

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

September 3, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF JULY 16, 2010

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Matt Hall (North County Coastal) at 8:59 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Ron Roberts (San Diego County) and a second by Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the July 2, 2010, meeting.

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

Vice Chair Hall announced that SANDAG staff had received awards for the 2010 San Diego Geo Showcase Poster Contest at the ESRI International User Conference.

Vice Chair Hall announced changes to the agenda.

Clive Richard, a member of the public, stated his advocacy for public transportation.

### **CONSENT (3 through 7 and 10)**

### 3. OVERVIEW OF CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND THE 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) (INFORMATION)

An overview of climate change adaptation policies and its potential role in the 2050 RTP was provided. This overview includes efforts being made by federal, state, and local governments.

### 4. SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND CHARTER AMENDMENT (APPROVE)

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) has proposed charter amendments to streamline membership and to clarify voting rules. Several citizen members have withdrawn from the SSTAC and replacement candidates have been nominated. It also is necessary to reappoint certain existing social service agencies whose term has expired. The Transportation Committee is asked to approve (1) the reappointment of four members to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) for additional three-year terms; (2) the appointment of five new alternate

citizen members; and (3) the restructuring of SSTAC membership and amendment of the SSTAC Charter.

5. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 23 AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (RECOMMEND)

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), including the air quality conformity determination. The RTIP is 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. One project for the City of San Marcos requires SANDAG to re-run air quality conformity.

6. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 25 (APPROVE)

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted the 2008 RTIP, the five-year program of major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period from FY 2007 to FY 2011. SANDAG processes amendments to the RTIP on a quarterly basis based on requests from member agencies.

7. FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM AMENDMENTS (APPROVE)

At its June 25, 2010, meeting the Board of Directors approved the FY 2011 Transportation Development Act (TDA) allocations and associated claims. The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is requesting an amendment to its Article 4 claim.

10. TIGER II DISCRETIONARY GRANT SUBMITTALS (APPROVE)

The FY 2010 Appropriations Act included \$600 million for a discretionary National Infrastructure Investments program, which the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has dubbed "TIGER II Discretionary Grants." The USDOT will award TIGER II grant funds on a competitive basis to projects that have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region; final applications are due August 23, 2010.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Roberts and a second by Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee approved Consent Items 3 through 7 and Item 10.

**REPORTS (8 through 9 and 11 through 13)**

11. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT - FINAL COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES REPORT (RECOMMEND)

The Final Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report presents a summary of the comments received during the scoping period for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR). The Final Report additionally presents responses to the scoping comments and a recommendation on a Locally Preferred Alternative, or alternatives, to carry forward for detailed analysis in the Draft SEIS/SEIR.

Supervisor Roberts introduced the item.

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

Deborah Knight, Friends of Rose Canyon, spoke in support of the item and in opposition to Alternative 3.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Campbell and a second by Mayor Desmond, the Transportation Committee: (1) recommended that the Board of Directors reconfirm the previously adopted Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), as refined to include direct service to UCSD and University Towne Centre, by selecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alternative 1 (combines 1, 4, and 5) as the LPA; (2) recommended that the Board of Directors approve LRT Alternative 1 and the No-Build Alternative for evaluation in the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Draft SEIS/SEIR; and (3) recommended that the Board of Directors approve the final Public Involvement Plan.

8. DRAFT 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION (RECOMMEND)

SANDAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is required by state and federal laws to develop and adopt a RTIP, a multiyear program of proposed major highway, arterial, transit, and non-motorized projects, including the *TransNet* Early Action Program of projects. The 2010 RTIP covers Fiscal Years 2011 to 2015, and is due to the state by October 1, 2010.

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Todd Gloria (City of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Carrie Downey (South County), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) accept for review and distribution the Draft 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, including its air quality conformity analysis and the draft air quality conformity re-determination of the 2030 Revenue Constrained Regional Transportation Plan: Pathways for the Future for a 30-day public comment period; and (2) scheduled a public hearing for the September 3, 2010, Transportation Committee meeting.

9. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: DRAFT UNCONSTRAINED TRANSPORTATION NETWORK (RECOMMEND)

Defining the Unconstrained Transportation Network is an important step in developing an RTP, because it establishes the broadest network from which funding scenarios will be identified. Once the Unconstrained Network is identified, staff will prioritize all of the future projects using the updated transportation project evaluation criteria approved by the Board of Directors. Based on input from SANDAG working groups and the public, Policy Advisory Committees, and the Board of Directors, staff has developed a draft Unconstrained Transportation Network.

Heather Werdick, Senior Regional Planner, introduced the item and provided background information.

Carolina Gregor, Senior Regional Planner, reviewed the transit component of the Unconstrained Transportation Network resulting from the Urban Area Transit Strategy.

Ms. Werdick reviewed the highway component, as well as other multimodal components of the Unconstrained Transportation Network, and concluded the presentation.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Chairman Harry Mathis (MTS), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors accept the draft Unconstrained Transportation Network, including incorporating the additional ideas suggested by the transit operating agencies in the Unconstrained Transportation Network, for use in the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. The Board of Directors will be asked to accept the Unconstrained Transportation Network at its July 23, 2010, meeting.

12. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: FY 2010 LAND MANAGEMENT GRANTS (RECOMMEND)

On September 25, 2009, the Board of Directors approved a process and criteria for funding land management projects under the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program. Of the 24 applications received, 10 have been recommended for funding by the technical panel that has reviewed the applications.

Councilmember Downey presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Chairman Mathis, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors (1) approve the prioritized list of land management projects and funding allocations (Attachment 2), and (2) authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements for the selected grants in the proposed allocations totaling \$2.085 million under the fourth cycle of this grant program.

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

Staff updated the Transportation Committee on work to date on the Plan of Finance, including updated program-level analysis of the current *TransNet* Early Action Program (EAP) of projects and possible financial scenarios for consideration.

Kim Kawada, *TransNet* and Legislative Affairs Program Director, introduced the item.

Richard Chavez, Principal Engineer, presented information regarding the analysis of current EAP projects and those projects included in the robust scenario.

Marney Cox, Chief Economist, presented information regarding possible financial scenarios including the current bond program including the federal and state discretionary funding for the *TransNet* EAP.

Ms. Kawada presented information regarding the next steps.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Chairman Campbell, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors (1) approve the 2010 *TransNet* Plan of Finance update, which incorporates the proposed projects in the revised Robust scenario (Attachment 4); (2) authorize the Executive Director to amend the FY 2011 SANDAG Budget to incorporate the new capital projects; and (3) approve revision to the set-aside of federal and state discretionary funding for the *TransNet* Early Action Program from 94 percent to 90 percent. These actions will support the pending issuance of \$300-\$350 million in long-term fixed rate debt.

#### 14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 3, 2010, at 9 a.m.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 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	No
	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	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
		Dave Toler	Member	No
		Francine Kupsch	Alternate	No
		Jerome Stocks	Vice Chair BoD	No

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