

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE, TIME, AND  
LOCATION:**

**MARCH 16, 2005, WEDNESDAY**

(rescheduled from March 9, 2005)

**9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM**

**Board of Supervisors Conference Room A  
County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, CA**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.**
2. **Public Comments.** Any member of the public may address the Committee for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Council. The Committee will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any action on items not on the agenda.
3. **SLOCOG April 6, 2005 Agenda: Attached.** (REVIEW & COMMENT, re: timing, sequence, advisory committee agenda items, etc.). The following identifies several key issues requiring Executive Committee direction:

**Major Agenda Items Include:**

**CALTRANS PRESENTATION:**

- **Highway Median Clean-up.**
- **Suey Creek Road/Highway 166 intersection improvements.**

Caltrans management (District Director and Deputy Director) will not be available at the meeting due to schedule conflicts. SLOCOG staff is requesting direction on whether to continue this item to the June meeting or keep it in the agenda and let Caltrans lower level staff conduct the presentations and answer questions.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

**A-1, 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Addendum to the 2001 Environmental Impact Report (EIR).** The Draft RTP began circulation in February. It was presented to the SLOCOG Board in March. Two evening public meetings were conducted on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Extensive email notifications regarding the draft document have been sent out. Comments received will be presented in the April staff report. Comments received to date are clarifications

and editorials. No major policy or substantial substantive issues have been raised (**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt RTP and Certify the 2001 EIR Addendum).

**A-2, Rural Transit Fund (RTF) Program of Projects FY 2005/06.** SLOCOG annually receives federal transit funding (est.: \$200k +) for rural transit systems. In an effort to streamline capital equipment processing time SLOCOG exchanges the federal funding for local RTA funding, advertises a “Call-for-Projects” from rural transit providers, prioritizes projects using adopted rating criteria and submits a Program of Projects for SLOCOG Board adoption. This process saves approximately one year in processing time. No major issues are apparent at this time. (**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve RTF Grant Awards and Reflect into TDA Allocation).

#### **TRANSPORTATION ITEMS:**

**B-1, 2005/06 Unmet Transit Needs - Findings.** A total of 487 persons requested 55 different requests. The following five requests met the criteria for unmet needs and are being evaluated as to their “reasonableness”:

- Transit service to Villa Paseo (Senior Apartments) in Templeton.
- Transit service to Bolsa Chica Mobile home part in Arroyo Grande.
- Sunday Dial-a-Ride service in Morro Bay.
- Evening Dial-A-ride service in Morro Bay.
- Sunday transit service in Paso Robles.

A recommendation on these requests will be provided in April. The remaining requests were deemed to be “operational” in nature. They are being forwarded to applicable operators for a response to be presented to the SLOCOG Board in June.

Requests for vanpool subsidies (90) were previously determined (2004) to be outside the scope of the unmet needs hearings. A pilot effort to provide vanpool subsidies outside of areas currently served by transit is suggested in agenda item #B-6.

Requests for a “later” countywide evening network (18) were determined “not reasonable to meet” in 2004. Conditions have not changed to warrant a reconsideration of this finding. The request does have merit and a “pilot” program to address this request is suggested in agenda item #B-6.

(**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Resolution).

**B-2, Project Study Reports (PSRS).** A Memorandum with Caltrans allows regional agencies to annually request Caltrans perform PSRs to “scope” projects for potential funding. Caltrans PSR “resources” have been cut substantially. More importantly, little if any, funding will be available for programming. The staff report will identify the status of pending and completed PSRs. Staff will likely recommend Caltrans complete the PSRs that are currently underway (**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve)

**B-3, Farebox Ratio for Operators Serving both Urbanized and Non-Urbanized Areas.** The Federal Transit Administration has requested farebox ratio requirements be adopted by SLOCOG for those operators that serve both urban and rural areas. A recommended minimum farebox ratio will be reviewed with the operators and the RTAC Committee and presented to the SLOCOG Board for adoption (**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve).

**B-4, Caltrans 2006 Ten-Year State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).** Caltrans periodically prepares and updates a ten-year SHOPP identifying priority projects to fund in biennial SHOPP programming cycles. The SHOPP identifies major Caltrans safety and operational projects for funding. These projects are selected on a statewide basis using statewide criteria. SLOCOG has had some limited influence in the design and programming of

specific SHOPP projects (most notably, the Highway 1 median barrier; other projects include tree removal, barrier treatments, etc) (**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and Comment).

**B-5, 2005 Pending State Legislation.** Proposed legislative bills will be reviewed with advisory committees considering the adopted SLOCOG Legislative Program and statewide and regional agency input (**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Recommended Legislative Positions).

**B-6, Pilot Programs: Evening Transit Service and Vanpool.** For the past three years, these two service requests have been raised in the unmet transit needs process. Both requests have not been found reasonable to meet by traditional transit services. Staff is bringing forward options to meet some of these transit needs outside the unmet transit needs process under a cost-contained pilot proposal (**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Funding).

**B-7, Route 166 Channelization Project – Suey Creek Road Improvements.** Should this item be discussed first before Item B-1 or leave it as B-7? Staff will be presenting findings and recommendations regarding the Suey Creek Road Safety issue (**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve).

**B-8, Update on Community 2050 Workshops.** This is an information item. Staff will present an update on the Community 2050 workshops (January 22, 2005 - south county and February 5, 2005 - north county), including the Countywide Summit held on March 11, 2005.

**B-9, Transportation Enhancement (TE) Programming Policies.** Approximately \$2 million of unprogrammed regional TE funds exist. Staff has notified local agencies of this funding opportunity. Staff will be evaluating project selection criteria with advisory committees; it will then be presented to the Board for approval of the final selection criteria. Programming action is planned for June 2005 (**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and Comment).

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**C-1, FY 2005/2006 Overall Work Program and Budget.** The FY 05/06 OWP and budget was conceptually approved by SLOCOG in February. It was then circulated to Caltrans and federal funding agencies for their review and input. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, these agencies formally met with SLOCOG staff to submit their comments on the OWP. The OWP and budget was found to meet State and federal agency priorities, guidelines, and recommendations. Suggestions were limited to clarifications and editorials. Caltrans Sacramento staff noted federal planning (PL) funds will likely increase by \$98k. All other funding is stable (or likely to nominally increase) (**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt).

**C-2, Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2005/2006.** Overall funding is expected to increase nominally (3-4%). The funding will be apportioned among agencies for allocation in July (**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve).

**CONSENT AGENDA:** See attached agenda.

**D-7, Priority List of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Applications – Specialized Transit Services.** Annually, SLOCOG submits a regional ranking of transit capital needs for senior and disabled services to Caltrans for statewide programming considerations (**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve).

**CLOSED SESSION:** Begin negotiations with employee association regarding compensation/benefits.

4. **Update: Joint Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)/SLOCOG Meeting.**
5. **Executive Committee Minutes, February 9, 2005 Attached (APPROVE).**
6. **Late Breaking News.**
7. **Committee Member Comments and Adjournment.**

**Next Meeting: April 13, 2005, Wednesday.**

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