

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

March 4, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2011

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:01 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 (County of San Diego) and a second by Mayor Matt Hall (North County Coastal), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the Transportation Committee meeting and Joint meeting with the Regional Planning Committee on January 21, 2011.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments, communications, or member comments.

### CONSENT (3)

3. FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009/10 REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY REPORT (INFORMATION)

This report presented year-end summary information for the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) federal funding programs. The report also discussed the use of programming tools to facilitate the delivery of regional projects in Federal Fiscal Year 2009/10.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland) and a second by Supervisor Roberts, the Transportation Committee approved the Consent Agenda.

### REPORTS (4 through 13)

4. THIS ITEM NOT USED

5. FY 2011 *TransNet* AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT REVENUE REVISIONS AND FY 2012 TO FY 2016 TRANSIT REVENUE ESTIMATES (RECOMMEND)

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager, and Marney Cox, Chief Economist, provided the staff report. By March 1 of each year, SANDAG provides revenue estimates for the upcoming fiscal year as well as a projection for the next four fiscal years to allow the transit and local agencies to

plan for capital projects and to determine operating subsidies. The Transportation Committee was asked to recommend that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the revision to the FY 2011 *TransNet* revenue estimate; (2) accept the revision to the FY 2011 Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenue estimate while maintaining the current apportionment; (3) approve the FY 2012 allocations for *TransNet* and State Transit Assistance (STA) and the apportionments for TDA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and (4) approve the transit revenue estimates for FY 2013 to FY 2016 for TDA, FTA, and *TransNet*.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Desmond and a second by Harry Mathis (Chair, Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the revision to the FY 2011 *TransNet* revenue estimate; (2) accept the revision to the FY 2011 Transportation Development Act (TDA) revenue estimate while maintaining the current apportionment; (3) approve the FY 2012 allocations for *TransNet* and State Transit Assistance (STA) and the apportionments for TDA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and (4) approve the transit revenue estimates for FY 2013 to FY 2016 for TDA, FTA, and *TransNet*.

6. FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FFY 2010 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE AND NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS AND FY 2012 AND FY 2013 *TransNet* SENIOR MINI-GRANT PROJECTS (RECOMMEND)

Danielle Kochman, Associate Planner, reported that SANDAG is responsible for administering the federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs, including the distribution of funds through a competitive selection process. Similarly, SANDAG also is responsible for distributing Senior Mini-Grant funds through a competitive process as required by the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance. The Transportation Committee was asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the JARC, New Freedom, and *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant Projects proposed for selection.

Chair Dale noted there was one request to speak on this item.

Arun Prem, Executive Director, Full Access Coordinated Transportation (FACT), thanked SANDAG staff for the incredible amount of work completed for this grant application process. He stated that medical transportation for seniors (Med-Ride) is a great project for the county transportation system, because for the first time this program provides a way to make regional trips and not depend solely on the social services transportation services, which are restricted in scope. This is a two-year grant and we need to think about how to sustain these services within the county.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Carrie Downey (South County) and a second by Tom Smisek (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the JARC, New Freedom, and *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant Projects proposed for selection.

7. I-15 EXPRESS LANES AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans Corridor Director, provided an update on the progress of the Interstate 15 (I-15) Express Lanes and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects. Express lanes are being constructed in the median of I-15 from State Route (SR) 163 to SR 78 with the introduction of BRT service in the corridor to follow.

Action: This item was presented for information.

8. I-15 SABRE SPRINGS/PEÑASQUITOS TRANSIT CENTER PARKING STRUCTURE PROJECT  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ADOPT)

Frank Owsiany, Senior Engineer, provided the staff report. He noted that this is the first design-build project for SANDAG. The Transportation Committee was asked to adopt: (1) the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the I-15 Sabre Springs/ Peñasquitos Transit Center Parking Structure Project; and (2) Resolution No. 2011-13, approving the use of the design/build procurement method for the implementation of this project.

Mayor Desmond asked for a future report on the design-build lessons learned from this project after its completion.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Mayor Matt Hall (North County Coastal), the Transportation Committee adopted: (1) the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the I-15 Sabre Springs/ Peñasquitos Transit Center Parking Structure Project; and (2) Resolution No. 2011-13, approving the use of the design/build procurement method for the implementation of this project.

