

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

July 31, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF JULY 17, 2009

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:07 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Anthony Young (City of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Judy Ritter (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the June 19, 2009, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Chuck Lungerhausen, a member of the public submitted written comments which he read into the record regarding transit operations.

Clive Richard, a member of the public spoke regarding potential consolidation of the two transit operators in the region.

William Sheets, a member of the public spoke regarding safety and security on the transit system buses and trolley.

CONSENT (3)

3. CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM QUARTERLY UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is the state agency responsible for planning, constructing, and operating a high-speed train system serving California's major metropolitan areas. The proposed system stretches over 800 miles and would connect San Diego, Los Angeles, the Central Valley, San Francisco, and Sacramento using a state-of-the-art, electrified system capable of speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour. SANDAG continues to monitor the work on the CHSRA. This report is the regular quarterly update to the Transportation Committee.

Action: Upon a motion by Charlene Zettel (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority [SDCRAA]) and a second by Councilmember Ritter, the Transportation Committee accepted Consent Item 3.

REPORTS (4 through 10)

4. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 3 (APPROVE)

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the multi-year program of major transportation projects in the San Diego region. SANDAG processes amendments to the RTIP on a quarterly basis based on requests from member agencies.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Ritter and a second by Vice Chair Matt Hall (North County Coastal), the Transportation Committee adopted Resolution No. 2010-01, approving Amendment No. 13 to the 2008 RTIP.

5. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT: TIGER PROGRAM SUBMITTALS (RECOMMEND)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included a \$1.5 billion Supplemental Discretionary Grant program for Capital Investments in Surface Transportation Infrastructure. The Department of Transportation is calling these Supplementary Discretionary Grants "TIGER Discretionary Grants" (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery). The U.S. Department of Transportation has published guidance for the TIGER Discretionary Grant program, with applications due by September 15, 2009. This item summarizes the federal program and includes a list of proposed regional project submittals.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Young and a second by Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the list of proposed regional project submittals for the TIGER Discretionary Grant program and authorize the Executive Director to provide support letters for other local agency projects that are consistent with SANDAG policies and programs.

6. SAN DIEGO INTERSTATE 5 CORRIDOR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN - LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR PRIORITIZATION ANALYSIS AND FEDERAL RAIL STIMULUS FUNDS (RECOMMEND)

In June 2009, SANDAG, NCTD, Amtrak, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, and Caltrans, completed a detailed evaluation of 40 individual rail projects along the San Diego portion of the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor. These projects include double tracking, bridge replacements, and station improvements. Evaluation criteria were developed and detailed rail modeling simulations were completed in order to determine project rankings. In August 2009, project applications are due to the Federal Railroad Administration for consideration for a share of the \$8 billion identified for high-speed / intercity rail projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The prioritized list of rail projects is being used to determine which projects are considered for both local and federal stimulus funds.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Campbell and a second by Councilmember Young, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors accept the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Prioritization Analysis for the purpose of submitting rail projects to the Federal Railroad Administration for federal stimulus fund consideration as identified in Attachment 2.

7. PROPOSED ADDITION OF DESIGN PROJECTS TO THE *TransNet* CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RECOMMEND)

With the recent successful competition for various federal and state transportation funds through programs such as the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Proposition 1B state bonds, much of the *TransNet* project design work that was made ready for the competition has been depleted. Therefore a proposal has been developed to continue forward on the design work for a series of transit, rail and highway projects throughout the region in order to be prepared for future competition for transportation funds.

Commissioner John Chalker, California Transportation Commission (CTC) spoke in support of the item.

Clark Fernon, representing the local Architecture and Engineering industry spoke in support of the item.

Michael Palacios, representing Parsons Brinkerhoff spoke in support of the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Ms. Zettel and a second by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve programming *TransNet* funds totaling \$70.4 million as shown in Attachment 1 for the design of phased improvements on: Coastal Rail (LOSSAN), I-5 North Coast, and South Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). In addition, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to amend the Master Agreement with Caltrans as necessary to enable Caltrans to assist with the highway design components related to South Bay BRT. The current Master Agreement allows Caltrans to assist with the design effort for I-5 North Coast.

Vice Chair Hall announced to the public that SANDAG has developed a public survey regarding what the public would like SANDAG to provide and requested the public to complete the survey.

8. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION (RECOMMEND)

The recommended slate of participants from the selection committee for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group was presented.

JoAnne Golden, San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTPA) spoke in opposition to the individual chosen as the representative for the SDCTPA.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Campbell and a second by Vice Chair Hall, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the selected candidates to serve on the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group.

9. UNIVERSITY TOWNE CENTRE (UTC) TRANSIT CENTER/SuperLoop PROJECT FUNDING EXCHANGE (RECOMMEND)

Based on project readiness for construction, the SuperLoop project was identified as an appropriate project for the exchange of the Federal Transit Administration federal grant funds earmarked for the UTC Transit Station.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Roberts, and a second by Councilmember Ritter, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors direct staff to take the necessary programming actions to exchange \$5.7 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds, approved for use by the UTC Transit Center Project, with *TransNet* funds programmed for the SuperLoop Project. The Transportation Committee also recommended that the Board of Directors direct the Executive Director to initiate all required actions to negotiate and execute an agreement between SANDAG and the developer in support of implementation of the UTC Transit Center Project.

10. DRAFT REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE FUELS, VEHICLES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT (DISCUSSION)

As part of its California Energy Commission partnership, SANDAG is developing a regional assessment of alternative fuels, vehicles and infrastructure. Staff presented an overview of the report, which includes vehicle information for government fleet applications, sample ordinances and procurement policies, funding opportunities to accelerate deployment of alternative fuel vehicles, and recommended areas that refueling infrastructure could be sited. The draft report is out for public comment and will be considered by the Board of Directors in September 2009.

The Transportation Committee directed staff to include information regarding local companies that are working to encourage use of alternative fuels and vehicles in the report that will be considered by the Board of Directors.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, July 31, 2009, at 9 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 17, 2009**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
North County Coastal	City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Vice Chair)	Member	Yes
	City of Del Mar	Carl Hilliard	Alternate	No
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	No
	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	Yes
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	No
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