

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

June 5, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF MAY 15, 2009

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:02 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Matt Hall (North County Coastal) and a second by Councilmember Judy Ritter (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the May 1, 2009, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Board of Directors First Vice Chair Jerome Stocks spoke regarding Bike to Work Day.

Chairman Bob Campbell, (North County Transit District [NCTD]) introduced Julie Austin, NCTD Director of Policy and Strategic Planning.

Chair Dale reminded the Committee members to pick up their compass cards from SANDAG staff today.

CONSENT (3 through 5)

3. LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO-SAN LUIS OBISPO RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT (INFORMATION)

The Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency seeks to increase ridership, revenue, capacity, reliability, and safety on the coastal rail line from San Diego to Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo. Known as Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner corridor, it is the second busiest intercity passenger rail corridor nationwide and Amtrak's fastest growing. The report summarizes the actions from the LOSSAN Board meeting on April 29, 2009.

4. SPRINTER PROJECT STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)

This item provides a monthly status report on the SPRINTER rail project, including discussion of implementation and effectiveness of project cost control measures. SANDAG staff will summarize recent progress on the project.

5. *TransNet* ROUTINE ACCOMMODATION EXCLUSIONS – CITY OF POWAY (APPROVE)

The Transportation Committee is asked to find that the decision by the City of Poway not to provide bicycle or pedestrian facilities on the Poway Road Resurfacing Project is consistent with the provisions of the *TransNet* Ordinance as well as with the provisions of Board Policy No. 031, *TransNet* Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Rules, Rule #21.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Ritter, the Transportation Committee approved Consent Items 3 through 5.

CHAIR’S REPORT

6. STATE ROUTES 905 AND 11 STATUS UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Chair Dale and Pedro Orso-Delgado, Caltrans District 11 Director, provided the monthly update of discussion by the State Routes 905 and 11 strike team.

REPORTS (7 through 13)

7. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM AMENDMENT FOR THE CITY OF SANTEE AND BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SAN DIEGO REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN

This item was deleted from the agenda.

8. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANDAG AND THE CITY OF SANTEE REGARDING *TransNet* EXTENSION ORDINANCE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM AND REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE #16 OF BOARD POLICY NO. 031 (RECOMMEND)

The Santee City Council has approved the borrowing of \$3.95 million in *TransNet* Commercial Paper funding based on the revenue projections provided by SANDAG. Participation at this level will allow the City of Santee to complete the funding needs for the Forester Creek Improvement Program.

Chair Dale directed staff to take the item back to the ITOC for review and discussion of its proposed changes to the MOA and bring the item back to the Transportation committee after ITOC review.

9. REVISION TO FY 2009 AND FY 2010 *TransNet* Revenues (RECOMMEND)

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Carrie Downey (South County) and a second by Supervisor Roberts, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the revised FY 2009 and FY 2010 *TransNet* revenue projections.

10. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: FISCAL YEAR 2009 LAND MANAGEMENT GRANTS (RECOMMEND)

The Regional Planning Committee has recommended a priority list of projects for funding for land management grants under the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Roberts and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the priority list of projects shown in Attachment 1 of the staff report for funding under the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program.

11. *TransNet* SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM PROJECT PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS (RECOMMEND)

The Regional Planning Committee has recommended a priority list of projects for funding under the first cycle of the *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program.

Stephen Russell, a member of the public spoke in support.

Andrew Bailey, a member of the public spoke in opposition.

Jim Varnadore, a member of the public spoke in opposition.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Anthony Young (City of San Diego) and a second by Supervisor Roberts, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve funding for the priority list of projects recommended by the Regional Planning Committee for funding under the first cycle of the *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program.

12. DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS PERMANENT SEASONAL RAIL PLATFORM FEASIBILITY STUDY - REVIEW AND COMMENT (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG, with assistance from the NCTD and the 22nd Agricultural District, recently completed a feasibility study of a proposed permanent seasonal rail platform at the Del Mar Fairgrounds that would provide a direct rail connection to the San Diego County Fair, Del Mar Races, and other special events. The Transportation Committee is asked to discuss the major findings from the draft feasibility study outlined in the report and provide direction to staff on next steps.

Helen Nielson-Eckfield, a member of the public spoke in support.

Richard Eckfield, a member of the public spoke in support.

Lorraine Leighton, a member of the public spoke in support.

In response to the presentation given by Mr. and Mrs. Eckfield, First Vice Chair Jerome Stocks requested that staff research the possibility of constructing the double tracking from Solana Beach to north of the river and constructing the platform as a first phase of the project at a much lower cost; construction of the bridge would be included in a second or third phase of the project.

Chair Dale directed staff to move forward with the next steps proposed for this item.

13. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

A. Federal Transit Administration New Starts Program Overview and Status Update (INFORMATION)

Staff presented an overview of the Federal Transit Administration New Starts Program. The *TransNet* Ordinance and Expenditure Plan specifies that implementation of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project relies on the receipt of federal funds. The New Starts Program provides federal funding for new fixed-guideway transit project or extension to existing fixed-guideway transit systems. SANDAG will be seeking New Starts funding to match local *TransNet* capital funding for the project. Staff also provided an update on the status of the project.

B. Public Involvement Plan and Working Group (RECOMMEND)

Staff presented a draft Public Involvement Plan to support public outreach activities for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit project.

Milton Phegley, representing the University of California, San Diego spoke in support.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Ritter and a second by Councilmember Downey, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors accept the draft Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Public Involvement Plan for public review and comment, approve the establishment of the Mid-Coast Project Working Group and its charter in substantially the same form as is contained in the Public Involvement Plan, and issue the call for membership applications; the Transportation Committee appointed Chairman Harry Mathis (MTS) and Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland) to serve on the selection committee. The Chair stated that he will request that the Chair of the SANDAG Board of Directors appoint Councilmember Sherri Lightner from the City of San Diego to the selection committee.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2009, at 9 a.m. Please note that a portion of the meeting will be held jointly with the Regional Planning Committee.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 15, 2009**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING	IN	OUT	COMMENTS
North County Coastal	City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Vice Chair)	Member	Yes			
	City of Del Mar	Carl Hilliard	Alternate	Yes			
North County Inland	City of San Marcos	Jim Desmond	Member	No			
	City of Vista	Judy Ritter	Alternate	Yes			
East County	City of Santee	Jack Dale (Chair)	Member	Yes			
	City of La Mesa	Art Madrid	Alternate	Yes			
South County	City of Coronado	Carrie Downey	Member	Yes			
	City of Imperial Beach	Jim King	Alternate	Yes			
City of San Diego	----	Anthony Young	Member	Yes			
	----	Todd Gloria	Alternate	Yes			
	----	Marti Emerald	Alternate	No			
County of San Diego	----	Ron Roberts	Member	Yes			
	----	Greg Cox	Alternate	No			
	----	Slater-Price	Alternate	No			
Metropolitan Transit System	MTS	Harry Mathis	Member	Yes			
	MTS	Jerry Rindone	Alternate	Yes			
North County Transit District	NCTD	Bob Campbell	Member	Yes			
	NCTD	Dave Roberts	Alternate	No			
	NCTD	Jerome Stocks	Alternate	Yes			Ex-officio First Vice Chair
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority		Charlene Zettel	Member	Yes			
		Tom Smisek	Alternate	Yes			
ADVISORY/LIAISON Caltrans	----	Pedro Orso-Delgado	Member	Yes			
	---	Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes			
SCTCA	---	Albert Phoenix	Member	Yes			
	---	Francine Kupsch	Alternate	No			

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