9. I-15/MIRA MESA DIRECT ACCESS RAMP AND TRANSIT STATION: REQUEST FOR LETTER OF  
NO PREJUDICE (APPROVE)

Caltrans will be ready to advertise the Interstate 15/Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp project in early summer. The project has \$40.2 million in Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funds programmed. Due to timing of the issuance of bonds by the state treasurer, the funds may not be available at that time. Approval of a Letter of No Prejudice by the California Transportation Commission would allow Caltrans to begin the advertisement and award process in anticipation of allocation of these funds. The Transportation Committee was asked to approve the submittal of a Letter of No Prejudice to the California Transportation Commission in the amount of \$40.2 million in Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funds for the implementation of the I-15/Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp and Transit Station project.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Hall and a second by MTS Chair Mathis, the Transportation Committee approved the submittal of a Letter of No Prejudice to the California Transportation Commission in the amount of \$40.2 million in Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funds for the implementation of the I-15/Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp and Transit Station project.

10. FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: I-15 VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM STUDY AND I-15  
FasTrak® PROJECTS (APPROVE)

Ellison Allegre, Associate Planner, reported that in August 2010, Caltrans announced a transportation planning grant award to SANDAG in the amount of \$240,000 to provide additional funding to the I-15 Violation Enforcement System (VES) Study. The proposed amendments to the FY 2011 Budget and Overall Work Program will accept these funds, along with an exchange of the required matching funds, to work elements as modified. The Transportation Committee was asked to approve the FY 2011 budget amendments: (1) to accept Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant funds of \$240,000 in the I-15 Violation Enforcement System Study (work element #3310400) and

(2) approve a funding exchange of \$45,000 in Federal Congestion/Value Pricing Program funds in the I-15 Violation Enforcement System Study (work element #3310400) for a like amount of *TransNet* funds from the I-15 FasTrak capital project (work element #1201504), in accordance with the local matching funds requirement.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Hall and a second by Councilmember Downey, the Transportation Committee approved the FY 2011 budget amendments: (1) to accept Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant funds of \$240,000 in the I-15 Violation Enforcement System Study (work element #3310400) and (2) approve a funding exchange of \$45,000 Federal Congestion/Value Pricing Program funds in the I-15 Violation Enforcement System Study (work element #3310400) for a like amount of *TransNet* funds from the I-15 FasTrak capital project (work element #1201504), in accordance with the local matching funds requirement.

11. SAN YSIDRO FREIGHT RAIL YARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ADOPT)

This item was postponed.

12. OVERVIEW OF INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS FOR THE DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (DISCUSSION)

Alex Estrella, Senior Planner, and Peter Thompson, Senior Technology Program Analyst, provided the staff report. As part of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (2050 RTP), staff has completed the draft white paper, Overview of Intelligent Transportation Systems. The white paper introduced three key, emerging technologies for improving transportation system efficiency, system usage, and safety for consideration and inclusion in the 2050 RTP.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

13. SAN DIEGO REGION AGGREGATE SUPPLY STUDY (INFORMATION)

Laurie Berman, Caltrans, District 11 Director, introduced this item.

Richard Chavez, Principal Engineer, reported that in collaboration with Caltrans, SANDAG received a Transportation Planning Special Studies grant to explore construction aggregate supply in the San Diego region. SANDAG prepared a report identifying issues surrounding aggregate and developed GIS and other tools that policymakers could use to help identify potential aggregate sources.

Cheryl Mason, Senior Research Analyst, reviewed the study objectives, provided background information, discussed possible supply options, provided a GIS overlay and optimization analysis for potential aggregate sites, described several CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for supply scenarios, and next steps.

Chair Dale noted there was one request to speak on this item.

Crystal Howard, EnviroMINE, said that the report confirms the region is experiencing an aggregate shortage, which results in higher prices and higher levels of greenhouse gases. It also provides information as a catalyst to resolve the problem. She suggested that modifications to reduce permitting process timeframe would be beneficial.

Action: This item was presented for information.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2011, at 9 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2011**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
North County Coastal	City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Vice Chair)	Member	Yes
	City of Del Mar	Terry Sinnott	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	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	No
	—	Anthony Young	Alternate	No
	—	Lorie Zapf	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	—	Ron Roberts	Member	Yes
	—	Bill Horn	Alternate	No
	—	Pam Slater-Price	Alternate	Yes
	—	Dianne Jacob	Alternate	No
Metropolitan Transit System	MTS	Harry Mathis	Member	Yes
	MTS	Al Ovrom	Alternate	Yes
North County Transit District	NCTD	Bill Horn	Member	No
	NCTD	Chris Orlando	Alternate	No
	NCTD	Vacant	Alternate	?
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority		Tom Smisek	Member	Yes
		Jim Panknin	Alternate	No
ADVISORY/LIAISON Caltrans	—	Laurie Berman	Member	Yes
	—	Bill Figge	Alternate	No
SCTCA	—	Albert Phoenix	Member	Yes
	—	Allen Lawson	Member	No
		Jerome Stocks	Vice Chair BoD	No