

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

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

JANUARY 18, 2006, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM TO 11:00 AM

(Start time was changed from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)

Board of Supervisors Conference Room A

New County Government Center, D-430, 1055 Monterey Street, 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. 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, November 9, 2005 Attached (APPROVE).**
4. **SLOCOG February 8, 2006 Agenda: attached** (Review and Comment regarding: timing, sequence, and proposed advisory committee items {noted circled items}). The following identify several key issues that are planned for discussion:

A-1 Election of Officers and Recognition. At this meeting the SLOCOG Board selects its new President and Vice-President. Historically, the new President assumes the chair and presents the outgoing president with a plaque of Appreciation.

A-2 Committee and Interagency Assignments. This item addresses committee assignments for the following: Executive Committee, California Association of Councils of Governments, Coast Rail Coordinating Council and the Los Angeles-SLO-San Diego Rail Policy Committee. Recommended SLOCOG Board Action: select memberships.

Public Hearing Items:

B-1 Unmet Transit Needs Hearing/Unmet Bikeway Needs Hearing. A public hearing will be held to receive public testimony on unmet transit/bikeway needs. Staff will present via addendum at the meeting any written, verbal or electronic testimony submitted to date. Once received, the testimony will be assessed against adopted criteria and a recommendation will be presented in April for action. No major issues are apparent at this time.

B-2 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 9. A public hearing will be conducted on the proposed amendment to include minor adjustments to already programmed federally funded projects and to include the following three new federally funded projects:

- Grand Ave enhancements in Grover Beach, federal appropriations bill.
- Lewis Ave Bridge in Atascadero, federal appropriations amendment.
- Regional Transit Authority, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311f rural intercity funding.

B-3 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). A public hearing will be conducted to consider public testimony and adopt the 2006 RTIP. This will conclude the series of public meetings held for programming. The SLOCOG Board will be asked to adopt the recommended projects for submittal to the California Transportation Commission for final approval. Four categories of funding is included:

- Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), \$68m (new, reprogrammed and respread {deferred} projects).
- SLOCOG recommendations on Caltrans proposed Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) projects
- Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects, \$4.7m.
- Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) projects, \$11.6m.

Proposed candidate projects have been prioritized for programming using adopted criteria. TTAC reviewed initial prioritized list in December and both advisory committees will review recommended projects for funding at their meeting on January 25th.

Deadline for submittal to the CTC is February 1st. The CTC is scheduling formal approval on March 15, 2006.

Transportation Items:

C-1 Proposed State Infrastructure Finance Proposals. Three legislative proposals have now been submitted for consideration. The Governor's Strategic Improvement Plan, including permanent protection for Proposition 42 funding, and two \$6b transportation bonds. Senate Majority leader Perata is proposing an \$11b infrastructure improvement bond; and Assembly leader Nunez has proposed an Assembly version bond measure (as yet unspecified amount). The Governor and the Senate and House leadership has indicated their intent to develop a final proposal for the June 2006 ballot. To make this deadline requires a final bill by March and at the latest by April. Staff suggests providing a synopsis of these three measures and local implications.

C-2 Governor's 2006 Budget (Transportation). The Governor has released his draft budget for 2006. This starts the negotiations with the Legislature leading up to a final budget by July 1st. The budget is good news for transportation, proposing to: fully fund Proposition 42, early

repayment of a portion of prior Proposition 42 loans, and anticipated funding from Indian Gaming compacts. Staff will provide a summary of the proposal noting local implications. Does the Committee desire to discuss this item, if so as a “discussion item” or “consent”?

C-3 Highway 41/101 Interchange Project Development Cost. At your last Board meeting staff noted the extensive Advance Development costs associated with this project. Staff also noted Caltrans was requesting SLOCOG funds costs that have since been expended by Caltrans. Your Board requested Caltrans provide a detailed explanation at the next meeting. Attached is a written response. Does the Committee prefer to have this as a “discussion” item?

Area Wide and Agency Issues:

D-1 FY 2006/2007 Preliminary Overall Work Program and Budgetary Assumptions. February begins the process for adopting the following years Overall Work program and budget. Staff will present a summary of major work elements, tasks, products and budget assumptions for Board direction and endorsement. A draft work program and budget will be prepared for Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration input in late February and Board consideration and adoption in April.

D-2 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund Apportionment for FY 2006/2007. Annually, the SLOCOG Board allocates approximately \$11m in TDA funds to member agencies and transit authorities. The County Auditor and State Controller will provide a projection of TDA revenue for next fiscal year. The projected funding will be allocated based on state law and adopted policies.

D-3 Community 2050 Update. See Attachment A for update.

Consent Agenda: Specific issues of concern include the following:

E-3 Draft 2006 Federal and State Legislative Programs. These are annual State and Federal legislative policies that are recommended to guide staff response to draft legislation.

