

ATTACHMENT A



Measure A

CITIZENS
OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

August 9, 2017

Chair Michael T. Bennett
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
260 N. San Antonio Rd., Suite B
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Dear Chair Bennett & SBCAG Board:

Hamid Bahadori
Chair

RE: Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Review:

Mark Cheli
Vice-Chair

The Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee hereby finds the Authority is proceeding in accordance with both the Measure A Ordinance and Investment Plan as amended by the SBCAG Board.

Mark Bradley

The Measure A Ordinance requires the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee to annually send a letter to the SBCAG Board commenting on whether Measure A is being properly carried out. Section 22A specifically states, "The committee shall annually submit a letter to the Authority commenting on whether the provisions, requirements and voter mandates specified in the Investment Plan and Ordinance have been properly carried out. The letter may include observations and recommendations to the Authority."

Andy Caldwell

Phillip B. Greene

The Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee held a public meeting on June 28, 2017, reviewed the FY15-16 Measure A Audit, the FY 17-18 to 21-22 Regional and Local Program of Projects, and received a report from SBCAG staff on the status of Measure A Projects. Based upon the above-mentioned hearing, the 2015/16 Measure A financial audit results and all other information, the Citizens Oversight Committee has to date, the Citizens Oversight Committee hereby finds the Authority is proceeding in accordance with both the Measure A Ordinance and Investment Plan as amended by the SBCAG Board.

Robin Hayhurst

Alissa Hummer

David Lawrence

Pat Saley

The Measure A Citizen's Oversight Committee is very optimistic about the opportunity for state funding for the 101 HOV widening project from the new Senate Bill 1 grant programs. The SBCAG Board's consistent efforts to advance the readiness of the 101 project and position the agency to leverage Measure A funds and take advantage of new state or federal funding opportunities is an excellent strategy. The Committee is encouraged that significant progress has been made toward completing the 101 project every year since Measure A began generating revenue in 2010.

Dennis Story

Tessi Martinez

In 2008, Santa Barbara County voters approved Measure A with 79% voter support. In 2017, the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee can report to the residents of Santa Barbara County that SBCAG is making consistent progress to implement Measure A voter intent. The Highway 246 Passing Lanes and Highway 101 widening project are both under construction, Measure A funded local road repairs continue to address the road maintenance needs of local governments, and Measure A funded bicycle and pedestrian projects are being used by residents throughout the County. The Committee is encouraged by the progress of the last year and looks forward to achieving new milestones in 2018.

Sincerely,

Hamid Bahadori
Chair, Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee