

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

October 16, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Vice Chair Matt Hall (North County Coastal) and a second by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the July 31, 2009, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

Acting Director Bob Pieplow, Caltrans District 11, reported that although the employee injured in the accident last week was improving, she was still in critical condition and Caltrans has set up a fund for financial assistance for her and her family.

CONSENT ITEMS (3 - 4)

3. PROPOSED NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT SERVICE CHANGES FOR JANUARY 2010 (INFORMATION)

North County Transit District (NCTD) is proposing a number of route and service changes for January 2010. The proposed changes result in a net reduction of \$1.84 million. None of the changes are regionally significant, as defined in Board Policy No. 018, Regional Transit Service Planning and Implementation.

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.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland) and a second by Councilmember Carrie Downey (South County), the Transportation Committee approved Consent Items 3 through 4.

CONSENT ITEMS (5 – 13)

13. COMPASS CARD STATUS UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Staff provided the Transportation Committee with an update on recent Compass Card project activities and the status of the planned launch.

Action: This item was presented for information.

11. INTERSTATE 15 CORRIDOR LANES: STATE ROUTE 78 - NORDAHL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (RECOMMEND)

The Nordahl Road Bridge over State Route 78 (SR 78), located just west of the SR 78 interchange with Interstate 15 (I-15), ultimately requires full reconstruction in order to bring it to full design standards. The cities of Escondido and San Marcos have agreed to contribute to the construction of the new bridge as part of a development agreement that requires the addition of capacity to the structure. This action is necessary to avoid widening a bridge that ultimately needs to be replaced.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Vice Chair Hall, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to: (1) execute an agreement with the cities of Escondido and San Marcos that provides that the cities will collectively commit to a \$10 million contribution to the Nordahl Road Bridge project, and that SANDAG will transfer \$2 million in savings from favorable bids received on the I-15 North segment to the design of the proposed Nordahl Road Bridge replacement project; and (2) execute a transfer with Caltrans for an additional \$1 million in *TransNet* funds under a separate existing agreement from the I-15 North segment budget to fund the design of a westbound auxiliary lane on SR 78 between I-15 and Nordahl Road.

5. ENCINITAS GRADE SEPARATION PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FY 2010 BUDGET AMENDMENT (APPROVE)

SANDAG and City of Encinitas are cooperatively working on the Encinitas Grade Separated Pedestrian Crossing project that includes the design, engineering, and environmental documentation for four grade separated pedestrian crossings along the Encinitas rail corridor. Funding for this project was approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) under the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) totaling \$1,248,000. Phase 1 (environmental document, design permit, and project study report) was completed in FY 2009 for a total cost of approximately \$798,000.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]), the Transportation Committee approved a budget amendment for the FY 2010 Capital Improvement Program to add \$450,000 in Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds for Phase 2 of the Encinitas Grade Separation Pedestrian Crossing Project as reflected in Attachment 1. Phase 2 of the Project will include the completion of the Final Plans and Specifications.

14. DESTINATION LINDBERGH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is moving ahead with advanced planning for the consolidated rental car facility (CONRAC) and other on-airport improvements for Phase 1 of the Destination Lindbergh Plan. It is important for SANDAG to start advanced planning work for the Phase 1 Inter-modal Transportation Center (ITC) to ensure the coordination of the development of the ITC and CONRAC facilities. Developing detailed capital cost estimates for the freeway connecting ramps also is being proposed. Staff presented estimates to complete these work efforts and possible funding sources for Transportation Committee discussion.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Roberts and a second by Councilmember Downey, the Transportation Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that the advanced planning work for the Phase 1 Inter-modal Transportation Center (ITC) move forward to ensure the coordination of the development of the ITC and CONRAC facilities and to develop detailed capital cost estimates for the freeway connecting ramps.

6. INTERSTATE 5 SOUTH MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY: SCREENING OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (APPROVE)

The Interstate 5 (I-5) South Multimodal Corridor Study is examining potential transportation improvements along the I-5 corridor in the City of Chula Vista. The study, which is a collaborative effort between Caltrans, the City of Chula Vista, and SANDAG, has examined seven initial alternatives. Utilizing criteria developed in conjunction with the study's Ad Hoc Technical Working Group three alternatives have been selected for further, more detailed study. Staff presented the three alternatives to the Transportation Committee.

