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# MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

## SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC)

The SSTAC may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Monday, September 27, 2010

9 a.m. to 12 noon

SANDAG, Conference Room #8B  
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North County Transit District  
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### AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- **I-15 BUS RAPID TRANSIT MID-CITY STATIONS**
- **BLUE AND ORANGE LINE STATION UPGRADES**

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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION  
ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC)**

Monday, September 27, 2010

<b>ITEM #</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
1. INTRODUCTIONS	
+2. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20, 2010, MEETING SUMMARY	APPROVE
<p>The committee is asked to review and approve the July 20, 2010, meeting minutes.</p>	
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	COMMENT
<p>Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers are limited to three minutes each.</p>	

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**RECOMMENDATION**

- 4. INTERSTATE 15 (I-15) BUS RAPID TRANSIT, MID-CITY STATIONS/LANES ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

REVIEW/COMMENT

The environmental document will be released to the public in late November. There are four alternatives under consideration ranging from \$20+ million to \$60+ million in capital costs and from options based on a median bus lane and stations to ones based on shoulder operations with shoulder or ramp stations. The Committee will continue the discussion on the accessibility features of the alternatives.

Estimated Start Time: 9:10 a.m.

- 5. COORDINATED PLAN UPDATE

INFORMATION

Staff will present an update on the Coordinated Plan, which was released for public comment by the Transportation Committee on September 17, 2010. The Coordinated Plan is available on the SANDAG Web site at <http://www.sandag.org/CoordinatedPlan>.

Estimated Start Time: 9:55 a.m.

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6. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING	COMMENT
As required by the Public Utilities Code, the Committee will solicit comments from the public regarding transportation needs in San Diego County and comments on the draft FY 2010 – FY 2014 Coordinated Plan.	Estimated Start Time: 10:00 a.m.
7. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING	DISCUSSION
The Committee will discuss comments received during the public hearing and any potential follow-up items.	Estimated Start Time: 10:15 a.m.
8. BLUE LINE STATION UPGRADES	REVIEW/COMMENT
Staff will present proposed changes to selected stations on the blue line. The Committee will be asked to comment on accessibility issues regarding new platforms and paths.	Estimated Start Time: 10:20 a.m.
9. ORANGE LINE STATION UPGRADES	REVIEW/COMMENT
Staff will present proposed changes to selected stations on the orange line. The Committee will be asked to comment on accessibility issues regarding new platforms and paths.	Estimated Start Time: 10:50 a.m.

<b>ITEM #</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
<p>10. JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC)/ NEW FREEDOM/SENIOR MINI-GRANT UPDATE</p> <p>Staff will present a verbal report on the current call for projects for the JARC, New Freedom, and Senior Mini-Grant items.</p>	<p>INFORMATION</p> <p>Estimated Start Time: 11:20 a.m.</p>
<p>+11. 2010 SSTAC MEETING CALENDAR</p> <p>The Committee will review and approve upcoming meeting dates for the 2011 calendar year.</p>	<p>APPROVE</p> <p>Estimated Start Time: 11:25 a.m.</p>
<p>12. MEDICAL BROKERAGE</p> <p>The Committee will discuss a recommendation by Caltrans that the Department of Health Care Services establish a two-year pilot brokerage project to improve non-emergency medical transportation.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>Estimated Start Time: 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>13. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS</p> <p>The Chairperson and Committee members will report on issues of interest to the Committee.</p>	<p>INFORMATION</p> <p>Estimated Start Time: 11:45 a.m.</p>

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**RECOMMENDATION**

14. STAFF REPORT

INFORMATION

Staff will report on items of interest to the Committee.

Estimated Start Time:  
11:55 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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The next SSTAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2010.

