

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

January 15, 2010

# DRAFT

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2009

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:05 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland) and a second by Councilmember Carrie Downey (South County), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the November 6, 2009, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Lorraine Leighton, a member of the public.

Clive Richard, a member of the public.

### REPORTS (3)

3. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 17 (APPROVE)

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the multiyear 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 and more frequently as circumstances arise.

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager presented this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Vice Chair Matt Hall (North County Coastal), the Transportation Committee approved Amendment No. 17 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

15. 2010 STIP AND PROPOSITION 1B CMIA PROGRAM REVISIONS (RECOMMEND)

Due to lower than expected bids, there is approximately \$69 million in Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) savings on the Interstate 15 (I-15) Express Lanes (South) project. Based on discussions with California Transportation Commission (CTC) and Caltrans staffs,

the I-15 Direct Access Ramp at Mira Mesa Boulevard project, currently programmed with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, would be a good candidate for use of these CMIA savings.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the submittal of a modified I-15 Direct Access Ramp project to the CTC for programming using Prop. 1B CMIA savings; and (2) remove the project from the 2010 STIP submittal.

#### 12. SANDAG REVIEW OF THE DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS MASTER PLAN PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Del Mar Fairgrounds Master Plan project includes plans for maintenance and improvement to the current service condition of the Fairgrounds facilities, including renovation and modernization of several structures and parking areas, construction of new structures, demolition of structures, and relocation of a maintenance yard and fire station. The staff transmittal report and draft letter were provided for the Transportation Committee's review and input.

Coleen Clementson, Principal Regional Planner, presented this item.

Richard Eckfield, a member of the public, spoke in favor of this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee directed staff to include the comments made by staff in the response letter to the Del Mar Fairgrounds Master Plan draft environmental impact report and to present this item to the Executive Committee for them to consider not only the comments made by staff but the comments made by Mr. Eckfield as well and provide direction to staff for the final response letter.

#### 4. EXTENSION REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 TDA AUDITS (RECOMMEND)

The Cities of Escondido, Oceanside, and San Diego, and SANDAG have requested an extension for their fiscal year 2009 Transportation Development Act (TDA) audits. Approval of an extension would allow sufficient time for the completion of the TDA audits and submittal of the issued financial reports to the State Controller's office.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Councilmember Downey, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve TDA audit extension requests for the Cities of Escondido, Oceanside, and San Diego, and SANDAG, until March 28, 2010, as permitted by the Public Utilities Code and the California Code of Regulations.

#### 5. REVISION TO THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO *TransNet* MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT AUDIT (RECOMMEND)

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance requires the setting of new Maintenance of Effort (MOE) levels. The City of San Diego requires an amendment to its previously approved base level to include a correction to the local discretionary funds used for transit pass subsidies.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Todd Gloria (City of San Diego) and a second by Vice Chair Hall, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the revised City of San Diego MOE base level, as shown in Attachment 1.

6. PROPOSED MTS TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES (APPROVE)

Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is proposing a number of service reductions for implementation in February 2010 in response to the elimination of state subsidies and declining sales tax revenues. MTS scheduled a public hearing at its December 10, 2009, Board meeting, and approval of the service changes is proposed for the January 2010 MTS Board meeting. Since the scope of the changes is regionally significant, under SANDAG Board Policy No. 018, SANDAG must conduct an analysis to determine whether the proposed changes are consistent with regional transportation and land use goals.

Dan Levy, Senior Regional Planner, presented this item.

Theresa Quiroz, a member of the public, spoke in opposition to this item.

Duncan McFetridge, a member of the public, spoke in opposition to this item.

Jim Schmidt, a member of the public.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Mayor Desmond, the Transportation Committee approved the finding of overriding considerations with regard to the proposed MTS service changes, which MTS plans to implement in February 2010. Councilmember Gloria voted in opposition to this action.

7. PUBLIC HEARING: FINAL DRAFT 2009-2013 COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (HOLD HEARING/RECOMMEND)

A public hearing will be held on the Regional Short Range Transit Plan (RSRTP) and Coordinated Plan for 2009-2013. The Coordinated Plan provides a blueprint for the development of transit and human services transportation in the San Diego region for the next five years. The Draft Coordinated Plan was presented at the Transportation Committee on November 6, 2009 and was circulated for public comment.

