

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

September 18, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF JULY 31, 2009

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:00 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Judy Ritter (North County Inland) and a second by Vice Chair Matt Hall (North County Coastal), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the July 17, 2009, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Michael Toney, a member of the public, spoke regarding future plans for the airport, water supply, and other issues.

Paul Jablonski, Executive Director, Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), spoke regarding the recent award to MTS by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). APTA has selected MTS as North America's Outstanding Public Transit System for 2009.

Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]) expressed his congratulations to Mr. Jablonski and the employees at MTS.

Supervisor Ron Roberts, County of San Diego expressed his congratulations.

Vice Chair Jerry Rindone (MTS) expressed his congratulations.

Albert Phoenix, Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association (SCTCA), stated that Jane Clough-Riquelme, Senior Regional Planner has been awarded the Distinguished Leadership Award for a Professional Planner from the California Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) for her work with the SCTCA. He expressed his sincere congratulations.

Mr. Jablonski reiterated his appreciation to his employees for their work in achieving the APTA award.

Nathan Johnson, ATU Local 1309, expressed his appreciation and his union's support of Mr. Jablonski.

CONSENT (3 through 7)

3. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP): FORMATION OF AN AD HOC TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO PROVIDE INPUT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA AND RTP PERFORMANCE MEASURES (INFORMATION)

As part of the development of the 2050 RTP, the Executive Director, with concurrence from Board Chair Holt-Pfeiler, will establish an Ad Hoc Technical Working Group (TWG) to review and update the transportation project evaluation criteria and performance measures for the 2050 RTP. One or two volunteers from the various existing transportation and planning technical groups would join transportation agency staff on the working group. The Transportation Project Evaluation Criteria Ad Hoc Technical Working Group will begin meeting in September 2009, and conclude its activities by summer 2010.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FEDERAL SECTION 5310 PROGRAM APPLICATIONS (APPROVE)

Section 5310 of SAFETEA-LU provides federal funds for social service agencies to purchase vehicles and related equipment that are used to transport seniors and persons with disabilities. These funds are available through a statewide competition. The Transportation Committee is asked to concur with the scores for the 17 eligible projects awarded by the Local Review Committee for the FY 2008-2009 federal 49 U.S.C. 5310 program funding, and find that: (1) the applications are in conformance with the Coordinated Plan, and (2) the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5310 have been met by all applicants recommended for funding.

5. SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP REAPPOINTMENT (APPROVE)

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve the reappointment of six members to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council for three-year terms.

6. 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.

7. BUS RAPID TRANSIT/RAPID BUS DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION (INFORMATION)

At the March 20, 2009, Transportation Committee meeting, additional information was requested on a proposed work effort that would address Bus Rapid Transit/Rapid Bus development and implementation, which this item provides.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Ritter, and a second by Councilmember Jim King (South County), the Transportation Committee approved Consent Items 3 through 7.

CHAIR'S REPORT (8)

8. STATE ROUTE 76 PROJECT UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The Caltrans project team has delivered on a number of key milestones for the next section of the State Route (SR) 76 project from Melrose Drive to South Mission Road. The project has been developed using a design sequencing process and the recent certification of the right-of-way on a tremendously aggressive schedule is the latest in a series of actions that will lead to the advertisement of the project this fall in order to begin construction by the end of this year. Several members of the project team will be present in order to recognize their efforts on this key Early Action Program project.

Pedro Orso-Delgado, Caltrans District 11 Director, recognized the team that brought this project forward.

Action: This item was provided for information.

REPORTS (9 through 14)

9. FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXTEND PROPOSED HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM TO INTERNATIONAL BORDER (DISCUSSION)

Since February 2009, SANDAG has been studying the feasibility of extending the state's proposed high-speed train (HST) system from its current terminus in downtown San Diego to the International Border and specifically to Tijuana International Airport. Along with engineering and environmental work currently underway on the main Los Angeles to San Diego via Inland Empire HST corridor, this analysis is a key component of SANDAG's Regional Air-Rail Network Study and the Airport Multimodal Accessibility Plan as required by Senate Bill 10 (2007). In addition to studying a potential link to an intercity station on the U.S. side near the Tijuana International Airport, the study also will discuss the potential to operate a high-speed commuter rail service along the same tracks between the International Border and southwest Riverside County. To date, potential south county corridors and commuter rail station locations have been identified and evaluation criteria have been developed. A stakeholders working group has reviewed the work to date and additional targeted public meetings in the south county area have been completed. Additional public outreach is planned before the study's scheduled completion in September 2009. The Transportation Committee is asked to provide input on the proposed project evaluation criteria to be used in evaluating alternative alignments for feasibility study of the Downtown/Lindbergh Field to International Border HST segment.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

10. REGIONAL PLANNING STAKEHOLDERS WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION (RECOMMEND)

At its May 22, 2009, meeting, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of the Regional Stakeholders Working Group (SWG) to provide input on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and other related initiatives. Staff reviewed the report and provided an overview of the selection process and the recommended membership slate.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Anthony Young, (City of San Diego), and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the slate of members and alternates indicated in Tables 1 and 2 to serve as at-large citizen representatives on the SWG.

11. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)

The *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) Status Report outlines the status, successes, and challenges of implementing the *TransNet* EMP under the Memorandum of Agreement signed in March 2008 by the Board of Directors. This report has been presented to the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) and is being presented to the Regional Planning Committee, Transportation Committee, and Board of Directors for information.

Action: This item was provided for information.

12. *TransNet* EMP FIVE-YEAR FUNDING STRATEGY UPDATE, FY 2010 FUNDING ALLOCATION, AND FY 2010 LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT CRITERIA (RECOMMEND)

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Campbell, and a second by Councilmember Ritter, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the updated Five-Year Conceptual Funding Strategic Plan, the proposed management and monitoring activities and budget for FY 2010 totaling \$4 million, and, subject to Board Policy No. 017, authorize staff to solicit proposals and enter into contracts or amend existing contracts accordingly; and (2) adopt the modifications to the submittal and evaluation criteria for land management grants for FY 2010.

13. PRELIMINARY DRAFT REGIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY UPDATE (INFORMATION)

SANDAG is updating its Regional Energy Strategy (RES) as part of its partnership with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission). The RES Update includes information on transportation fuels and transportation planning. Staff presented an overview of the preliminary draft report and will be seeking acceptance from the Regional Planning Committee to distribute the draft report to the public at its meeting on Friday, July 31, 2009. A final draft is expected to be completed in September 2009.

Action: This item was provided for information.

14. REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG is developing a Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) as part of its partnership with the Energy Commission. Staff presented an overview of the draft guiding principles, policy measures and performance monitoring measures and sought input from the Committee. A final draft is expected to be completed by December 2009 or January 2010. The Transportation Committee is asked to discuss and provide input on the development of the Regional Climate Action Plan.

Action: This item was provided for discussion.

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The Transportation Committee meetings, originally scheduled for Friday, August 7, and Friday, August 21, 2009, have been cancelled. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2009, at 9 a.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 31, 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	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	No
	----	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	No
	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	No
		Tom Smisek	Alternate	Yes
ADVISORY/LIAISON Caltrans	----	Pedro Orso-Delgado	Member	Yes
	—	Bill Figge	Alternate	No
SCTCA	—	Albert Phoenix	Member	Yes
		Francine Kupsch	Alternate	No