

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 6, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2011

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Matt Hall (North County Coastal) 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 Tom Smisek (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority [SDCRAA], and a second by Mayor Judy Ritter (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the April 1, 2011, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT (3 through 4)

3. AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PORT DISTRICT FOR FIBER OPTIC PROJECT (RECOMMEND)

The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors (1) authorize the Executive Director to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the original Memorandum of Understanding with the San Diego Unified Port District for an increase of \$671,320 with a total amount not to exceed \$970,000, for the actual cost of services and construction for fiber optic cable installation; and (2) approve a budget increase to CIP No. 1210020 from \$42,300,000 to \$43,971,000.

Chip Finch, Senior Transportation Engineer, provided an update to the Committee regarding the budget adjustment numbers.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FEDERAL SECTION 5310 PROGRAM APPLICATIONS (APPROVE)

The Transportation Committee is asked to concur with the scores for the 55 eligible projects given by the Local Review Committee for the FFY 2010 and 2011 federal 49 U.S.C. 5310 program funding, and find that: (1) the applications are in conformance with the Coordinated Plan, and (2) the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5310 have been met by all listed applicants.

Action: Upon a motion Mayor Art Madrid (East County) and a second by Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]), by the Transportation Committee approved Consent Items 3 through 4.

REPORTS (5 through 10)

5. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT NO. 7 (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 processes amendments to the RTIP on a quarterly basis based on requests from member agencies.

Michelle Merino, Financial Programming Analyst II, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego) and a second by Mayor Ritter, the Transportation Committee adopted Resolution No. 2011-16 in substantially the same form as attached to the report, approving Amendment No. 7 to the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

6. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: UPCOMING OUTREACH AND ADOPTION PROCESS (INFORMATION)

The Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) is scheduled to be released by the Board of Directors on April 22, 2011, for public review and comment. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is scheduled to be released in May. This report outlines the upcoming workshops, public hearings, etc., that will take place during the public review period. The 2050 RTP, its SCS, and the EIR are scheduled to be adopted in the fall.

Heather Adamson, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

10. SANDAG'S EXPERIENCE WITH LETTERS OF NO PREJUDICE (INFORMATION)

In response to comments raised by the Transportation Committee at its March 18, 2011, meeting, this report presented a status of previously approved Letters of No Prejudice, including approval of allocations and payments.

José A. Nuncio, Manager of Financial Programming and Project Control, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. I-15 BUS RAPID TRANSIT STATIONS (DISCUSSION)

This report provides for Transportation Committee review and discussion of the details about the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station alternatives considered during the current environmental phase as well as the preferred alternative for the Interstate 15 (I-15) BRT Mid-City Stations project and the process by which it was identified. The environmental document is anticipated to be finalized by mid-2011.

Barrow Emerson, Senior Regional Planner, presented the project details and station alternatives.

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans I-15 Corridor Director, discussed the various alternatives that were studied and the preferred alternative, as well as the comments received during the public hearing. He also briefed the Committee on the anticipated release of the environmental document.

Jay Powell, City Heights Community Development Corporation, submitted written comments regarding a walk audit sponsored by the City of San Diego to be held on Saturday, April 16, to walk the community and discuss key portions of the I-15 BRT project. Mr. Powell stated his support for the project.

Jim Baross, Normal Heights Community Planning Group, stated his support for the project.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

7. FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS (INFORMATION)

Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds totaling \$3,616,000 previously programmed for three projects consisting of two Pilot Smart Growth Incentive Program Projects (\$1.6 million for the University Avenue Mobility Project and \$956,000 for 25th Street Renaissance Project in the City of San Diego) as well as one bicycle facility project (\$1.06 million for the Bayshore Bikeway from the National City Marina in National City to 32nd Street in the City of San Diego) cannot be allocated in the current fiscal year. These funds are subject to lapse and potentially become unavailable to the region until FY 2016 and FY 2017 unless programmed to other projects that meet the TE requirements (such as those projects discussed in Item 8).

Stephan Vance, Senior Regional Planner, discussed developments in the projects that have prevented the allocation this fiscal year and presented the item.

Kathy Vanderheugel, Greater Golden Hill, commented regarding the need for funding for the 25th Street Renaissance Project.

Kathryn Willetts, Greater Golden Hill, spoke regarding funding for the City of San Diego University Avenue Mobility Project.

Action: This item was presented for information.

8. REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN: PROPOSED INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION (RECOMMEND)

Riding to 2050: San Diego Regional Bicycle Plan (Plan) was adopted by the Board of Directors in May 2010. The Plan provides recommendations to facilitate accomplishing the regional goals of increasing the number of people who bike and frequency of bicycle trips for all purposes, improving safety for bicyclists, and increasing public awareness and support for bicycling in the San Diego region. The recommendations include bicycle infrastructure improvements, bicycle related programs, implementation strategies, and policy and design guidelines. This report will present proposed infrastructure projects, supporting education and monitoring programs, and funding strategy.

Chris Kluth, Associate Regional Planner, discussed the proposed projects and funding strategy.

Christine Eary, Associate Regional Planner, discussed the supporting education and monitoring programs proposed for implementation.

Randy VanVleek, City Heights Community Development Corporation, stated his support for this item.

Kathleen Ferrier, WalkSanDiego, stated her support for this item.

Jim Baross, Chair Bicycle Pedestrian Working Group, stated his support for this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Todd Gloria (City of San Diego) and a second by Supervisor Roberts, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) approve funding for initial implementation of regional bicycle projects as shown in Table 1; and (2) approve funding for initial implementation of regional programs as shown in Table 2.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2011, at 9 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, highlighted the State of the Commute report that was included in the Transportation Committee agenda packet for the Committee's information.

Paul Jablonski, MTS Chief Executive Officer, stated that the Compass Card will now include Day Pass options for commuters. He addressed the implementation timeline to eliminate paper passes.

Vice Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 15, 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	No
	City of Vista	Judy Ritter	Alternate	Yes
East County	City of Santee	Jack Dale (Chair)	Member	No
	City of La Mesa	Art Madrid	Alternate	Yes
South County	City of Coronado	Carrie Downey	Member	No
	City of Imperial Beach	Jim King	Alternate	No
City of San Diego	----	Todd Gloria	Member	Yes
	----	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	Yes
	NCTD	Chris Orlando	Alternate	No
	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
Other Attendees		Jerome Stocks	Chair BoD	No
		Tom Lichterman	NCTD	Yes
		Paul Jablonski	MTS	Yes