

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION:

MAY 16, 2007, WEDNESDAY

2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

Board of Supervisors Conference Room A

County Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA

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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, April 11, 2007 (Approve).**
- 4. SLOCOG June 6, 2007 Draft Agenda (pages 4-1 to 4-3). Executive Committee is asked to review and comment on the following items that are being considered for discussion for the June meeting:**

Public Hearing Item:

A-1, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Formal Amendment No. 3. This proposed amendment covers projects receiving federal funds. All projects have been previously approved; they are required to be included in a formal TIP through a public hearing process. Projects include: 1) 2006/2007 Highway Safety Improvement Program (if awarded) - Region-wide Signal Preemption update effort; 2) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 Program of Projects (may or may not be included); 3) State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) – Lump Sum project list; 4) Highway Bridge Program – Lump Sum project list; and 5) Bridge Maintenance and Preventative Program.

Transportation Items:

B-1, 2007/2008 Unmet Transit Needs Follow-up. This report is a follow-up action documenting how jurisdictions handled the operational requests for transit improvements submitted through the unmet transit needs process. Staff will also present the follow-up on the following: 1) Oceano Senior Center; 2) Fill Transit service gaps to Cuesta College; and 3) Shuttle service from Cambria to the North County.

B-2, 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Augmentation – California Transportation Commission (CTC) Staff Recommendations. Staff will clarify any differences between SLOCOG Board action on STIP Augmentation and CTC staff recommendations. The STIP includes both the regional programming component (the Regional Transportation Improvement Program [RTIP]) and SLOCOG & Caltrans' nominations for Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) project funding. Key candidate projects in the ITIP include - *Santa Maria River Bridge, Highway 101 Operational Improvements (auxiliary lanes in south County), and continued funding for widening Highway 46.*

Several issues may require policy direction (subject to final CTC staff recommendations):

1. The demand for ITIP funding outstrips projected ITIP revenues. While all three of the above projects are currently in the draft ITIP, staff has significant concerns that they will remain given this competition, our lack of political muscle (relative to urban counties) and our RTIP that carries over a balance of \$7m for programming in the 2008 RTIP.

2. The CTC staff recommendations will not be available until May 17th-18th, with last minute negotiations on June 6th. The CTC is scheduled to act on the program on either the 6th (same day as the SLOCOG board meeting) or the 7th. Staff will likely recommend other programming alternatives if there are proposed cuts in the above projects.

3. If the ITIP is scheduled on the 6th, the Executive Director will present SLOCOG staff recommendations at the CTC hearing subject to Board ratification.

4. Recommended priorities and “potential” actions:

ITIP recommendations and priorities:

- a. Full funding as recommended.
- b. If there are recommended cuts in these projects, staff would recommend reducing the “proposed” ITIP funding on Hwy 46 to retain full funding for Hwy 101 Ops.
- c. If the CTC recommends the Santa Maria River Bridge and not the Hwy 101 “Ops,” staff recommends allocating up to \$1m (now currently \$386k) to keep this project progressing, to allow it to re-compete for Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funding subject to ITIP funding for 101 Operational Improvements.

RTIP priorities: Cost increases for:

- a. Major State Highway projects (46E/101 IC, 41/101IC, 101 Ops, phase 1a)
- b. Smaller State Highway projects (1 – Harmony channelization; 166 – Suey Creek channelization; 101/Willow Road IC)
- c. Routes of Regional Significance (in the priority programmed).

B-3, Pending State Legislation. Staff will present a comprehensive summary table of pending transportation legislation and recent staff actions on legislation. The staff report will also address the Governor’s proposed budget as it relates to transit funding (“spillover funds”).

B-4, San Luis Obispo North Coast Scenic Byway Corridor Plan. Staff has requested Caltrans provide written comments on the final plan by May 25th. A meeting is being scheduled with Caltrans management staff, SLOCOG staff, Mayor Janice Peters and Supervisor Bruce Gibson. Editorial

changes will be summarized and major “agreed-upon policy issues” will be identified. Unresolved issues will be identified with agency positions for board deliberation.

Regional Rideshare Program:

C-1, San Luis Obispo (SLO) Regional Rideshare Program Update. Staff will provide an update of ongoing activities. This will include an assessment of the Bike Month participation and activities and comparison with prior years.

C-2, 2007 Commute Profile (Survey Results) San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Staff will summarize the local results of this tri-county effort and compare trends with prior surveys.

D. Area Wide and Agency Issue:

D-1, California Climate Change Action Plan. In June 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order S-3-05, establishing climate change emission reduction targets for the State. A Climate Action Team (CAT) was created to coordinate the statewide effort. Assembly Bill (AB 32), the California Global Warming Act of 2006, gave new weight to the State’s renewable energy goal by requiring a reduction of Green house gases to 1990 levels by 2020. The CAT has developed a Climate Action Plan to begin addressing this issue. Staff recommends adding this plan for the Board agenda accompanied by a staff report summarizing local implications.

Climate Change video - Subject to time constraints staff requests board direction to also show an eight-minute video on climate change titled “*Too hot not to handle.*”

Consent Items: See attached agenda. No major “issues” are identified. Some of the items included - *Conditional Approval of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims; Ratification of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Appointments and Bylaws amendment; Coordinated Services Public Transportation Plan Status Report; Regional Deficiency Analysis and Nexus Study; and Summer Break Pass (SBP) Discount for low income individuals.*

5. Late Breaking News

6. Executive Committee Member Comments and Adjournment.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2007, Wednesday

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