Estimated Time:  
12 noon

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**San Diego Association of Governments**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC)**

September 27, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2010,  
MEETING SUMMARY

File Number 3001100

**July 19, 2010 Attendance:**

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>
Sharlene Ornelas	Citizen Member
Clive Richard (Vice Chair)	Citizen Member
Floyd Willis (Chair)	Aging & Independence Services
Alane Haynes	North County Transit District (NCTD)
Mac McGee	All Congregations Together
Pete D'Ablaing	SANDAG
Scott Transue	NCTD
Daniel McCaslin	Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)
Dan Levy	SANDAG
Dillon Miner	SANDAG
Hong Tran	Citizen Alternative
Anne Steinberger	SANDAG
Deborah Holmes	ACT
Barrow Emerson	SANDAG

Erick Asero	Citizen Alternative
Judy Stern	Citizen Alternative
April De Jesus	SANDAG
Tamara Airhart	Citizen Alternative
Brian Lane	SANDAG
Dennis Wahl	IBI Group
Fu Sung	CH2M Hill
Janice Collins	SANDAG
Devin Braun	MTS
LaVonna Connelly	Public
David Jackson	Citizen Member
Anthony Ferguson	San Diego Regional Center
Beth Butler-Arreola	Deaf Community Services
Clytie Koehler	Citizen Alternative
Brenda Bothel	Jewish Family Services
<i>Bill Olszanicky</i>	NCTD

## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Floyd Willis (SSTAC Chair) called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING SUMMARY OF MAY 17, 2010

Clive Richard (Vice Chair) noted the incorrect spelling of his last name in the minutes and asked to have the "s" stricken. He then motioned to adopt the minutes as written.

Sharlene Ornelas (Citizen Member) seconded the motion and minutes were approved unanimously by a roll-call vote of the council.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

### **4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

David Jackson (Committee Member) stated that the online trolley schedule misreported the final stop time at San Diego State University. Chair Willis recommended that Mr. Jackson's comment be forwarded to MTS. Devin Braun (MTS) responded that comments and questions about schedules should be made to (619) 238-0100 or 511.

Vice Chair Richard stated that when public officials ride transit, typically the system is "spruced up" for the occasion. He stated that if public officials were to ride the system in its typical condition, they would invest more into supporting San Diego's public transit system.

Ms. Ornelas discussed a recent event where MTS tested the accessibility of new trolley cars using a mock-up. Ms. Ornelas pointed out a few design issues: (1) the door is wider than the ramp and poses a risk for wheels falling in the gap when exiting the car, and (2) the ramp is too steep and has exposed joints where wheels can get caught. This resulted in a discussion about SSTAC's role in MTS procurements and it was confirmed that SSTAC should provide input into MTS capital purchases.

Chair Willis inquired on the status of the Regional Transportation Plan's (RTP) Environmental Impact Report.

Staff responded that this would be discussed during Agenda Item 9, which deals with the RTP. Chair Willis also asked for an update about the City of La Mesa's transportation and mobility expo. Brenda Bothel (Jewish Family Services) stated that 40 vendors and 125 other individuals attended the successful expo. Ms. Bothel also displayed a new joint marketing flier that was created by the Volunteer Driver Coalition.

## **5. STAFF REPORT**

Danielle Kochman (SANDAG) mentioned that the room was refurnished, however, SSTAC meetings will continue to be held in the same room to facilitate videoconferencing. If any issues arise with the new furniture, the meeting location may change.

Ms. Ornelas asked that the table be extended to provide seating space at the table for all members.

## **6. SSTAC CHARTER REVISION AND MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

Chair Willis stated that a charter amendment was adopted by the Transportation Committee at the July 16, meeting. The charter amendments establishes the protocol for declaring vacancies and filling them. Details are included in Agenda Item 4 from the July 16, 2010, Transportation Committee.

Following the protocol for the amended charter, Chair Willis declared Janai Quintana's seat as vacant. He then appointed Ms. Bothel to fill Ms. Quintana's seat,

and then Alane Haynes (NCTD) to replace Ms. Bothel's empty seat for this meeting.

Ms. Kochman reviewed how the amendment that was ultimately adopted differed from the original proposed changes that were previously reviewed by SSTAC in April 2010. The Citizen Member category had been split into two categories: special interest positions and at-large citizen members. This was done to more closely align the membership structure with the Public Utilities Code.

