

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

December 11, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2009

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Matt Hall (North County Coastal) at 9:03 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland) and a second by Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the October 16, 2009, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Elyse Lowe, Executive Director MOVE San Diego, spoke regarding a correction to the language of a letter her organization received from Chair Jack Dale (East County).

REPORTS (3 through 11)

3. REVISION TO FY 2010 *TransNet* REVENUES AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT APPORTIONMENT (RECOMMEND)

At the September 25, 2009, meeting, the Board received a report that the sales tax revenues continue to be impacted by the ongoing economic conditions.

Marney Cox, Chief Economist, presented the current economic impacts and trends.

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager, presented the proposed revised FY 2010 *TransNet* revenue allocations.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Carrie Downey (South County), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the revised FY 2010 *TransNet* revenue estimate and Transportation Development Act apportionment.

4. BLUE AND ORANGE TROLLEY LINE CORRIDOR UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The Blue and Orange Trolley Line Station Upgrade and Vehicle Replacement Projects are *TransNet* Early Action Program projects that upgrade the existing Trolley lines with improved rail infrastructure and low-floor vehicles. These projects are currently beginning design, and a contract has been executed by Metropolitan Transit System to procure the low-floor light rail vehicles. This report provides information on the status of these projects and closely related rail infrastructure projects being managed as a single corridor.

John Haggerty, Principal Design Engineer, presented the details of the project implementation.

Clive Richards, a member of the public, spoke in favor of this item.

Vice Chair Hall directed staff to report to the Committee on the status of this project on a minimum of a quarterly basis.

Action: This item was presented for information.

5. 2010 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RECOMMEND)

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) 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 (TE) funds. Staff presented programming options for recommendation to the Board.

José Nuncio, Manager of Financial Programming and Project Control, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Mayor Desmond, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the programming and submission of the 2010 STIP to the CTC in substantially the same form as shown on Table 2 in the report.

6. INITIAL INPUT INTO URBAN CORE TRANSIT STRATEGY (DISCUSSION)

An important part of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will be the development of an innovative and visionary "Urban Core Transit Strategy" to significantly increase the attractiveness and use of transit, walking, and biking in the urban core area, and make transit time-competitive with the car. Staff provided an overview of the work program to develop the Urban Core Transit Strategy and facilitated an initial brainstorming session on potential transit concepts and ideas that could be considered in the development of alternative transit networks. Input from the Regional Planning Technical Working Group (TWG) and the Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) was provided. Input from the Regional Planning Committee will be sought at its meeting later in the afternoon today and input from the Regional Planning Stakeholders Working Group will be sought at its November 18, 2009, meeting.

Carolina Gregor, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

7. DRAFT 2009-2013 COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (ACCEPT)

The Regional Short Range Transit Plan and Coordinated Plan provides a blueprint for the development of transit and human services transportation in San Diego for the next five years. This is the third year that it has been combined with the SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) federal requirement for a Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan.

Phil Trom, Associate Transit Service Planner presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Campbell and a second by Mayor Desmond, the Transportation Committee accepted and released for public review and comment the Draft Coordinated Plan, and scheduled a public hearing at the December 11, 2009, Transportation Committee meeting.

8. NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT MOBILITY PLAN UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Action: This item was pulled from the agenda and will be heard at a future Transportation Committee meeting.

9. UPDATE ON DRAFT SANDAG PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (DISCUSSION)

The draft SANDAG agency wide Public Participation Plan was released on October 9, 2009, for a 45-day public review and comment period. This plan establishes a process communicating with and obtaining input from the public concerning agency programs, projects, and program funding. The plan guides 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. The Transportation Committee asked at its October 16, 2009, meeting that the draft plan be brought back for further discussion.

Anne Steinberger, Communications Manager, presented the item and responded to several questions and inquiries from Councilmember Young.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

10. SAN DIEGUITO RIVER BRIDGE AND DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS PLATFORM FEASIBILITY STUDIES (INFORMATION)

Staff provided an update on the project to replace and double track the existing San Dieguito River Bridge and how it interfaces with the proposed seasonal platform adjacent to the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Jim Linthicum, Division Director, presented the item.

Richard Eckfield, a member of the public spoke regarding a proposed seasonal rail platform.

Helen Nielsen-Eckfield, a member of the public spoke regarding a proposed seasonal rail platform.

Rebecca Bartling, 22nd Agricultural District, spoke regarding corrections to several remarks made by Mr. and Mrs. Eckfield and stated that the Agricultural District supports a temporary platform in a different location rather than the seasonal platform that Mr. and Mrs. Eckfield support.

Vice Chair Hall directed staff to review the Del Mar Fairgrounds Master Plan Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR), specifically the options for rail platforms and return at the next Transportation Committee meeting with recommendations on a formal response to meet the January 8, 2010, deadline for comments to the EIR, including funding options regarding both the temporary and seasonal platform.

Action: This item was presented for information.

11. SPRINTER PROJECT STATUS REPORT AND SANDAG INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT (INFORMATION)

Staff provided a status report on the SPRINTER rail project, including discussion of implementation and effectiveness of project cost control measures. SANDAG staff summarized recent progress on the project and noted that this would be the last regular report to the Transportation Committee on this project.

Jim Linthicum, Division Director, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Due to the Christmas holiday schedule, the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Friday, December 11, 2009 (**second Friday**), at 9 a.m. This will be the only December meeting of the Transportation Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Matt Hall adjourned the meeting at 11:57 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 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	No
	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	No
	----	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		Tom Smisek	Member	Yes
		Vacant	Alternate	No
ADVISORY/LIAISON Caltrans	----	Bob Pieplow	Member	Yes
	—	Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
SCTCA	—	Albert Phoenix	Member	Yes
		Francine Kupsch	Alternate	No