

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

November 6, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2009

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:01 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 Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the September 18, 2009, meeting.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public or member comments.

### CONSENT (3)

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

The 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 summarized the actions from the LOSSAN Board meeting on September 9, 2009.

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

### REPORTS (4-14)

### 4. CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM: LOS ANGELES TO SAN DIEGO VIA INLAND EMPIRE CORRIDOR PROJECT-LEVEL EIR/EIS (RECOMMEND)

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is the state agency charged with planning and constructing an intercity, high-speed train system that will connect San Diego with the state's metropolitan areas. The Authority has issued a Notice of Preparation for a Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Los Angeles to San Diego corridor.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Supervisor Roberts, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Executive Committee approve for distribution to the Authority initial comments on the Notice of Preparation for the Los Angeles to San Diego via Inland Empire HST Corridor, shown in Table 1, with the additional comment that fewer stops be recommended for the section of high speed rail between Los Angeles and San Diego with no more than 4 stops during express service.

5. FY 2011 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS AND CRITERIA (APPROVE)

Each year, SANDAG provides our Congressional delegation with the region's list of high priority transportation projects for consideration during the annual appropriations process. The FY 2011 federal appropriations process is expected to begin in early February of next year.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Mayor Desmond, the Transportation Committee approved a recommended process and criteria for selecting transportation projects for the FY 2011 federal appropriations cycle.

6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT: OLD TOWN TRANSIT CENTER IMPROVEMENTS (APPROVE)

The proposed budget increase to the Taylor Street Grade Crossing Improvements project will complete the relocation of the bus driveway and other platform safety improvements at the Old Town Transit Center. Caltrans has contributed \$147,000 to MTS toward the construction of the project via a program supplement.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Hall and a second by Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]), the Transportation Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MTS for a fund transfer of \$147,000 to the SANDAG Taylor Street Grade Crossing Improvements project, in substantially the same form as shown in Attachment 2, contingent upon approval of the draft MOU by the MTS Board of Directors.

7. RAIL GRADE SEPARATION EVALUATION CRITERIA (APPROVE)

The Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) has recommended approval of the Rail Grade Separation Evaluation Criteria at its August 6, 2009, meeting. Technical concerns that were raised at the May 16, 2008, Transportation Committee meeting regarding traffic impacts to adjacent streets have been addressed.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Vice Chair Hall, the Transportation Committee: (1) approved the Draft Rail Grade Separation Evaluation Criteria as shown in Attachment 1; and (2) approved Implementation Option 2 to direct jurisdictions to prioritize, analyze, and submit a consolidated list of grade crossings using the approved criteria shown in Attachment 1 within their respective jurisdiction for inclusion in the regional Grade Separation List.

8. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 15  
(APPROVE)

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted the 2008 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 Downey and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee adopted Resolution No. 2010-04 (Attachment 1), approving Amendment No. 15 to the 2008 RTIP.

9. PROGRESS REPORT: STATE ROUTE 11/OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY FINANCIAL STRATEGY  
(RECOMMEND)

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 million and \$715 million and will be funded through tolls, fees, and other revenues.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Mr. Tom Smisek (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority [SDCRAA]), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors direct staff to implement the approach outlined in the report and to develop the financial team that would work with Caltrans and SANDAG staffs to develop and implement the financial strategy for the project.

10. DRAFT SANDAG PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG is updating the agency-wide Public Participation Plan. This plan establishes a process communicating with and obtaining input from the public concerning agency programs, projects, and program funding. The strategies and tactics outlined in the plan guide the agency's outreach efforts for transit, highway, smart growth, environmental, planning, growth forecasts, the Regional Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Tribal Consultation, and other initiatives. SANDAG is securing input from individuals, organizations, agencies, and others in the update of the Public Participation Plan.

Theresa Quiroz, a member of the public spoke in support of public participation but in opposition to the proposed Public Participation Plan.

Chair Dale directed staff to provide an update on the public outreach process at the next Transportation Committee meeting.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

11. 2010 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (DISCUSSION)

The California Transportation Commission has released its fund estimate for the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Due to the decreasing available funds statewide, the

2010 funding cycle will add a negligible amount of funds to the STIP program. The bulk of these funds will be federal Transportation Enhancement funds. Staff presented programming options for the preparation of the 2010 STIP for discussion.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

12. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROCESS (INFORMATION)

SANDAG is required by state law to prepare and regularly update a Congestion Management Program (CMP) for the San Diego region. The last CMP update was adopted by SANDAG in November 2008. On May 8, 2009, the Board of Directors directed staff to work with local jurisdictions to prepare resolutions electing to opt out of the state CMP. A majority of the jurisdictions representing a majority of the population has adopted resolutions electing to be exempt from the state CMP.

Action: This item was presented for information.

13. SOUTH BAY BUS RAPID TRANSIT STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)

This item was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

14. PRESENTATION FROM MOVE SAN DIEGO ON THE MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT (DISCUSSION)

The Move San Diego organization presented its transportation planning concepts related to the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project to the Transportation Committee.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday schedule, the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2009 (first Friday), at 9 a.m., and will be the only meeting in November.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 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	Yes
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	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	No
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		Tom Smisek	Member	Yes
		Vacant	Alternate	No
ADVISORY/LIAISON Caltrans	----	Bob Pieplow	Member	No
	—	Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
SCTCA	—	Albert Phoenix	Member	Yes
		Francine Kupsch	Alternate	No