## **7. COORDINATED PLAN ADHOC GROUP**

Ms. Kochman reviewed the purpose of the Coordinated Plan. She asked to have members volunteer to form an ad hoc group for the draft of the Coordinated Plan. Chair Willis added that the Coordinated Plan is required by Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and plays a role in coordinating all transit in the county.

Mr. Haynes, Ms. Ornelas, Mac McGee (All Congregations Together), Hong Tran (Citizen Alternative), and Chair Willis volunteered to serve on the ad hoc group.

## **8. FEDERAL SECTION 5310 PROGRAM AWARDS**

Ms. Kochman informed the committee that SANDAG was awarded \$962,000 of the 13.1 million apportioned to the State of California through 5310. Sixteen of the 18 projects submitted were approved for funding (see Agenda Item 8 attachment).

LaVonna Connely (Public) asked if the grants are only for agencies serving seniors and persons with disabilities. Ms. Kochman confirmed that these were the eligible applicants. Mr. McGee inquired as to which projects were not funded. Ms. Kochman replied that CityLink foundation had applied for maintenance equipment to create a coordinated maintenance facility to serve other social service agencies. Additionally the City of Vista was not awarded a replacement vehicle that was applied for. SANDAG will work with unsuccessful applicants to reapply for funding in the next cycle.

**9. SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON PRIORITIES FOR THE 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)**

Anne Steinberger (SANDAG) stated that SANDAG hired True North as the consultant for the RTP's phone survey. The survey also is distributed online and available in both English and Spanish.

Ms. Ornelas asked about the phone survey sampling technique. Ms. Steinberger replied that the samples are statistically representative and will be organized by geographic sections of the region. Vice Chair Richard suggested that self-selected responses be separated from random responses.

Ms. Tran asked if the survey can be translated to Arabic. Ms. Steinberger replied that if Ms. Tran had it translated into Arabic, SANDAG would distribute it in that format.

## **10. INTERSTATE 15 (I-15) BUS RAPID TRANSIT, MID-CITY STATIONS/LANES ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

Barrow Emerson (SANDAG) gave an overview of the I-15 BRT project. He explained that these projects deal with the station design for the I-15 BRT project at the El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue stations. There are currently four alternatives, which will be open to public comment in November and December.

Mr. Emerson asked for feedback on the details of the stations related to safety, access, and security. Chair Willis suggested creating a separate meeting or to allot this item an hour for review during the September meeting. Mr. Emerson asked to receive comments on the larger features during this meeting.

Dennis Wahl, IBI Group, gave a presentation, including a video simulation of the station alternatives: (1) counter-flow bus lanes with the station in the center of the freeway, (2) with-flow lanes with two separate side platforms in the center of the freeway, (3) shoulder lanes with stations located on the shoulder of the freeway, and (4) station located along the off-ramps above the freeway.

Ms. Ornelas asked why alternative 3 is being considered. Mr. Emerson replied that the third alternative allows for better flow (faster loading times) than alternative 4 since it eliminates the buses use of signal protected intersections.

Vice Chair Richard stated that alternative 1 appears overly expensive and requested that only the options

that are both logical and financially attainable be considered. Mr. Emerson replied that the four options come from an initial list of 26 options and that each of the four has unique features associated with different levels of service and costs. He added that while option 4 is the least expensive, it provides the least service while option 1 provides the best service, but has the highest cost.

Ms. Ornelas added that appropriate clearance is needed for walkways in the stations.

Tamara Airhart (Citizen Alternative) stated that visually impaired citizens cannot use stairs when the elevators are not working. Clytie Koehler (Citizen Alternative) asked what would happen in the event of a power outage.

Mr. Emerson responded that buses would re-route to drop off riders with disabilities at street level stations in the event of a power outage.

Judy Stern (Citizen Alternative) asked how large the elevators are. Fu Sung (CH2M Hill) responded that elevators are 9.5 x 11 feet.

Ms. Stern asked whether the catwalks are covered. Mr. Emerson stated that they are not currently planned to have covers, but that he will consider including coverings.

