

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

September 2, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF JULY 15, 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 Vice Chair Matt Hall (North County Coastal) and a second by Councilmember Carrie Downey (South County), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the June 17, 2011, meeting.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Jim Schmidt, a member of the public, submitted written documents and commented on them.

### CONSENT (3)

### 3. LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO-SAN LUIS OBISPO RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT (RECOMMEND)

The Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency is a Joint Powers Authority whose members are rail owners and operators and regional agencies along the 351-mile Pacific Surfliner corridor. SANDAG, North County Transit District, and Metropolitan Transit System are voting members on the LOSSAN Board of Directors.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Vice Chair Hall, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the change to the LOSSAN Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to add the Riverside County Transportation Commission as an ex-officio member of the LOSSAN Joint Powers Board in substantially the same form as attached to the report.

### CHAIR'S REPORT (4)

### 4. APWA PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (INFORMATION)

SANDAG and Caltrans received an American Public Works Association (APWA) Project of the Year Award for the Interstate 15 Express Lanes Middle Segment.

Patti Boekamp, APWA San Diego-Imperial Valley Chapter past president, presented the award.

Manuel Sanchez, FHWA Representative, also presented SANDAG the Federal Highway Administration Excellence in Highway Design Biannual Award. This national award recognizes exemplary design processes and practices.

### **REPORTS (5 through 8)**

5. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 9  
(APPROVE)

On September 24, 2010, the Board of Directors adopted the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, 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 Councilmember Downey and a second by Vice Chair Hall, the Transportation Committee adopted Resolution No. 2012-01 in substantially the same form as attached to the report, approving Amendment No. 9 to the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]) stated that the vintage street car test runs for training and certification have begun. He shared a photo of the street car with the Committee members.

6. SOUTH BAY BUS RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE FACILITY DESIGN-BUILD  
PROCUREMENT (APPROVE)

Pete d'Ablaing, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented the item and reviewed the reasons necessary for utilizing the design-build procurement method for the South Bay Bus Rapid Transit Maintenance Facility Project.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Mathis and a second by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego), the Transportation Committee adopted Resolution No. 2012-02 in substantially the same form as attached to the report, approving the use of the design-build procurement method for the South Bay Bus Rapid Transit Maintenance Facility Project for the reasons set forth therein.

7. DOWNTOWN SHORT-TERM BUS PARKING FACILITY: RELEASE OF DRAFT MITIGATED  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION (INFORMATION)

Miriam Kirshner, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item and stated that SANDAG staff has been pursuing development of an off-street bus layover facility in western downtown San Diego to provide for driver breaks and schedule recovery. The off-street facility will free up curb space on various street frontages that are currently used for layovers. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is planned for public release in late July for a 30-day public review period.

Action: This item was presented for information.

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

Leslie Blanda and Greg Gastelum, Project Development Program Managers, provided a report on the status of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project and reviewed the decision by the Federal Transit Administration to publish a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register and conduct scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The August meetings of the Transportation Committee have been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 2, 2011, at 9 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dale adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 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	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	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	Yes
		Matt Tucker	NCTD	Yes
		Paul Jablonski	MTS	Yes

# JOINT MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEES

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS JOINT MEETING OF JULY 15, 2011

The joint meeting of the Transportation Committee and the Regional Planning Committee was called to order by Regional Planning Committee Chair Jim Janney (South County) at 10:30 a.m.

### A. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Laurie Berman, Executive Director, Caltrans District 11, announced that there will be road work and closures along Interstate 405 (I-405) this weekend and urged the public to use transit or alternate routes.

### REPORTS (B through E)

### D. SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANTS STATUS UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (APPROVE)

SANDAG approved the first round of Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) projects under *TransNet* in May 2009, and the first round of Active Transportation Program grants in June 2009. This report provides an overview of the progress made to date by the grant recipients. In addition, the Cities of Lemon Grove and San Diego are requesting schedule amendments. The Use-It-or-Lose-It Policy requires Transportation and Regional Planning Committees approval for these requests.

Oswaldo Perez, Regional Planner I, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Carl Hilliard (North County Coastal) and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Jones (East County), the Regional Planning Committee approved the proposed project schedule amendment to the Lemon Grove Trolley Plaza project in the *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program, per the Use-It-or-Lose-It Policy governing the FY 2009-FY 2010 *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program grants.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Downey and a second by Councilmember Todd Gloria (City of San Diego), the Transportation Committee approved the proposed project schedule amendments to two City of San Diego TDA/*TransNet* Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Neighborhood Safety projects, per the Use-It-or-Lose-It Policy governing the FY 2009-FY 2010 Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Neighborhood Safety grants.

