

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

January 21, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2011

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:03 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland) and a second by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the December 10, 2010, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Christian Chaffee, a member of the public, spoke regarding the potential for street cars in the San Diego Region.

Jim Schmidt, a member of the public, spoke regarding proposed transportation highway and transit plans and his support of SANDAG's planning efforts.

Coleen Clementson, Principal Planner, announced that a portion of the January 21 meeting will be held jointly with the Regional Planning Committee in to 2050 RTP phasing.

CONSENT (3 through 4)

3. 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.

Deborah Knight, Friends of Rose Canyon, spoke regarding its opposition to the current High-Speed Rail alignment.

4. LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO-SAN LUIS OBISPO (LOSSAN) RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY BOARD MEETING REPORT (INFORMATION)

The LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency seeks to increase ridership, revenue, capacity, reliability, and safety on the coastal rail line from San Diego to Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo. Known as Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner corridor, it is the second busiest intercity passenger rail corridor nationwide and Amtrak's fastest growing. The report summarizes recent LOSSAN Board Actions.

Deborah Knight, Friends of Rose Canyon, spoke regarding its opposition to the current High-Speed Rail alignment.

Action: Consent items were presented for information.

REPORTS (5 through 10)

5. OVERVIEW OF SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL AND THE 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: DRAFT WHITE PAPER (DISCUSSION)

The draft white paper, "Overview of Safe Routes to School and the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan," describes the role of Safe Routes to School strategies in regional planning and proposes a preliminary strategic framework for potential integration in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Model regional strategies are identified as well as implications for next steps.

Bridget Enderle, Associate Regional Planner, presented the white paper for the Transportation Committee's information and discussion.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

6. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 4 (APPROVE)

On September 24, 2010, the Board of Directors adopted the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the multiyear program of proposed major highway, arterial, transit, and bikeway projects in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2011 to FY 2015. SANDAG received a request from Caltrans to process an amendment in order to eliminate state funds and increase the federal share for the State Minor Lump Sum program (CAL213). Due to the additional programming of federal funds, there is an urgency to obligate these funds immediately following the federal approval of the 2010 RTIP, which occurred on December 14, 2010.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Carrie Downey (South County) and a second by Councilmember Todd Gloria (City of San Diego), the Transportation Committee approved Amendment No. 4 to the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

7. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM FIVE-YEAR FUNDING STRATEGY UPDATE, FY 2011 FUNDING ALLOCATION, AND FY 2011 LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT CRITERIA (RECOMMEND)

Keith Greer, Senior Regional Planner, presented the proposed project selection criteria for the *TransNet* and Environmental Mitigation Program, the updated Five-Year Conceptual Funding

Strategic Plan and the proposed management and monitoring activities and budget for FY 2011 totaling \$4 million, and requested authorization to solicit proposals and enter into contracts or amend existing contracts accordingly.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Councilmember Gloria, the Transportation Committee: (1) provided input on the proposed project selection criteria for the *TransNet* and Environmental Mitigation Program; (2) recommended that the Board of Directors approve the updated Five-Year Conceptual Funding Strategic Plan, the proposed management and monitoring activities and budget for FY 2011 totaling \$4 million, and, (3) subject to Board Policy No. 017, authorized staff to solicit proposals and enter into contracts or amend existing contracts accordingly.

8. METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND BUDGET TRANSFER: NEW SECURITY FIBER OPTIC CAPITAL PROJECT (RECOMMEND)

Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) has secured a \$3.38 million federal grant to expand its fiber optic network for improved security on the Trolley system and would like SANDAG to implement the project. This action would approve a memorandum of understanding with MTS to accept these funds and will create a capital project for implementation.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland) and a second by Councilmember Downey, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) authorized the Executive Director to execute the Security Fiber Optic Cable Project MOU with MTS in substantially the same form as attached to the report in an amount not to exceed \$5,960,445, contingent on prior MTS Board approval of the MOU; and (2) established a new capital project CIP 1144400 Security Fiber Optic Cable Project with a total budget of \$5,960,445; pending approval by the MTS Board of Directors.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2010 AND FY 2011 BUDGETS: COMPASS CARD PROGRAM (APPROVE)

James Dreisbach-Towle, Principal Technology Program Analyst, presented the proposed FY 2010 and FY 2011 budget revisions for the Compass Card Program.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]) and a second by Chairman Chris Orlando (North County Transit District [NCTD]), the Transportation Committee approved revisions to the FY 2010 and FY 2011 Program Budgets for OWP #3310600, including: (1) a carryover of \$80,635 of unspent FY 2010 budgeted funds into FY 2011; (2) an increase in the FY 2011 Program Budget by \$62,454 for new card fee revenue; and (3) an increase in the FY 2011 Program Budget by accepting additional funds from Metropolitan Transit System and North County Transit District in the total amount of \$123,115 in substantially the same form as attached to the report.

10. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Leslie Blanda, Project Development Program Manager, provided a report on the status of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project including an overview of the project; description of the status of the current phase of project development; and the upcoming project development activities.

Jim Linthicum, Director of Mobility Management and Project Implementation, briefed the Committee on the potential mitigation risks and opportunities for the project.

Deborah Knight, Friends of Rose Canyon, spoke regarding its opposition to the alignment for the Mid-Coast project.

Action: This item was presented for information.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2011, at 9 a.m. A portion of this meeting will be held jointly with the Regional Planning Committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2011**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
North County Coastal	City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Vice Chair)	Member	No	
	City of Del Mar	Carl Hilliard	Alternate	No	
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	Yes	
South County	City of Coronado	Carrie Downey	Member	Yes	
	City of Imperial Beach	Jim King	Alternate	Yes	
City of San Diego	----	Todd Gloria	Member	Yes	
	----	Anthony Young	Alternate	No	
	----	Lorie Zapf	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	Yes	
North County Transit District	NCTD	Chris Orlando	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	Ex-Officio