Mr. Emerson stated that only options 3 and 4 can be built if an Adams Avenue stop is added. He also mentioned that "periglass" will be used for sound reductions and that security personnel will always be onsite.

Ms. Ornelas suggested creating a subcommittee to further review the stations.

Ms. Connely asked whether both the El Cajon and University stations must utilize the same alternative. Mr. Emerson confirmed that they must be the same.

## **11. OTIS AND GOOGLE TRANSIT**

Mr. Braun gave a PowerPoint highlighting the differences between OTIS and Google trip planning.

Chair Willis inquired about the level of quality control of Google's information.

Mr. Braun replied that MTS gives Google all the route information, however sometimes there is a delay between when Google receives the information and when they update their trip planning tool. OTIS, on the other hand, has immediate posting of changes.

Mr. Braun presented a number of tips to improve use of the trip planning tools. For OTIS, do not include city or zip code, but instead only type in the street address. For Google, the user should enter the city or zip code.

Ms. Connely stated that Google and OTIS are good tools, and can be more effective in some cases than using the information line.

Mr. Richard stated that the printed trolley schedule cards are useful and suggested that bus schedules be created for use on smart phones. Mr. Braun replied that they are developing text-based services before smart phone applications.

Ms. Tran noted the difference in delays between OTIS' and Google's updates. She also cited difficulty in adjusting Google maps to set specific route choices.

## **12. PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

Ms. Kochman stated that the hearing process will be the same as last year. Chair Willis motioned to hold the hearing at the September SSTAC. Ms. Ornelas seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by a roll-call vote of the council.

## **13. ELECTIONS**

Ms. Haynes made a motion to appoint Chair Willis as continuing Chair of SSTAC.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll-call vote of the council.

Arun Prem (FACT) made a motion to elect Mr. Haynes as the Vice Chair.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll-call vote of the council.

## **14. TRANSIT OPERATORS UPDATE**

Scott Transue (NCTD paratransit) stated that they have purchased eight paratransit buses.

Bill Olszanicky (NCTD fixed-route) stated that BREEZE is now fully outsourced and that some routes will change the week of August 22. A Cal State San Marcos shuttle will be provided by NCTD. The mobility study will continue and is anticipated to be released for public comment by the Board in January, with a public hearing in February. The NCTD budget was passed in June that was about 8 percent lower than last fiscal year. Chair Willis asked if any routes are being cut. Mr. Olszanicky responded that service changes will depend on the mobility study findings.

Daniel McCaslin (MTS paratransit) stated that a new 9-year contract with First Transit was recently executed. Two additional paratransit vehicles are being procured.

Brent Boyd, MTS fixed-route, stated that MTS received about \$15 million from the state and will be returning service back to some routes that had service cuts. Service will be added back to routes 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 30 and the SuperLoop.

## **15. FULL ACCESS AND COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION (FACT) UPDATE**

Mr. Prem stated that Mr. Haynes has joined the FACT Board at its July meeting. At the June 16, Council on Access and Mobility (CAM) meeting, the SANDAG grant opportunities were discussed. FACT has received

proposals to provide the Senior Mini-Grant-funded service to Ramona and recommendations will be forwarded to the FACT Board for the August 11, meeting. The Specialized Transportation Referral and Information for the Disabled and Elderly (STRIDE) Web site hits have recently increased. The next CAM meeting will be held in Old Town. The summer FACT newsletter was sent out, including the list of vehicle recipients. Chair Willis requested that the listing of vehicle recipients be posted on the STRIDE Web site.

## **16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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September 27, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **11**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

2011 SSTAC MEETING CALENDAR

File Number 3320100

REGULAR MEETING DATES:

January 29, 2011 (Wednesday)

March 21, 2011

May 16, 2011

July 18, 2011

September 19, 2011

November 21, 2011

All meetings are scheduled to commence at 10 a.m. and will have videoconferencing available at North County Transit District. Additional meetings or time and date adjustments may be made by the Chairperson when necessary.