



# ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday,  
July 25th  
12:00pm

Chair  
Jim Knight

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July

26 - Business After  
Hours  
Pacifica Suites  
5490 Hollister  
Avenue  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

28 - Executive  
Board Meeting  
Chamber  
Conference Room  
271 N. Fariview  
Ave, Ste 104  
8:00am - 9:00am

### August

3 - Board Meeting  
Chamber  
Conference Room  
271 N. Fariview  
Ave, Ste 104  
8:00am - 9:30am

7 - Ambassadors  
Meeting  
Chamber  
Conference Room  
271 N. Fariview  
Ave, Ste 104  
12:00pm - 1:00pm

8 - Issue and Policy  
Roundtable  
UCSB Construction  
Chamber  
Conference Room  
271 N. Fariview  
Ave, Ste 104  
12:00pm - 1:15pm

## Measure D 2006

**T**uesday's meeting was a final chance for members and the community alike to meet and discuss Measure D, allowing the IPR to place a vote. Attendees were given ample time to discern differences, voice opinion, question the experts, and speak their past experience with Measure D and concerns for the future. The Board will take the next step on September 7th, with a vote to oppose or support the measure. Both sides of the debate were thoroughly established and detailed. However, with equal opinion on each side, the IPR was unable to recommend an approval or disapproval to the board. Measure D will be on the November 7th, 2006 general ballot. If the measure passes, the county will have three years to program the use of funds, which will be available in 2010 when the current Measure D expires.

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## INTEREST ITEMS

**ITEM 1: Measure D 2006 Review:** The plan provides nearly \$1.6 billion in funding to relieve traffic congestion, maintain existing transportation infrastructure, improve local roads and highways, provide safe routes to school, expand transportation alternatives and protect mobility for seniors and disabled individuals. The adopted plan would continue Measure D—our existing ½ percent local sales tax for transportation—for 30 years and provide for a ¼ percent increase in the sales tax rate to fund specific projects and programs. The existing Measure D, which was approved by county voters in 1989, will sunset in March 2010, and this critical source of transportation funding will end unless a renewal of Measure D is approved. The county board of supervisors and a majority of the city councils representing a majority of the incorporated area population must approve the new expenditure plan before the measure is placed on the November 7, 2006 general election ballot. This plan is the product of 18 months of hard work and compromise by SBCAG Boardmembers, staff, consultants, local agency representatives and stakeholder groups after many public outreach workshops and meetings. The plan has been prepared to address important existing and future

transportation needs in Santa Barbara County. It proposes a diverse program of transportation investments to address those needs while being sensitive to the regional differences within our county. Under the plan, 50% of the revenues generated by Measure D will be allocated to local agencies, for expenditure on projects selected by the city councils and board of supervisors, based on each community's priorities. This provision ensures that each city and the county will continue to receive at least the same amount of local flexible funding as they currently receive from the revenues generated by the current Measure D ½ percent sales tax. The other 50% of funds will be used to deliver important regional projects like the widening of the 101 freeway to the Ventura County line, a new commuter rail service connecting Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, increased local and regional transit, improved bikeways and safe routes to school that will benefit all the citizens of the county and our local economy for years to come.

The Highway 101 Operational Improvements between Milpas Street and Hot Springs Road/Cabrillo Boulevard mark one of the largest projects undertaken by Caltrans in Santa Barbara County. This project costs approximately \$50 million and

includes the reconstruction of two major interchanges, six new or improved bridges, freeway widening, and improvements to local streets and circulation. Construction is slated to begin in 2007 and will take 4 years; each construction stage is approximately 1 year in length.