Emily Morris, a member of the public representing Save Our Forests and Ranchlands (SOFAR) spoke regarding alternatives for this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee approved the three recommended transportation alternatives for additional study.

7. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM AMENDMENTS (APPROVE)

In Fiscal Years 2001 to 2003, the Board of Directors approved three Transportation Development Act (TDA) claims for several capital rural projects. These capital projects have been completed and a balance of \$530,481 remains. At its August 20, 2009, meeting, the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors approved to use the balance to fund FY 2010 operations.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Hall and a second by Mayor Desmond, the Transportation Committee approved Resolution No. 2010-02, in substantially the same form as Attachment 1, revising TDA claims.

8. AMENDMENT 4 TO ADDENDUM 2 TO THE MASTER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE SPRINTER RAIL PROJECT (APPROVE)

North County Transit District (NCTD) has requested additional staff support to complete outstanding engineering and construction services associated with the SPRINTER Project. The Transportation Committee is asked to authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment 4 to Addendum 2 to the Master MOU with NCTD in the amount of \$25,000 in substantially the same form as Attachment 1 and to add the SPRINTER Project Manager Assistance Project (1115200) into the FY 2010 Program Budget.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Campbell and a second by Supervisor Roberts, the Transportation Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute Amendment 4 to Addendum 2 to the Master MOU with NCTD in the amount of \$25,000 in substantially the same form as Attachment 1 and to add the SPRINTER Project Manager Assistance Project (1115200) into the FY 2010 Program Budget.

9. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET TRANSFERS (APPROVE)

This item approves budget changes to the Substation Improvement Project. The project budget would be increased to complete rehabilitation work at an existing traction power substation near the Grossmont Trolley Station. Funds would be moved into the project from the MTS capital budget with the approval of an MOU and by allocating available funds in SANDAG grants to the project budget.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Roberts and a second by Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]), the Transportation Committee: (1) authorized the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), in substantially the same form as attached, allowing the transfer of \$195,000 from MTS Substation Transformer Rehabilitation project to SANDAG Substation Standardization project; and (2) approved the transfer of an additional \$195,000 from completed capital projects to the Substation Standardization as shown in Table 1; and (3) approved an increase of \$390,000 to the Substation Standardization project budget.

10. PROPOSED FUND EXCHANGE WITH NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE OPERATING SUPPORT (RECOMMEND)

At its April 29, 2009, meeting, the Board of Directors received a report that discussed possible short-term alternatives that could provide "bridge funding" for public transit operators to meet operating shortfalls. North County Transit District (NCTD) proposes to exchange approximately \$1.3 million of its Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds with SANDAG for a like amount of *TransNet* funds.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Mayor Desmond, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the request by the NCTD Board of Directors for an exchange of FTA Section 5307 funding in the amount of \$1,313,000 with a like amount of *TransNet* funds.

12. STATUS REPORT: STATE ROUTE 11/OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY FINANCIAL STRATEGY (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG, in cooperation with Caltrans, the U.S. General Services Administration, and other stakeholders, is proposing to develop the new Otay Mesa East Port of Entry and associated transportation network, including State Route 11. The improvements on the U.S. side of the border are expected to cost between \$615 and \$715 million and will be funded through tolls, fees, and other revenues. This information item focuses on a review of findings and options that will help shape the project's ultimate financial strategy.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

Vice Chair Hall stated that SANDAG in partnership with the City of San Diego has received an award for Project of the Year for the Bayshore Bikeway Western Salt Segment Project from the San Diego and Imperial County Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

15. UPCOMING MEETING

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2009, at 9 a.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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	Yes
	City of Vista	Judy Ritter	Alternate	Yes
East County	City of Santee	Jack Dale (Chair)	Member	Yes
	City of La Mesa	Art Madrid	Alternate	No
South County	City of Coronado	Carrie Downey	Member	Yes
	City of Imperial Beach	Jim King	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	----	Anthony Young	Member	No
	----	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	No
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority		Charlene Zettel	Member	Yes
		Tom Smisek	Alternate	Yes
ADVISORY/LIAISON Caltrans	----	Bob Pieplow	Member	Yes
	---	Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
SCTCA	---	Albert Phoenix	Member	Yes
		Francine Kupsch	Alternate	No