

President Strong closed Board comment.

B. ACTION AGENDA:

B-1 RTA Joint Powers Agreement amendment: **Mr. Straw** briefly talked about the reasons why an amendment is needed. On page B-1-10, staff added verbiage allowing member cities to elect alternates and allow them only to vote in the absence of the official representative. On page B-1-13, Article V, number 7, language was added to allow the organization to take out loans from private or third party representatives.

Mr. Timothy McNulty, County Counsel, said the next step after Board approval would be for each member jurisdiction to present a resolution to their city council for approval to adopt the revised JPA. He noted on B-1-13 language already exists that the debts, liabilities and obligations of RTA are not those of the member jurisdictions. He said this amendment cleans up existing language.

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Board Member Mecham asked if there was a cap of money RTA can borrow before going to the Board for authorization. **Mr. McNulty** said staff must come to the Board for approval before borrowing any money. There is an elaborate process required under state Joint Powers law before incurring any obligation.

Board Member Higginbotham observed in the staff report the final version must be submitted to the Secretary of State within 30 days of approval. Assuming Board approval, she asked if that would be 30 days from today. **Mr. McNulty** said the amendment will only become effective after the last of the member agencies adopt a resolution approving of the amendment.

Board Member Tom O'Malley inquired if alternate members must be the same for RTA and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG). **Mr. McNulty** said the proposed changes do not impact that option, but rather to clarify the language relating to alternates. **Board Member Tom O'Malley** said he reads the agreement to say alternate members do not have to be the same for RTA and SLOCOG, although the primary Board members must be the same. **Mr. McNulty** agreed that member jurisdictions can appoint different alternates. Finally, **Board Member Tom O'Malley** questioned how appointments are made to standing committees such as the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) per page B-1-11. **Mr. Straw** said RTAC has its own set of bylaws that stipulate standing members and alternates are brought to the Board for approval.

Board Member Tony Ferrara suggested there should be some verbiage in the JPA encouraging member jurisdictions to have the same alternates for RTA and SLOCOG. He said there is a lot of cause and effect between the two agency agendas. We would lose the continuity and do a disservice by having an alternate sit on one Board meeting but not the other. **Mr. McNulty** said Article II, section 1 on page B-1-9, could be revised to address these concerns.

Board Member Shoals thought the current language is sufficient as it leaves the decision in the hands of local jurisdictions. He said he thought most jurisdictions would choose to have the same alternates for the sake of continuity.

Board Member Tom O'Malley agreed with **Board Member Ferrara** that it is a good idea to have the same alternates who serve on both RTA and SLOCOG Boards. He said he likes having local control, but he could go either way.

Board Member Mecham agreed that there is overlap between RTA and SLOCOG and it's a good idea to have the same members and alternates on both. If someone is not familiar with how the agencies work and understand the acronyms, that person is lost.

Board Member Higginbotham said she already gave a copy of the agreement to the Pismo Beach City Manager and City Attorney. This will be on the consent agenda for the December 4 city council meeting pending Board approval today.

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Mr. Pete Rodgers, SLOCOG, said he thought the Board was going in the right direction. He suggested not making any changes and thus, keeping it open for local choice whether or not the alternate is the same or different for the respective Boards, while encouraging them to keep the same alternates. The right hand should know what the left hand is doing.

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Board Member Shoals moved to approve the staff recommendation of Action Agenda item B-1. **Board Member Marx** seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote.

B-2 Adopt MOU for Planning and Programming of FTA funds in AG-GB UZA: **Mr. Straw** briefly outlined the memorandum of understanding for the new Arroyo Grande-Grover Beach Urbanized Area. He said staff met with Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach and Grover Beach officials and received support to adopt the document. About \$1.1M Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds will be designated to the South County for transit services, some of which will be funneled back to the three cities and the county. He said the numbers are still in flux, but the first step will be to adopt a program of projects. He said the South County Area Transit (SCAT) Board will also make a motion on this document after the RTA Board adjourns.

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