



Citizens Advisory Committee

AGENDA

September 26, 2005 – 4:00 p.m.

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ITEM

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 - A. Transit Forum, September 28, 2005
 - B. RFP for Design of Two Hwy 101 Projects
 - C. SMART Update
 - D. Commendation Letter
- IV.** Measure M – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**
 - A. Revenue/Expense Report through September 2005
 - B. Status of Cooperative Agreements with Project Sponsors
- V.** Update on Caltrans Projects – **DISCUSSION**
- VI.** SCTA Revised Overall Work Program – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**
- VII.** Announcements / Other Business – **DISCUSSION**
- VIII.** Adjournment – **ACTION**

The next **S C T A** meeting will be held **October 10, 2005**
The next **C A C** meeting will be held **October 31, 2005**

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SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
Monday, August 29, 2005

ATTENDEES

Steve Birdlebough, Friends of SMART	Guy Preston, SCTA
Linda Branscomb, 2 nd District	Dusty Rhodes, Seniors
George Ellman, Transportation & Land Use Coalition	Willard Richards, League of Women Voters
Craig Harrington, 4 th District	Don Sanders, Sierra Club
Dennis Harter, Sonoma County Alliance	Janet Spilman, SCTA
Elijah Henley, SCTA	Casidy Ward, Sonoma County Taxpayers Association
Jack Macy, 3 rd District	Barry Weitzenberg, Sonoma County Mfg. Group
John McHugh, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce	Suzanne Wilford, SCTA
Curt Nichols, Home Builders Association	

ITEM

I. Introductions

Ms. Wilford announced that Mr. Henley will be leaving SCTA mid September and introduced Guy Preston as the new Deputy Director Projects and Programming.

Round table introductions were made.

II. Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2005 Meeting - **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Reports – **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

A. SCTA Staff Report – Transit Forum, Rideshare

Ms. Spilman reported that the CAC and TAC are hosting the Transit Forum to be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2005 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the PRMD Hearing Room. CAC members are encouraged to attend this event.

Ms. Spilman reported that the Regional Rideshare Program has been taken over by Parsons Brinkerhoff. Parsons Brinkerhoff will be making a presentation to the SCTA Board in October.

B. MTC Report

Ms. Wilford reported that the TLC/HIP programs are happening 6 to 8 months from now. Regional Bike programs another 6 or 8 months away

from programming. There is no new funding coming out of MTC except federal funding for local streets and roads overlay rehab funding that will be coming out in the next few months.

C. SMART Update

Ms. Spilman reported that she is working with MTC on implementation of the Transit Oriented Development policy.

D. Measure M – Funding Agreements, Revenue Report

Mr. Preston reviewed the Measure M cash flow report of revenues and expenditures to date. Mr. Preston also reported that staff has received a funding agreement from the City of Sebastopol Public Works and will be on the September 12th SCTA Board of Directors Agenda.

IV. Speed Limit Laws – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

A. Traffic Control Devices – Proposed Changes

Ms. Wilford reported that at one of the SCTA meetings a couple of Directors expressed an interest in the TAC discussing speed limit laws and issues associated with state requirements for speed limits. There were two approaches to this.

Santa Rosa's approach has been looking at the way the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices was written as there was an amendment in May 2003 California Supplement stating, "The speed limit should be established at the nearest 10 km/h (5 mph) increment to the 85th percentile speed." The previous language included the word lowest instead of nearest. The change in guidance could cause a speed zone established before May 20, 2004 to be raised by 5 mph. The TAC would like the SCTA to send a letter to the California Traffic Control Devices Committee supporting the original language. The TAC also recommended that the County and other local jurisdictions submit a similar letter.

B. Possible Legislation

Another issue related to speed limits is that the City of Rohnert Park is urging the League of Cities to support legislation to amend the Vehicle Code related to enhance local control of speed limits. The TAC did not take a position on this and felt that this was a policy issue more than a technical issue.