E-4 2007 Annual Appropriations Bill – Candidate Projects. Annually, congressional members have an opportunity to select projects in the annual Appropriations bill. Historically, staff prepared a list of candidate projects to the SLOCOG board for consideration, endorsement, and submittal to congressional members for possible funding. The list is updated annually.

5. Organization Assessment. Over the past several months, staff has been working with Ray Johnson of Action Associates, to conduct an internal assessment of the agency. This assessment focused on staff interrelationships, internal communications, supervisory responsibilities, and lines of authority. Suggested improvements are being implemented that involve internal communications, staff interrelationships, team building, and overall morale. See Attachment B for Findings and Recommendations.

The consultant also recommended a change in the Organizational Structure to:

- Improve lines of authority and accountability,
- Clarify responsibilities
- Improve the ability to address new and changing work responsibilities.

In response to this analysis staff recommends modifying the Organization Structure, flattening the agency supervisory hierarchy and reassigning staff to better address skill sets and changing work responsibilities.

The Executive Director, by practice, has retained direct lines of authority to all major divisions. The consultant found this "hands on" approach to be effective and well supported by staff. The consultant recommended flattening the management hierarchy from two classes (a Deputy Director classification and a Program Manager classification) into a single new classification. He noted the incumbent Deputy Director position serves as a Special Projects Manager and State Liaison, and did not manage other senior staff. He recommended the position be reclassified to be consistent with the current responsibilities. He also noted the two incumbent Program/Planning Managers manage similar major sections/divisions. The consultant recommends the Organization Chart be amended to reflect the actual work responsibilities and assignments flattening out the supervisory hierarchy. Recommendation: combine the three senior staff positions into a single classification, consistent with the County Principal Planner classification, a Division Manager. This classification would result in a 5% compensation adjustment to the two Planning Managers and allow additional growth in the salary range. The incumbent Deputy Director Position compensation would be retained at its current level. The actual formal title of each staff is suggested to be negotiated with the three staff. The title of the Program Coordinator, in charge of Technical Services (traffic model), would change to Senior Planner to more accurately reflect the job description.

Revised job descriptions would be prepared. The suggested modifications would be included in the revised Organizational Chart to be included in the FY 2006/07 Overall Work Program and budget for approval by SLOCOG, Caltrans, and the Federal Highway Administration.

6. Late Breaking News. This provides an opportunity to update the Committee on any late breaking news.

7. Executive Committee Member Comments and Adjournment.

Next Meeting: February 15, 2006, Wednesday (Tentative)

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**Executive Committee
January 18, 2006 Meeting**

Attachment A

COMMUNITY 2050 UPDATE

Funding to proceed with the Community 2050 effort has been approved under the state's Blueprint Grant Program. Requests received totaled \$7.3m while only \$5m is available. The approval fully funds our request for \$226,800 for this fiscal year, and provided tentative approval of an additional \$226,800 for FY 2006/07 (\$428,800 was requested for FY06/07).

The Elected Official Steering Committee meetings are being conducted (Jan 5, 11, 18, 19) to receive input on the upcoming activities. The technical staffs have been discussing how the proposed Work Element can be revised to reflect the input being receiving from these sessions and the points included in the approval as listed below. **A revised Scope of Work will be presented at the Feb 8th SLOCOG meeting for submittal to the state.**

Major concepts from Secretary McPeak for the Regional Blueprint Planning work plans.

1. Demonstrate how the Regional Blueprint Planning grant will be used *to plan for the region's 20-year housing and employment needs as it relates to the regional transportation plan and improving mobility.*
2. All grant contracts must have a *Blueprint Plan as the end product after two years and shall have the following components:*
 - *Vision for the region developed through public consensus*
 - *Graphic display and map of the preferred growth scenario or blueprint for the future.*
 - *Major policies and strategies for meeting the vision in the areas of land use, housing, environmental protection, transportation and economic development.*
 - *Performance measures.*
3. The Blueprint grant will be used to address the Go California goals, objectives and strategies including smart land use.

The grant approval will be for the first year. The second year of funding will depend on performance and products completed in the first year. You will be required to submit an updated grant application detailing federal funding eligibility of the proposed second year activities and required local match before July 1, 2006,

The specific activities identified by the state for SLOCOG to complete the grant qualification process include:

- Revise the work element for the remainder of FY 2005-2006 based on the funding estimate for the potential two-year grant period. The interim products for the first year must be clearly spelled out.
- Address public involvement in an effective manner that includes environmental justice.
- Strengthen the transportation element, discussing transportation issues and policy development, including interaction between transportation and land-use decisions.
- Unique land use-transportation-housing issues should continue to be addressed.
- More specific details are needed on the project scope of work, addressing task findings and recommendations (surveys).
- The final product should include performance measures and planning for the second year product.