

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

February 19, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2010

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:04 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 Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the January 15, 2010, meeting.

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

Clive Richard, a member of the public, spoke regarding transit operations.

## CONSENT

### 3. FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY REPORT (INFORMATION)

This report presents year-end summary information for the Regional Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal funding programs. The report also discusses the use of programming tools to facilitate the delivery of regional projects in Federal Fiscal Year 2008/09.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Vice Chair Hall, the Transportation Committee accepted Consent Item 3.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

### 4. STATUS REPORT ON URBAN AREA TRANSIT STRATEGY (INFORMATION)

As part of the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), SANDAG is pursuing a visionary strategy to elevate transit as a premier travel option in urban areas. SANDAG has retained PB Americas to assist with this work. A PB team of international transportation and land use experts convened in San Diego in mid-January to provide strategic and technical expertise during the creation and evaluation of alternative transit networks that will be incorporated into the RTP.

Chair Dale introduced the item.

Carolina Gregor, Senior Regional Planner, provided highlights from the PB consultant team's visit, and outlined next steps.

Action: This item was presented for information.

## **REPORTS (5 through 7)**

### **5. SOUTH LINE RAIL FREIGHT CAPACITY PROJECT: REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF NO PREJUDICE (APPROVE)**

The South Line project is funded with Proposition 1B (Prop. 1B) Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) dollars. An initial signal and communications element needs to be implemented in the next few months. This element supports both the South Line freight project as well as the *TransNet* Blue Line project. However, due to the state's continuing budget crisis, few funds have been made available for allocation. This report outlines an option to proceed with a Letter of No Prejudice, which would ensure reimbursement of state funds for local funds upon availability.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]) and a second by Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]), the Transportation Committee approved: (1) the submittal of Letters of No Prejudice to the California Transportation Commission in the amount of \$26 million for the implementation of two initial phases of the South Line freight improvement and Blue Line improvements project; and (2) Amendment No. 18 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program reflecting the advancement of local funds and reimbursement of Prop. 1B funds in substantially the same form as shown in the attachment.

### **6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT: TAYLOR STREET GRADE CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS (APPROVE)**

In accordance with Board Policy No. 001 the Transportation Committee is allowed to approve cumulative budget changes not exceeding \$500,000. The Taylor Street Grade Crossing Improvements project included a previous transfer of \$147,000 in the second quarter of the current fiscal year. The project budget is now proposed to be increased to complete the relocation of the bus driveway and other Trolley and COASTER platform safety improvements at the Old Town Transit Center. Funds would be moved into the project from the System Grade Crossing Replacement project.

John Dorow, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Tony Young (City of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Carrie Downey (South County), the Transportation Committee approved the transfer of \$50,000 from the System Grade Crossing Replacement Project CIP 1129300 to the Taylor Street Grade Crossing Improvements Project CIP 1128200.

7. PRELIMINARY DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (DISCUSSION)

The Climate Action Plan serves as a guide to help policymakers address climate change, with a focus on helping SANDAG identify policy measures that will help it reduce greenhouse gas emissions from passenger cars and light-duty trucks and comply with Senate Bill 375. The plan identifies available measures to help the region integrate climate change considerations into existing planning processes affecting our transportation system, land use patterns, building stock, and energy infrastructure. The projected impacts of climate change to the region also are described. Staff presented an overview of the draft plan and asked the Transportation Committee to discuss and provide comments.

Andrew Martin, Associate Regional Planner, presented the item.

Supervisor Roberts suggested that the Transportation Committee receive an update from staff in Sacramento currently involved in climate change legislation implementation.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2010, at 9 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2010**

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	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	Yes
	----	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	----	Laurie Berman	Member	Yes
	—	Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
SCTCA	—	Albert Phoenix	Member	Yes
		Francine Kupsch	Alternate	No
		Denis Turner	Alternate	No