

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

October 15, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Downey (South County) and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Judy Ritter (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the September 17, 2010, meeting.

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

There were no public or member comments.

### CONSENT (3)

### 3. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: PROGRESS REPORT (INFORMATION)

This report presented an update on the implementation of the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program, including the current status of land acquisition for mitigation, funding for regional land management and monitoring, and planning efforts for the current fiscal year.

Action: This item was presented for information.

### REPORTS (4 through 7)

### 4. AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF *TransNet* PROJECTS (APPROVE)

Implementation of the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program will require the development of wetland mitigation banks to compensate for wetland impacts of transportation projects. The development of a wetland bank is a regulatory function of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE). SANDAG staff proposes to enter into a new agreement with the USACOE which would allow SANDAG to reimburse the USACOE for work done on the development of wetland mitigation banks, as well as its work on the LOSSAN (Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo) Rail Corridor Agency rail projects to expedite the delivery of *TransNet* projects. SANDAG costs under the proposed agreement would not exceed \$400,000 and would extend for two years.

Keith Greer, Senior Regional Planner presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Downey and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Ritter, the Transportation Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expedite the delivery of *TransNet* projects in substantially the same form as the MOA Template attached to the report.

5. FY 2012 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS AND CRITERIA (APPROVE)

Each year, SANDAG provides our Congressional delegation with the region's list of high priority transportation projects for consideration during the annual appropriations process. The FY 2012 federal appropriations process is expected to begin in early February of next year.

Victoria Stackwick, Associate Legislative Analyst, presented the item.

Jay Powell, City Heights Community Development Corporation, spoke in support of this item and submitted written documents from the City Heights CDC.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Downey and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Ritter, the Transportation Committee discussed and approved the process and criteria for recommending transportation projects to the Board of Directors for the FY 2012 federal appropriations cycle.

6. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT CONCERNING ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND PROPOSED FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT (RECOMMEND)

On December 22, 2008, SANDAG signed an agreement with the San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD) for the joint development of Port Access Improvement Projects. The projects would improve access along Harbor Drive at Tenth Avenue and 32nd Street and along Interstate 5 at Civic Center Drive and Bay Marina Parkway. The improvements are estimated to cost \$191 million. The SDUPD transferred \$5,330,000 to SANDAG for the completion of engineering work. The SDUPD would transfer an additional \$2 million to SANDAG to continue engineering work on the projects.

Christina Casgar, Goods Movement Manager, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego) and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Downey, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) authorize the Executive Director to approve an amendment to the agreement with the San Diego Unified Port District, in substantially the same form as Attachment 1, to accept \$2 million in additional funding; and (2) approve an amendment to the FY 2011 Budget to increase the Port Access Improvement projects budget (CIP 1300701/4) from \$7.13 million to \$9.13 million.

7. *TransNet* SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT/*TransNet* BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN AND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (INFORMATION)

SANDAG approved the first round of Smart Growth Incentive Program projects under *TransNet* in May 2009, and the FY 2010 round of Transportation Development Act/*TransNet* Bicycle Pedestrian Neighborhood Safety and Traffic Calming Program projects in June 2009.

Christine Eary, Associate Regional Planner, provided an overview of the implementation phase of the program and on the progress made to date by the grant recipients. Ms. Eary stated that it is anticipated that the next call for projects will be conducted in conjunction with completion of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

Action: This item was presented for information.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Renée Wasmund, Chief Deputy Executive Director, stated that SANDAG has received a Triple A Credit Rating from Standard and Poor. SANDAG is one of only two organizations with sales tax backed credit that has received the Triple A rating.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, stated that he and a SANDAG delegation just returned from Washington, DC where they met with the Maritime staff of the Department of Transportation (DOT) where they were briefed on a project backed by the West Coast Corridor Coalition that would create a maritime highway for goods movement that would connect the ports from Alaska to California. DOT Staff were very supportive of the concept.

Supervisor Roberts stated that the delegation also met with top administrators from DOT, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and other federal agencies to discuss the Mid-Coast project and support for the full funding agreement. Staff received a very positive response from the federal administrators for the project.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2010. ***Please note that this meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and a portion of the meeting will be held jointly with the Regional Planning Committee.***

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

Arrival Time to Meet Minimum Attendance Compensation Requirements: 21 mins/ 9:23 a.m.

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE**  
**SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 1, 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	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	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
	----	Pam Slater-Price	Alternate	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	MTS	Harry Mathis	Member	Yes
	MTS	Jerry Rindone	Alternate	No
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