

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Judge Rodney Melville
Superior Court
312-M East Cook Street
Santa Maria, CA 93455-5165

Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury
Attention: Foreman, Ted Sten
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report – “Measure D – Progress as Promised”

Dear Judge Melville and Foreman Sten:

In response to the Grand Jury Report entitled “*Measure D – Progress as Promised*,” the City of Buellton provides the following comments:

Finding 2

The 70% of Measure D revenues allocated to local agencies has resulted in significant improvements in road and street pavement conditions, local transit shuttle services in Carpinteria and Santa Barbara, and upgrades to the transportation infrastructure of the County and cities.

Response to Finding 2

The City of Buellton agrees that the 70% of Measure D revenues allocated to local agencies has resulted in significant improvements in road and street pavement conditions and in upgrades to the transportation infrastructure of the City of Buellton. The City of Buellton agrees that it appears, after a review of the Program of Local Projects Appendix to this Report, that the 70% of Measure D revenues allocated to local agencies has resulted in significant improvements in road and street pavement conditions, local transit shuttle services in Carpinteria and Santa Barbara, and upgrades to the transportation infrastructure of the County and cities.

Finding 5

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), the cities, the County Public Works Department and the paratransit operators have not adequately publicized the positive results achieved through Measure D. This has allowed the public debate to be focused on a narrow set of policy issues, such as the desirability of mass transit vs. roads.

Response to Finding 5

Based on the information we have, the City of Buellton agrees that SBCAG, the cities, the County Public Works Department and the paratransit operators have not adequately publicized the positive results achieved through Measure D.

Recommendation 1

Publicize the results of Measure D to date to raise the awareness of voters and enable them to make an informed decision about reauthorizing the transportation sales tax.

Response to Recommendation 1

The City of Buellton agrees that the results of Measure D to date should be publicized to raise the awareness of voters and enable them to make an informed decision about reauthorizing the transportation sales tax.

The City appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury Report.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Thompson
City Manager

Enclosure (CD for Grand Jury)
c: Buellton City Council
Public Works Director