The CAC would like to be kept informed on this issue.

V. Origin & Destination Study with Napa, Mendocino and Lake - **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Henley reported that the Wine Country Interregional Partnership (IRP) is conducting an Origin and Destination study. The IRP is bringing together the regional transportation planning agencies from Sonoma, Napa Lake and Mendocino counties. Under the leadership of Mendocino Council of

Governments, the IRP has been awarded a \$135,000 grant from Caltrans District 1 to conduct phase II of the O&D study.

A contract has been awarded to TY-LIN International to collect travel and demographic data at 5 cordon lines within these counties. At each of the cordon lines TY-LIN will randomly collect license plate information from cars passing in and out of the study areas. Once an adequate number of cars have been logged, the license plate numbers will be sent to the DMV to obtain home address numbers of the drivers to survey about their travel behavior. This information will be summarized into a report by TY-LIN. The anticipated release date of the report is expected in the spring or summer of 2006.

Mr. Henley stated that further reports would be made available to the CAC.

VI. Update on Caltrans Projects – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Route 116/121 PSR – Roundabout alternative

Ms. Wilford reported that there was a PSR done several years ago that looked at signalizing the intersection as a SHOPP Project. It did not get funded in the SHOPP, was not a high priority project and never went anywhere. There were advocates for a roundabout. Caltrans agreed to update the PSR to include a roundabout as an option. The next step is to get it into the SHOPP and get the environmental phase funded. This is very preliminary.

B. Route 116 – Stage Gulch and Cotati to Sebastopol

Ms. Wilford reported the environmental document for Stage Gulch has been approved and should go to construction in Spring 2008.

Ms. Wilford also reported that the 116 project from Sebastopol to Cotati is still in the environmental stage but District 4 has it back in its domain and is continuing to work on it.

C. Route 12 to Steele Schedule

Ms. Wilford reported that 12 to Steele went out to bid today. The mainline widening will go out to bid September 6, 2005, with a spring start date.

D. 101/116 Bridge Separation / Truck Lane Project

Ms. Wilford reported that the bid came in high for the construction job and they had to use up virtually all the contingency in order to award the contract. There is a possibility there may be additional costs and change orders that need to be addressed. So there may need to be additional funds granted to the project. It is yet to be determined if the CTC will grant those funds. Staff is trying to work with Caltrans that all the funds get allocated to the project that they need so that they will not have to reduce the scope.

E. Project SAFETEA-LU - Next Steps

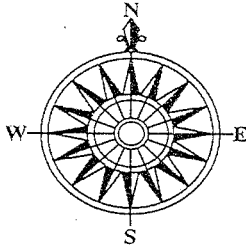
Ms. Wilford reported on SAFETEA-LU the new Federal Transportation Bill that will provide funding for improvements to Highway 101.

VII. Other Business/Comments/Announcements

Ms. Wilford referred to a handout announcing that the Napa County is proposing putting a sales tax on their ballot for June 2006.

VIII. Adjournment – **ACTION**

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



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Bob Anderson, Chair
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Dear Chair ~~Anderson~~; *Bob*,

It is a pleasure to extend to the Citizens Advisory Committee the highest level of commendation from the SCTA Board of Directors for the Committee's diligent and indispensable work on the development of the 2004 Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County and the 2005 Measure M Strategic Plan.

The Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County and the Measure M Strategic Plan include key traffic improvements on the Highway 101 corridor as well as for local roads, SMART, bus service and bike routes. Without the input and advice of the interest groups represented on the Citizens Advisory Committee, these documents would have been lacking in comprehensiveness and readability.

The Committee's ability to quickly assess recommendations, provide suggestions on approaches and suggest language changes to make the document clear was critical to the SCTA Board of Director's efforts in getting the documents through the required process in an expedited manner.

Thank you for the CAC's continued dedication to improving the transportation system in Sonoma County.

Sincerely,

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