

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

March 18, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2011

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Jack Dale (East County) at 9:00 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Todd Gloria (City of San Diego) and a second by Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the February 18, 2011, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Kendell Tylee, Justice Overcoming Boundaries, shared with the Committee various students' letters with comments regarding the region's transportation and transit options. She requested that the letters be posted to the SANDAG Web site for the record.

REPORTS (3 through 5)

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

The Transportation Committee is asked to adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the San Ysidro Freight Rail Yard Improvement Project in substantially the same form as shown in the attachment.

Pete d'Ablaing, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Mathis and a second by Councilmember Gloria, the Transportation Committee adopted the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the San Ysidro Freight Rail Yard Improvement Project in substantially the same form as shown in the attachment.

4. STATION PLATFORM RETROFIT BUDGET AMENDMENT (APPROVE)

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve a budget increase of \$300,000 for the Station Platform Retrofit Project (CIP 1095400) to complete the work at the Qualcomm Stadium Trolley Station. The source of the funding is *TransNet* 1 money that was withheld for the purpose of

completing the platform repairs in accordance with Agenda Item No. 22 approved by the Board of Directors on May 28, 2010.

John Dorow, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Mathis and a second by Councilmember Gloria, the Transportation Committee approved a budget increase of \$300,000 for the Station Platform Retrofit Project (CIP 1095400) to complete the work at the Qualcomm Stadium Trolley Station.

5. ESCONDIDO BREEZE RAPID UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The Escondido BREEZE *Rapid* project, the region's first rapid bus route, is in the final phase of construction. This project makes a number of improvements to North County Transit District's existing bus route 350, which runs from the Escondido Transit Center to Westfield North County, including a "queue jump" lane that gives the bus its own lane heading into the Escondido Transit Center, transit signal priority which allows the bus to send a message to the traffic signal to extend a green or shorten a red light when the bus is late, and new upgraded bus stops and shelters, including digital message or "next vehicle" signs at select stops. The project is scheduled for completion in April 2011.

Danny Veeh, Associate Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2011, at 9 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 4, 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 | 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 | No |
| | 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 | No |
| | ---- | Bill Horn | Alternate | Yes |
| | ---- | Pam Slater-Price | Alternate | No |
| | --- | Dianne Jacob | Alternate | No |
| Metropolitan Transit System | MTS | Harry Mathis | Member | Yes |
| | MTS | Al Ovrom | Alternate | No |
| North County Transit District | NCTD | Bill Horn | Member | No |
| | NCTD | Chris Orlando | Alternate | Yes |
| | NCTD | Dave Roberts | 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 |
| | | Allen Lawson | Member | No |
| | | Jerome Stocks | Chair BoD | No |