Phil Trom, Associate Transit Service Planner, presented this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee, after conducting a public hearing in which no testimony was offered on the Final Draft 2009-2013 Coordinated Plan, recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Plan, in substantially the same form as shown in Attachment 1.

8. REVISED SANDAG PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (RECOMMEND)

The agency wide SANDAG Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been updated following a six-month outreach and development process. The PPP guides SANDAG public outreach efforts for transit,

highway, smart growth, environmental, planning, growth forecasts, bi-national planning, the Regional Transportation Plan, Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Tribal Consultation, and other initiatives. The update process for the SANDAG agency wide PPP began in June. Initial input on public participation was solicited at community events, SANDAG meetings, and through outreach to SANDAG interested stakeholders. The Stakeholders Working Group and all SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees provided input. The PPP was released for a 45-day public review and comment period that ended November 30, 2009. The PPP has been revised based on input obtained from the public and at committee and working group meetings.

Anne Steinberger, Acting Communications Director, presented this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the agencywide Public Participation Plan, in substantially the same form as shown in Attachment 1.

9. LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO-SAN LUIS OBISPO (LOSSAN) RAIL CORRIDOR MEMBER AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR RAIL SERVICE INTEGRATION (RECOMMEND)

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. Since August 2008, SANDAG, NCTD, MTS, and the other LOSSAN member agencies have been working on ways to better integrate the corridor's three passenger rail services.

Joe Kellijian, LOSSAN Board member introduced the item.

Linda Culp, Principal Regional Planner presented this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Campbell and a second by Councilmember Downey, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the SANDAG Executive Director to sign the interagency Memorandum of Understanding at its December 18, 2009, meeting, in substantially the same form as shown in Attachment 1.

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

NCTD will provide an update to the Transportation Committee on the progress being made towards completion of the Mobility Plan. The Mobility Plan is a Comprehensive Operational Analysis, plus a wider look at the NCTD business model, and is being undertaken to ensure that there is a sustainable level of transit service in North County.

Dan Levy, Senior Regional Planner, introduced this item.

Tim McCormick, NCTD, presented the Mobility Plan.

11. URBAN CORE TRANSIT STRATEGY: LESSONS LEARNED FROM PEER REGIONS, TRANSIT MODE SHARE GOALS, AND TRANSIT NETWORK EVALUATION CRITERIA (DISCUSSION)

The Urban Core Transit Strategy work program and project highlights were discussed with SANDAG working groups as well as the Transportation and Regional Planning Committees in November. This month, SANDAG staff is providing information on lessons learned from peer regions, and is asking the Transportation Committee to provide input on the methodology for the transit mode share goals and the criteria by which the transit network alternatives will be evaluated.

Carolina Gregor, Senior Regional Planner, presented this item.

Elyse Lowe, Executive Director, Move San Diego, made comments regarding this item.

13. SENATE BILL 375: CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS (INFORMATION)

Work is underway to implement the requirements of Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg). This report provides an overview of the key requirements of SB 375 as well as the process SANDAG plans to use to develop a greenhouse gas emissions target for the San Diego region. This item is being presented to the Transportation Committee for information.

Susan Baldwin, Senior Regional Planner, presented this item.

14. SOUTH LINE RAIL FREIGHT CAPACITY PROJECT STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)

This report provides information on the South Line Rail Freight Capacity project including the status of the environmental document and other major project milestones. The project is funded through the Proposition 1B, Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) program and will provide improved freight capacity between downtown San Diego and the San Ysidro freight yard.

Pete d'Ablaing, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented this item.

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Due to the New Year's Day holiday schedule, the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Friday, January 15, 2010, at 9 a.m. This will be the only January meeting of the Transportation Committee.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 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		Tom Smisek	Member	Yes
		Vacant	Alternate	No
ADVISORY/LIAISON Caltrans	----	Laurie Berman	Member	Yes
	—	Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
SCTCA	—	Albert Phoenix	Member	Yes
		Francine Kupsch	Alternate	No