

OTHERS PRESENT:

Trish Lopez	County Public Works	Jim Cullem	Harris & Associates
Bob Shanteau	Consulting Traffic Engineer	Mike Giuliano	Caltrans District 5
Hilda Garcia	City of Salinas	Gary Roggerone	Caltrans District 5

Chair Enrique Saavedra, County of Monterey, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Serrano/Hudson/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of April 5, 2007.

3.2 Received information on Annual Anticipated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Level (AADPL) submittal requirements.

3.3 Recommended Board approve City of Salinas allocation request for \$200,000 in Transportation for Livable Communities funds.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT DELEGATION

The Committee received information on how National Environmental Policy Act delegation will affect Local Agency projects.

Gary Ruggerone and Mike Giuliano of Caltrans District 5 gave an update on “NEPA Delegation” (SAFETEA-LU Sections 6004 and 6005), which allow Federal Highway Administration to “assign” to Caltrans the responsibility and authority for compliance with National Environmental Policy Act and other federal environmental laws.

Gary Ruggerone presented that this pilot program has the benefit of removing layers of oversight and streamlining the review process with project review occurring at the State-level and Caltrans working closely with other federal agencies (i.e. Fish and Wildlife). New responsibilities for Caltrans under this program include a longer-term involvement in projects, oversight during construction, and tracking of environmental commitments for compliance.

5. **TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PLAN AND REGIONAL IMPACT FEE**

The Committee provided input on the Transportation Investment Plan and Regional Impact Fee.

Debbie Hale, Executive Director, reported that the Board has directed that a Transportation Investment Plan be created prior to considering a potential transportation sales tax ballot measure. The Board has also directed that the Agency conduct an update to the nexus study for the proposed Regional Impact Fee. Recommendations for both undertakings are expected to be ready for Board consideration by September or October 2007.

6. **TRANSPORTATION AGENCY GENERAL BIKEWAYS PLAN AMENDMENTS**

The Committee provided information to Transportation Agency staff on amendments member agencies would like to make to the 2005 General Bikeways Plan.

Kaki Chen, reported that the Transportation Agency staff is seeking amendments to the 2005 General Bikeways Plan from the Technical Advisory Committee members by October 19th. Having a current bikeways plan will make the County and cities eligible for various sources of bicycle funding, such as the Bicycle Transportation Account and Safe Routes to School.

7. **SIDEPATH ISSUES IN MONTEREY COUNTY**

The Committee received report on sidepath issues in Monterey County.

Dr. Bob Shanteau, Consulting Traffic Engineer, provided information on some of the problems with sidepaths in Monterey County. The sidepath issue was presented to the Committee three years ago when the effectiveness and safety of sidepaths in urban areas was questioned has provided the attached report detailing some of the problems with sidepaths in Monterey County.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Chair Enrique Saavedra adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.