

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

October 1, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2010

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:02 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 Pro Tem Judy Ritter (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the September 3, 2010, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Lorraine Leighton, a member of the public, spoke regarding bus drivers not allowing her to use the handicap ramp while on crutches.

Chairman Bob Campbell (North County Transit District [NCTD]) stated that Sharon Cooney, Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), was presented with the Woman of the Year Award by the WTS last night and expressed his congratulations.

Jim Linthicum, Director of Mobility Management and Project Implementation, stated that construction on the Santa Margarita Bridge would begin Friday evening, September 24, 2010, and continue through Monday, September 27, 2010, and the LOSSAN rail line would be closed. A bus bridge would be in place and there would be no disruption to service.

CONSENT (3)

3. JOB ACCESS & REVERSE COMMUTE PASS-THROUGH FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT (APPROVE)

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve an amendment to the FY 2011 Budget to add \$349,311 of pass-through funding from the Job Access & Reverse Commute federal grant program as shown in the attachment.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Todd Gloria (City of San Diego) and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Ritter, the Transportation Committee approved Consent Item 3.

REPORTS (4 through 13)

4. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP): DRAFT PROPOSED METHODOLOGY FOR CONDUCTING THE RTP AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION (ACCEPT)

SANDAG is currently developing the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is anticipated to be adopted in summer 2011 along with its air quality conformity determination. While the horizon year of this RTP is 2050, both the current version of the emissions model approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EMFAC 2007) and the new version of the model (EMFAC 2010), which is under development by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), only contain emissions factors to 2040. Since no other emissions model is approved for use in conformity determinations by Metropolitan Planning Organizations in California, SANDAG is exploring options under the Transportation Conformity Rule to conduct the air quality conformity determination for its 2050 RTP.

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Campbell and a second by Chairman Harry Mathis (MTS), the Transportation Committee (1) accepted for review and distribution the draft proposed methodology for conducting the air quality conformity determination for the 2050 RTP for a 30-day comment period, and (2) scheduled a public hearing to solicit public comments on shortening the conformity timeline and proposed methodology for the regional emissions analysis for the October 15, 2010, Transportation Committee meeting.

5. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: INITIAL REVENUE CONSTRAINED/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY (SCS) SCENARIOS (DISCUSSION)

Based on revenue projections, various Revenue Constrained transportation scenarios have been developed using the prioritized project list and other factors. The Revenue Constrained transportation scenarios will attempt to build and operate as much of the Unconstrained Network as possible, given revenue availability and flexibility, and project priorities. Staff presented the initial Revenue Constrained networks and SCS scenarios. The performance of these initial scenarios also was presented. Transportation Committee members were asked to discuss and provide feedback on the initial Revenue Constrained/SCS scenarios.

Heather Werdick, Senior Regional Planner, introduced the item and presented an overview of the Revenue Constrained/SCS scenarios and the performance of these scenarios.

José A. Nuncio, Manager of Financial Programming and Project Control, presented the revenue estimates, availability and the flexible use of these funds for priority projects.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

6. CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM: LOS ANGELES TO SAN DIEGO VIA INLAND EMPIRE SECTION QUARTERLY UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is the state agency responsible for planning, constructing, and operating a high-speed train system serving California's major metropolitan areas. The proposed system stretches over 800 miles and would connect San Diego, Los Angeles, the Central Valley, San Francisco, and Sacramento using a state-of-the-art, electrified system capable of speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour. SANDAG continues to monitor the work on the CHSRA. This report is the regular quarterly update to the Transportation Committee.

Linda Culp, Principal Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. DRAFT 2010 - 2014 COORDINATED PLAN (ACCEPT)

The Regional Short Range Transit Plan and Coordinated Plan provide a blueprint for the development of transit and human services transportation in San Diego for the next five years. This is the fourth year that it has been combined with the SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) federal requirement for a Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan and the first year that the rural areas of the region have been specifically incorporated into the plan.

Phil Trom, Associate Regional Planner, presented the item.

Kristi Mansolf, a member of the public, spoke regarding the impact of incorporating rural areas of the region, specifically the rural community of Ramona, in the coordinated plan.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem and a second by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego), the Transportation Committee accepted and released for public review and comment the Draft 2010-2014 Coordinated Plan, and scheduled a public hearing for the October 15, 2010, Transportation Committee meeting.

8. PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT: INLAND RAIL TRAIL FINAL FUNDING PLAN ADJUSTMENT (RECOMMEND)

Portions of the Inland Rail Trail (IRT) between Oceanside to Escondido were constructed in conjunction with the SPRINTER rail project. The IRT's share of the SPRINTER budget has now been calculated and additional funds are needed.

Mr. Nuncio reviewed the final costs for each project and the need for additional funds.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Hall and a second by Councilmember Jim King (South County), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the final funding plan adjustment adding \$883,100 in *TransNet* funds for the Inland Rail Trail project to allow payment to NCTD.

9. PROPOSED FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT: LOSSAN CORRIDOR PLANNING (RECOMMEND)

Ms. Culp presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Gloria and a second by Councilmember King, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the FY 2011 budget amendment to accept member agency funds of \$396,689 for OWP #3400600 as shown in the attachment; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute grant agreements and all documents necessary to accept \$200,000 in ARRA planning funds and further amend OWP #3400600 once these funds are available.

10. *TransNet* PROPOSED 2010 BOND ISSUANCE: REVIEW OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS (DISCUSSION)

On July 23, 2010, the Board of Directors approved the 2010 *TransNet* Plan of Finance update. To support the Board's action, draft bond documents have been prepared for the proposed issuance of approximately \$350 million in long-term fixed rate debt in November 2010. Staff provided an overview of the bond strategy and financing schedule, including a summary of the draft bond documents.

Lauren Warrem, Director of Finance, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

11. STATE ROUTE 76 CORRIDOR UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Allan Kosup, Caltrans D-11 Corridor Director, presented an update on the State Route 76 (SR 76) Corridor, including the release of the Draft Environmental Document of the SR 76 East project between South Mission Road to Interstate 15 and the ongoing construction of the SR 76 Middle project between Melrose Drive and South Mission Road.

Action: This item was presented for information.

12. SPRINTER FINAL FUNDING PLAN ADJUSTMENT (INFORMATION)

NCTD has completed a final accounting of the SPRINTER project expenses. The final cost of the SPRINTER was approximately \$6.5 million less than the total funding plan amount of \$484.1 million. This report is provided in order to document the final cost of the project.

Mr. Nuncio presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

13. STATE BUDGET IMPASSE IMPACTS UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The Governor and the Legislature have not yet reached agreement on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 Budget. The delay in approving the state budget is impacting the delivery of transportation projects. This report briefly describes the current status of the state budget situation and the impacts to transportation projects.

Mr. Nuncio presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 1, 2010, at 9 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 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	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	No
South County	City of Coronado	Carrie Downey	Member	No
	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
	----	Pam 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	Yes