- Third northbound lane between Salinas Street and Milpas Street
- Third southbound lane between Milpas Street and Hot Springs Road/Cabrillo Boulevard
- Bridge replacement on Highway 101 at Milpas Street
- Northbound auxiliary lane from Cabrillo Boulevard on-ramp to the Salinas Street off-ramp
- New Cacique Street connection between Milpas Street and Alisos Street (under 101)
- Roundabout at Cabrillo Boulevard/Hot Springs Road/Coast Village Road/Old Coast Highway for local circulation improvements
- Improved pedestrian/bicycle access under Highway 101 at Cabrillo Blvd.

**ACTION TAKEN:**  
 APPROVED  
 DISAPPROVED

**No Action Taken**



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## LOCAL ISSUES

The Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce commissioned an independent, objective survey of agricultural properties in the Goleta Valley. The agricultural consultants were asked to conduct an analysis to determine the economic viability of agricultural use of agricultural parcels. The Chamber is urging the City of Goleta to consider re-zoning any agricultural parcels that are not viable as an agricultural enterprise and consider using them as potential sites to help meet the City's commitment and need to provide housing. This White Paper assesses the agricultural viability and economic factors of agricultural properties within

the City of Goleta and includes:

- A background report on Goleta Valley agriculture, including crops historically and currently grown, and any historic changes affecting crop choice, crop income, and production levels
- A review of areas currently or historically in agricultural production in the Goleta Valley
- An analysis of existing and potential agricultural sites in the City of Goleta
- A review of resources and infrastructure needed for maintenance and further agricultural development of those properties, such as water, labor, housing, transportation, and pest management

## JULY MIXER

### Business After Hours Mixer

**When:** Wednesday, July 26, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

**Where:** Pacifica Suites,  
5490 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara

**Cost:** \$5/members, \$10/non-members

**RSVP:**  
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## REGIONAL ISSUES

**ITEM 1:** Propositions on the November Ballot

**Proposition 1A** - Transportation Investment Fund: would make it more difficult for the Legislature to suspend Proposition 42, which mandates that gasoline sales-tax revenue be spent on transportation, and divert the money for other purposes.

**Proposition 1B** - Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006: a \$19.9 billion bond issue to pay for road repairs and expansions, repair bridges, expand public transportation and improve port security.

**Proposition 1C** - Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006: a \$2.85 billion bond issue to pay for affordable-housing assistance and housing for farm workers and the homeless.

**Proposition 1D** - Education Facilities. Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006: a \$10.4 billion bond issue for school and university construction.

**Proposition 1E** - Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006: a \$4.09 billion bond issue to repair levees and flood-control systems.

**Proposition 84** - Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection Park Improvements: a \$5.4 billion bond issue to pay for clean-water, flood-control and conservation projects.

**Proposition 87** - Alternative Energy. Research, Production Incentives. Tax on California Oil: would impose a 1.6 percent to 6 percent tax on producers of oil extracted in California, depending on the price per barrel, to pay for research and production incentives for alternative energy vehicles and clean-burning fuels.

**Proposition 88** - Education Funding. Real Property Parcel Tax: would impose a \$50 tax on each real property parcel to pay for kindergarten-through-12th-grade programs, including class-size reduction, textbooks and school safety programs.

**Proposition 89** - Political Campaigns. Public Financing. Corporate Tax Increase. Contribution and Expenditure Limits: would allow political candidates who raise a specified number of \$5 donations to receive money from the state, and would raise taxes on banks and corporations by 0.2 percent to pay for the program.

**Proposition 90** - Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property: would prohibit state and local governments from condemning private property for other private uses.

## LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

### July

**31 - City Council Meeting**  
1:30pm & 6:00pm  
Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

### August

**1 - Design Review Board Meeting**  
3:00pm  
Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

**1 - Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
9:00am  
County Admin Bldg  
105 E Anapamu St  
Santa Barbara

**8 - Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
9:00am  
Betteravia Gov Ctr  
511 E Lakeside Pky  
Santa Maria

**15 - Design Review Board Meeting**  
3:00pm  
Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

**15 - Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
9:00am  
County Admin Bldg  
105 E Anapamu St,  
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