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## SAN DIEGO CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

The San Diego Conformity Working Group may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SANDAG, Conference Room 8C  
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# SAN DIEGO CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP (CWG)

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

ITEM #		ACTION
1.	<b>Introductions</b>	
+2.	<b>Summary of April 20, 2005 Meeting</b>	INFORMATION
3.	<b>Public Comments/Communications</b>	
4.	<b>8-Hour Ozone Standard: Conformity Determination of the 2030 Revenue Constrained Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)</b>	INFORMATION
	<p>On April 22, 2005, the SANDAG Board of Directors made a finding of conformity of the 2030 RTP and 2004 RTIP, as amended, to the 8-hour ozone standard. The U.S. Department of Transportation currently is conducting its review.</p>	
5.	<b>2004 RTIP Amendment No. 9: Update</b>	INFORMATION
	<p>On January 28, 2005, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved a Draft <i>TransNet</i> Early Action Program (EAP) to advance several key projects contained in Proposition A. To date, the Draft EAP focuses primarily on freeway expansion and high occupancy vehicle/managed lanes. Due to the multimodal characteristics of these corridors in the 2030 RTP, the Board asked that related transit projects be included in the EAP. On May 6, 2005, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors include the Interstate 15 (I-15) Bus Rapid Transit project, the South Bay Bus Rapid Transit project, and the Mid-Coast Super Loop in the Draft <i>TransNet</i> Early Action Program to advance these multimodal corridors in a comprehensive manner. Pending the Board approval on May 27, 2005, the Transportation Committee will be asked to approve Amendment No. 9 to the 2004 RTIP at its June 3, 2005 meeting to reflect changes to existing projects and the inclusion of the three new transit Early Action Program (EAP) projects. Interagency consultation with the CWG on exempt projects to be included in Amendment No. 9 was initiated on May 13, 2005 via email. A new regional emissions analysis will not be needed for Amendment No. 9.</p>	

<b>ITEM #</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>+6.</b>	<b>Revised San Diego Region Conformity Working Group Charter</b>  SANDAG policy requires that each working group that reports or makes recommendations to the Board of Directors or one of its Policy Advisory Committees prepare a charter. The draft charter was reviewed at the April meeting of the CWG. The attached charter incorporates comments received at that meeting. The CWG will be asked to approve the attached charter.	APPROVE
<b>7.</b>	<b>Status of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Maintenance Plan Approval</b>  Staff from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will provide an update on the upcoming approval of the <i>2004 Revision to the California State Implementation Plan for Carbon Monoxide</i> , which includes a new CO emissions budget.	INFORMATION
<b>8.</b>	<b>Status of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for 8-Hour Ozone Standard</b>  Staff from the California Air Resources Board will update the CWG on the development of the 8-Hour Ozone SIP and future meetings of the Southern California SIP working group.	INFORMATION
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	

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The next meeting of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group is scheduled on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at SANDAG.

May 25, 2005

TO: San Diego Region Conformity Working Group  
FROM: SANDAG Staff  
SUBJECT: Summary of April 20, 2005 Meeting  
ACTION: INFORMATION

**Item #1: Introductions**

Self-introductions were made. See attached attendance list. Ms. Elisa Arias, SANDAG, also welcomed the return of Sandy Johnson, Caltrans, and Karina O'Connor, EPA, from their respective leaves.

**Item #2: Summary of February 16, 2005 Meeting**

There were no comments or corrections.

**Item #3: Public Comments/Communications**

There were none.

**Item #4: 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment No. 1**

Ms. Arias reported that on March 15, 2005, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) issued the conformity finding for the 2030 Revenue Constrained RTP Amendment No. 1 and the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment No. 2.

**Item #5: 8-Hour Ozone Standard: Conformity Determination of the 2030 Revenue Constrained RTP and 2004 RTIP**

Ms. Arias reported that on March 4, 2005, the draft air quality conformity determination was released for a 30-day public review and comment period. No comments were received. On April 22, 2005, the SANDAG Board of Directors will hold a public hearing, and after considering public input, the Board will be asked to make a finding of conformity of the 2030 RTP and 2004 RTIP to the 8-hour ozone standard. Ms. Arias noted one revision from the report that was reviewed by the CWG at the March meeting. The revised report added back the Carbon Monoxide (CO) emissions analysis at the request of FHWA.

