Peter Rodgers
- C-3** New Programs to Improve Transportation System Performance (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE - APPROVE**). Peter Rodgers
- C-4** 2007 State and Federal Legislation Update (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – APPROVE RECOMMENDED POSITIONS**). Mike Harmon.
- C-5** Comparison of Recent Shuttle Performance – Senior Shuttle, Shandon Shuttle, Templeton Shuttle, Five Cities Shuttle, and Mesa Shuttle (_____). Jessica Berry
- C-6** Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): SAFETEA-LU Gap Analysis and Update Schedule (_____). Richard Murphy.

“TEN-MINUTE BREAK”

D. REGIONAL RIDESHARE PROGRAM

- D-1** San Luis Obispo (SLO) Regional Rideshare Program Update (**INFORMATION ITEM – RECEIVE**). Lisa Quinn.
- D-2** 2007 Commute Profile (Survey Results) - San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties (**INFORMATION ITEM - RECEIVE**). Lisa Quinn

E. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ITEMS

- E-1** Central Coast (five county) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Video (**VIDEO PRESENTATION – RECEIVE**). James Worthley
- E-2** 511 Traveler Information System Scope of Work (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – APPROVE SCOPE OF WORK & AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION OF RFPS**). James Worthley/Lisa Quinn
- E-3** Motorists Aid Program (Call Box Program) Update and Next Steps (**ACTION ITEM – VOICE VOTE – APPROVE**). Philip Chu
- E-4** Traffic Signal Preemption Update (**INFORMATION ITEM - RECEIVE**). James Worthley

F. CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS – ROLL CALL): The following items are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the COG or public wishes an item be removed. If discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Questions of clarification may be made by COG Board members without removal from the Consent Agenda. The recommendations for each item are noted in parenthesis.

- F-1** **SLOCOG Minutes – June 6, 2007 (APPROVE); Executive Committee Minutes – July 18, 2007 (INFORMATION);** Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes, Technical Transportation Advisory Committee (TTAC) Minutes and Citizens’ Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Minutes – July 25, 2007 (INFORMATION).

F-2 Year-to-date Financial Report (With _____% of the fiscal year elapsed, SLOCOG has expended _____% of its budget and received _____% of anticipated revenue); (RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;). Sue Hall

F-3 SLOCOG List of Qualified Consultants (APPROVE). Darren Brown

F-4 Draft SLOCOG and RTA 2008 Meeting Calendar (ADOPT). Ronald De Carli

F-5 Correspondence and News Articles (INFORMATION). Ronald De Carli

G. CLOSED SESSION

G-1 Closed Session: Personnel: Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54954.5).

G-2 Closed Session: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Agency Negotiation: Unrepresented Employees: All Positions (Government Code Section 54957.6)

H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: September 12, 2007 (SLOCOG Tentative)