

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 7, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2010

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:06 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 April 2, 2010, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Richard Eckfield, a member of the public, spoke regarding the need for a permanent train platform at the race track at Del Mar, and requested that Gary Gallegos send a letter to the Racetrack Commission regarding this issue.

Chair Dale referred the request to the Executive Committee for action.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, commented that the City Manager for the City of Del Mar asked him to invite the committee members to attend a Wayside Horn demonstration along the Coastal Rail Corridor in the City of Del Mar. Anyone interested should contact the City of Del Mar for details.

CONSENT (3)

3. ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SEGMENTS 4, 5, 7, AND 8A OF THE BAYSHORE BIKEWAY PROJECT (APPROVE)

On May 1, 2009, the Transportation Committee adopted the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Segments 4, 5, 7, and 8A of the Bayshore Bikeway. Through the final design process, adjustments to the alignment of the bike path are proposed. These adjustments have resulted in both construction cost reductions and reduced impacts on the environment. The Transportation Committee is asked to: (1) find that changes to the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study are necessary and that the revised Project would not result in any new significant or more severe environmental effects than those previously identified in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study; and (2) adopt the Addendum to the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study for Segments 4, 5, 7, and 8A of the Bayshore Bikeway Project as detailed in Attachment 1.

Action: Upon a motion by Tom Smisek (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority [SDCRAA]) and a second by Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]), the Transportation Committee approved Consent Item 3.

REPORTS (4 through 13)

9. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT - DRAFT COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES REPORT AND PROJECT SCOPING (RECOMMEND)

SANDAG and the Federal Transit Administration are preparing a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR) for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project. The Draft Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report identifies the purpose and need for the Mid-Coast Project; defines and evaluates conceptual project alternatives; and recommends a set of alternatives for consideration during the scoping period. An overview of the Draft Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report was presented to the Transportation Committee at its March 19 meeting.

Leslie Blanda, Project Development Program Manager, presented the item.

Debbie Knight, a member of the public, spoke in opposition to this item.

Dan Allen, a member of the public, spoke regarding opposition to this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]) and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve light rail transit (LRT) Alternatives 1 (combines LRT Alternatives 1, 4, and 5), 3, and 6 to be carried forward for consideration at scoping for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Draft SEIS/SEIR.

10. POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TRANSIT OPERATIONS FUNDING (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Following discussions at the January 8 Board Policy Meeting and January 28 Board Summit, staff and the leadership of SANDAG, MTS, and NCTD have further investigated several potential options for providing funding for transit operations. A summary of the options was presented for discussion and possible action by the Transportation Committee.

Dave Schumacher, Principal Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Mathis and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Downey (South County), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve Option 3, allocation of all carryover funding to transit operations with the finding that under Section 5C of the *TransNet* II Ordinance that this action would assist SANDAG in its effort to maximize state and federal funding for the region.

4. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 24 (APPROVE)

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, the five-year program of major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period from FY 2009 to FY 2013.

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Downey and a second by Mr. Smisek, the Transportation Committee approved Amendment No. 24 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

5. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 19 (APPROVE)

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the five-year program of major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period from FY 2009 to FY 2013. SANDAG processes amendments to the RTIP on a quarterly basis based on requests from member agencies.

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Downey and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee approved Resolution No. 2010-08 approving Amendment No. 19 to the 2008 RTIP.

6. FY 2011 TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RECOMMEND)

MTS and NCTD have developed their capital Improvement programs (CIPs) for FY 2011 which are the basis for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area formula fund grant, the Section 5309 Rail Modernization formula fund grant, and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendment for transportation projects. SANDAG is responsible for programming these funds and approving these grants.

Kim York, Financial Project Control Manager, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Downey and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the FY 2011 CIPs for the San Diego region (MTS and NCTD); (2) approve the submittal of FTA Sections 5307 and 5309 applications for the San Diego region (SANDAG, MTS, and NCTD); and (3) adopt Resolution No. 2010-09, adopting Amendment No. 20 to the 2008 RTIP (Attachment 5).

7. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR HIGHWAY CORRIDORS, TRANSIT SERVICES, AND CONNECTOR PROJECTS AND GOODS MOVEMENT STRATEGY

+A. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR HIGHWAY CORRIDORS, TRANSIT SERVICES, AND CONNECTOR PROJECTS (RECOMMEND)

SANDAG staff presented the evaluation criteria for highway corridors, transit services, and connector projects. The evaluation criteria will be used to evaluate projects for each of those categories and develop lists of ranked projects. The project ranking lists will be used to develop transportation network alternatives. These network alternatives will be evaluated using plan performance measures that will be presented to the Transportation Committee at a future meeting.

Scott Strelecki, Regional Planner II, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Downey, the Transportation Committee directed staff to review the proposed transportation project evaluation criteria, descriptions, point values, and relative weightings, in order to address the Committee members' comments regarding the importance of providing congestion relief and access to tribal lands.

+B. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR GOODS MOVEMENT STRATEGY (RECOMMEND)

SANDAG staff presented the evaluation criteria for freight projects proposed in the 2050 Goods Movement Strategy (GMS). The GMS evaluates and prioritizes freight projects to be incorporated into the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

Christina Casgar, Goods Movement Manager, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Downey and a second by Mayor Desmond, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the 2050 San Diego Regional Goods Movement Strategy Project Evaluation Criteria in substantially the same form as attached to the report.

11. URBAN AREA TRANSIT STRATEGY: DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSIT NETWORKS AND REVISED PERFORMANCE MEASURES (DISCUSSION)

As part of the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), staff has developed draft transit networks for the Urban Area Transit Strategy. The draft networks and revised performance measures were presented to the Transportation Committee for input and discussion. The draft networks also will be presented at the upcoming RTP workshops in late April and early May, providing additional opportunities for public input.

Carolina Gregor, Senior Regional Planner, and Dave Schumacher, Principal Regional Planner, presented the item.

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

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

13. 2010 *TransNet* PLAN OF FINANCE UPDATE (INFORMATION)

This item was moved to the next Transportation Committee meeting.

8. INTERSTATE 5 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMEND)

This item was moved to the next Transportation Committee meeting.

12. UNDERSTANDING TRANSIT'S IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY (INFORMATION)

This item was moved to the next Transportation Committee meeting.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2010, at 9 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 16, 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 | 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 | Yes |
| North County Transit District | NCTD | Bob Campbell | Member | Yes |
| | NCTD | Dave Roberts | Alternate | No |
| | NCTD | Carl Hilliard | Alternate | No |
| San Diego County Regional Airport Authority | | Tom Smisek | Member | Yes |
| | | Jim Panknin | 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 |
| | | Jerome Stocks | Vice Chair BoD | No |
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