**Item #6: Fine Particles Standard: Attainment Designation**

Mr. Carl Selnick, APCD, reported that on January 5, 2005, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated the San Diego region as nonattainment for the PM2.5 standard based on monitoring data for the period 2001-2003. In February 2005, the San Diego Air Pollution Control District submitted 2004 air quality data to EPA that supported a change in designation for the San Diego air basin from nonattainment to attainment. On April 5, 2005, EPA changed the designation status for the San Diego air basin to attainment for the PM2.5 standard, based on 2002-2004 data. Mr. Selnick explained that APCD submits monitoring data to EPA on an annual

basis and anticipates continued attainment. However, that may change if EPA tightens the standard in 2006.

**Item #7: 2030 RTP Update: Work Program and Schedule**

Ms. Arias reviewed some of the highlights of the proposed work program for the 2030 RTP. Ms. Carla Walecka, TCA, asked when a decision will be made on whether to continue with the 2006 update or work toward 2007 update instead. Ms. Arias responded that because the federal transportation bill has not been reauthorized, SANDAG is continuing with the 3 year update. Once the reauthorization is passed, SANDAG will revisit the update process. Mike Brady, Caltrans, asked if there will be a more detailed EIR document. Ms. Arias asked for more details regarding this issue so she could discuss with the appropriate SANDAG staff. It was agreed that a separate conference call would be set up to review this item. Ms. Arias will follow-up in May.

**Item #8: 2004 RTIP Amendment No. 9: Conformity Criteria and Procedures**

Ms. Arias reported that in May 2005, SANDAG staff will initiate an amendment to the 2004 RTIP to revise funding and schedules for implementing projects identified in the Early Action Program of the TransNet extension. She reviewed the conformity criteria and procedures to determine conformity of the 2004 RTIP Amendment No. 9. Mr. Wade Hobbs, FHWA, referring to a memo from Caltrans programming office, warned that in anticipation of the state budget proposal to eliminate Proposition 42 funds for FY 2006, there may be a RTIP amendment lockdown. The solution to deal with the funding issue is still fluid but he noted that the SANDAG amendment is very close to the state budget adoption date. Mr. Steve Luxenberg, FHWA, commented that with the anticipation of the EPA approval of the CO budget in mid-June, the conformity analysis for Amendment No. 9 should reflect the applicable CO budget at the time of the FHWA conformity finding.

**Item #9: San Diego Region Conformity Working Group Charter**

Ms. Arias stated that SANDAG policy requires that each working group that reports or makes recommendations to the Board of Directors or one of its five Policy Advisory Committees prepare a charter. The charter describes the group's purpose, line of reporting, responsibilities, membership, and other details. Ms. Arias requested CWG review and approval of the charter included in the agenda. Ms. Walecka, TCA, asked if other stakeholders or agency sponsors should be included as participants. Ms. Arias agreed to consider revisions and will bring the item back at the May meeting.

**Item #10: Other Business**

Ms. Arias mentioned she would follow-up with ARB regarding the 8-hour SIP development and Southern California working group. Mr. Brady noted that the statewide conformity working group meeting is still scheduled for May 19, 2005 at MTC.

**San Diego Region Conformity Working Group**

Meeting Attendance

April 20, 2005

**Name**

**Agency**

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San Diego Air Pollution Control District

Sandy Johnson

Caltrans District 11

Mike Brady (phone)

Caltrans Headquarters

Carla Walecka (phone)

Transportation Corridor Agencies

Toby Tiktinsky/Karina O'Connor (phone)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Steve Luxenberg/Wade Hobbs (phone)

Federal Highway Administration

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## COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP CHARTER

### San Diego Region Conformity Working Group

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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the San Diego Region Conformity Working Group (CWG) is to conduct interagency consultation among SANDAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for San Diego County, the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the California Air Resources Board (ARB), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), before making transportation conformity determinations, and in developing regional transportation plans, regional transportation improvement programs, and State Implementation Plans for air quality. [Additional consultation with project sponsors also is conducted as needed.](#) The transportation conformity interagency consultation process is outlined in the San Diego Region Transportation Conformity Procedures. These procedures were adopted by the San Diego Air Pollution Control Board on July 22, 1998 and by the SANDAG Board of Directors on July 24, 1998.

#### **LINE OF REPORTING**

The CWG reports to the Transportation Committee and/or the Board of Directors.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The CWG reviews and comments on transportation conformity for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), as well as on the development or update of State Implementation Plans for air quality.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The CWG is composed of staff from the various transportation and air quality agencies outlined in the Purpose section.

#### **MEETING TIME AND LOCATION**

The CWG meets monthly at the SANDAG offices.

#### **SELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

SANDAG staff chairs the CWG meetings.

#### **DURATION OF EXISTENCE**

The CWG is expected to continue its functions as long as they are required by federal transportation conformity regulations.