### B. INTERSTATE 5 NORTH COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT (INFORMATION)

Allan Kosup, Caltrans District 11 Corridor Director, presented an update on the Interstate 5 North Coast Corridor, including the recent selection of the preferred alternative by Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration and efforts underway for the upcoming release of the Final Environmental Document.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

C. PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM INTERSTATE 5 NORTH COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT IN THE 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RECOMMEND)

As described in Item B, Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration recently selected a preferred alternative for the Interstate 5 North Coast Corridor project, which has lower construction costs than the alternative included in the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (2050 RTP).

Elisa Arias, Principal Regional Planner, presented the item.

Laura Taylor, SOFAR/CNFF, spoke in opposition to this item.

Steve Padilla, Sustainable San Diego, spoke in support of this item and urged funding for transit.

Elyse Lowe, Move San Diego, spoke in support of this item.

Kendell Tylee, Justice Overcoming Boundaries, spoke in support of this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Gloria and a second by Supervisor Roberts, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the proposed redistribution of funding from the Interstate 5 North Coast Corridor project to the transit and transportation system supporting investments in substantially the same form as shown in Table 1 of the report for inclusion in the final 2050 RTP. Mayor Jim Desmond (North County Inland) and Chairman Bill Horn (North County Transit District [NCTD]) voted to oppose the recommendation.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and a second by Councilmember Sherri Lightener (City of San Diego), the Regional Planning Committee moved that the Board of Directors approve the proposed redistribution of funding from the Interstate 5 North Coast Corridor project to the transit and transportation system supporting investments in substantially the same form as shown in Table 1 of the report for inclusion in the final 2050 RTP. This motion failed.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Sam Abed (North County Inland) and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, the Regional Planning Committee recommended staff further analyze the redistribution options for these funds based on the comments from the members and provide that analysis and information to the Board for its consideration.

E. REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY NO. 033 (INFORMATION)

Board Policy No. 033 was adopted in conjunction with the 2005-2010 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The Board of Directors will be asked to provide policy direction on options for its continued use or revision. This is an information item to provide context for Board discussion at its July 22, 2011, meeting.

Susan Baldwin, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Steve Padilla, Sustainable San Diego, spoke in support of this item.

Susan Tinsky, San Diego Housing Federation, spoke in support of this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones suggested the formation of a subcommittee with elected officials and staff to strengthen Policy No. 033.

Action: This item was presented for information/discussion.

## 2. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Janney adjourned the joint meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE**  
**JOINT MEETING OF THE SANDAG TRANSPORTATION AND**  
**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEES**  
**JULY 15, 2011**  
**10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

SUBREGIONAL AREA	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
North County Inland	City of Escondido	Sam Abed	Member	Yes
	City of Vista	John Aguilera	Alternate	Yes
South County	City of Imperial Beach	Jim Janney, Chair	Member	Yes
	City of National City	Alejandra Sotelo-Solis	Alternate	No
North County Coastal	City of Del Mar	Carl Hilliard	Member	Yes
	City of Solana Beach	Lesla Heebner	Alternate	Yes
East County	City of Lemon Grove	Jerry Jones, Vice Chair	Member	Yes
	City of Lemon Grove	George Gastil	Alternate	No
City of San Diego	----	Jerry Sanders	Member	No
		Sherri Lightner	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	Yes
County of San Diego	----	Bill Horn	Member	Yes
	----	Pam Slater-Price	Alternate	Yes
Advisory Members	Caltrans, District 11	Laurie Berman	Member	Yes
		Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
Advisory Member	San Diego County Water Authority	Howard Williams	Member	Yes
		Elsa Saxod	Alternate	No
Advisory Member	Department of Defense	Steve Chung	Member	No
Advisory Member	San Diego Unified Port District	Lou Smith	Member	No
		<b>VACANT</b>	Alternate	?
Advisory Member	MTS	Al Ovrom	Member	Yes
		Mary England	Alternate	No
Advisory Member	NCTD	Mark Filanc	Member	No
		Ed Gallo	Alternate	Yes
Advisory Member	Regional Planning Technical Working Group (TWG)	Bill Chopyk	Member	No
		Patrick Murphy	Alternate	No
Advisory Member	Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	LaVonne Peck (La Jolla)	Member	No
		Allen Lawson (San Pasqual)	Alternate	Yes

<b>SUBREGIONAL AREA</b>	<b>JURISDICTION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MEMBER/ ALTERNATE</b>	<b>ATTENDING</b>
Environmental Mitigation Program Advisory Member	Wildlife Conservation Board	Dave Means	Member	No
		<b>VACANT</b>	Alternate	?
Environmental Mitigation Program Advisory Member	California Department of Fish and Game	Steve Juarez	Member	No
		David Mayer	Alternate	No
Environmental Mitigation Program Advisory Member	US Army Corps of Engineers	Therese Bradford	Member	No
		Michelle Matson	Alternate	No
Environmental Mitigation Program Advisory Member	US Fish and Wildlife Service	<b>VACANT</b>	Member	?
		Susan Wynn	Alternate	No