

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

April 5, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2013

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Todd Gloria (City of San Diego) at 9:06 a.m. See the attached attendance sheet for Transportation Committee member attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Mary Sessom (East County), and a second by Mayor Judy Ritter (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the February 15, 2013, Transportation Committee meeting, and the minutes from the March 1, 2013, joint meeting with the Regional Planning Committee.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

John Wotzka, member of the public, spoke about various transportation matters.

Alex Napoles, Treviana, spoke in opposition of the South Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) plan and requested an extension of the Draft Environmental Impact Report review period. Mr. Napoles also requested more public outreach efforts with homeowners in the Chula Vista community.

Matt Tucker (North County Transit District [NCTD]) spoke about the recent transit matter with the SPRINTER.

CONSENT (3 through 4)

3. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5311 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (RECOMMEND)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for capital and operating assistance to agencies providing transportation services in the rural areas through the Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program. Caltrans has published the estimated apportionment for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 Section 5311. For the San Diego area, this program is divided between Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and NCTD by a formula based on the rural population served by each agency.

4. SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAMS STATUS UPDATE (INFORMATION)

SANDAG manages three competitive grant programs for specialized transportation projects: Job Access and Reverse Commute, New Freedom, and *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant. This report provided an overview of the progress made to date by the grant recipients in each program.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Harry Mathis (MTS) and a second by Tom Smisek (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), the Transportation Committee approved Consent Items 3 and 4.

REPORTS (5 through 10)

5. *TransNet* INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ITOC) REPORT

A. DRAFT FY 2012 *TransNet* FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS: INITIAL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (INFORMATION)

Chair Paul Fromer, ITOC, introduced the item.

Sam Perera, Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C., explained that in accordance with the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance, ITOC has the responsibility to conduct the annual fiscal and compliance audits of *TransNet* recipients. The Extension Ordinance also requires ITOC to share the initial audit findings and recommendations with the Transportation Committee 60 days prior to its release to resolve any inconsistencies and technical issues. On March 13, 2013, ITOC reviewed the initial findings and recommendations of the FY 2012 *TransNet* Fiscal and Compliance Audit as conducted by the certified public accounting firm of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

B. FY 2012 REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO *TransNet* EXTENSION ORDINANCE REQUIREMENT (RECOMMEND)

Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin, Senior Accountant, gave the report.

NCTD and MTS did not meet certain eligibility requirements as noted in their draft FY 2012 *TransNet* annual compliance audit. In an effort to gain compliance, the transit operators are requesting an adjustment to the eligibility calculation as permitted by Section 4(C)5 of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Sessom, and a second by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the request for exception to the Extension Ordinance requirements.

6. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICY NO. 018: REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION (RECOMMEND)

Julie Wiley, Special Legal Counsel, reported on the item.

The FTA issued new Title VI and Environmental Justice Circulars in the second half of 2012. Pursuant to Board Policy No. 001, the Transportation Committee is consulted when changes are proposed to Board Policy No. 018.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Cheryl Cox (South County), and a second by Chair Gloria, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments. Mayor Sessom opposed the motion.

7. FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2012 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE AND NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS AND FY 2014 AND 2015 *TransNet* SENIOR MINI-GRANT PROJECTS (RECOMMEND)

Danielle Kochman, Associate Regional Planner, gave a report on the received proposals for the *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant program and the FTA Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs. The proposals were reviewed and ranked by an external evaluation committee using the criteria approved by the Transportation Committee on June 15, 2012.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Ritter, and a second by Mayor Sessom, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the funding recommendations for the *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant and FTA JARC and New Freedom programs.

8. FY 2014 REGIONAL TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RECOMMEND)

Kim York, Financial Project Control Manager, explained MTS and NCTD have developed their Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs) for FY 2014, which are the basis for the FTA formula funding grants and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendment for the related projects.

Action: Upon a motion by MTS Chairman Mathis, and a second by Chair Gloria, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the FY 2014 CIPs for the San Diego region (MTS and NCTD); (2) approve the submittal of FTA Sections 5307, 5337, and 5339 grant applications for the San Diego region (SANDAG, MTS, and NCTD); and (3) adopt Resolution No. 2013-14.

9. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR DELIVERY METHOD AUTHORIZATION AND DESIGNATION OF MID-COAST PROJECT AS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLEX (RECOMMEND)

John Haggerty, Division Director of Rail, updated the Transportation Committee on the proposal for use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) method. Staff has evaluated the three primary construction contracting methods used in the transit industry for delivery of large projects and is recommending the CM/GC method be used to implement the Mid-Coast Corridor Project. Specific authorization, including approval of a resolution by the Board of Directors, is required by state law to authorize use of a CM/GC contract. In addition, staff described the project and some of the challenges to illustrate the need to designate it as substantially complex.

Sam Blick, La Jolla Village Shopping Center, spoke in favor of the CM/GC construction delivery method.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Roberts, and a second by MTS Chairman Mathis, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) adopt Resolution No. 2013-16, approving the use of the CM/GC construction delivery method for the Mid Coast Corridor Transit Project; and (2) adopt Resolution No. 2013-17, approving the designation of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project as substantially complex. The Transportation Committee also requested the Board of Directors to be the approving body of the design bid.

10. SAN DIEGO SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES: OPTIONS FOR USE OF PROGRAM FUNDS (ACTION)

SANDAG became the successor agency for the San Diego Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) motorist aid program on January 1, 2013. The legislation governing the program allows the use of program revenues that exceed the amount needed to maintain and operate the call box system for additional motorist aid services and safety-related projects.

Samuel Johnson, Department Director of Operations, provided a report on program options for the Transportation Committee to consider for inclusion in the FY 2014 Program Budget.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Ritter, and a second by Mayor Sessom, the Transportation Committee approved the following options for use of excess program funds:

- (1) Regional Helicopter Program (\$750,000 recurring cost per year beginning in FY 2015)
- (2) Freeway Service Patrol Expanded Service (\$1 million to \$2 million recurring cost per year beginning in FY 2018)
- (3) Freeway Service Patrol Management System (\$250,000 one-time cost, plus \$50,000 recurring cost per year beginning in FY 2014)

Additional comments and suggestions were made by the Transportation Committee regarding the expansion of an Emergency App System, and other alternative uses of technology to reach all populations in the region.

11. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments.

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2013, at 9 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gloria adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
 SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
 MARCH 15, 2013**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
North County Coastal	City of Encinitas	Lisa Shaffer	Member	Yes
	City of Del Mar	Lee Haydu	Alternate	No
North County Inland	City of Vista	Judy Ritter (Vice Chair)	Member	Yes
	City of Escondido	Sam Abed	Alternate	Yes
East County	City of Lemon Grove	Mary Sessom	Member	Yes
	City of La Mesa	Art Madrid	Alternate	No
South County	City of Chula Vista	Cheryl Cox	Member	Yes
	City of Coronado	Mike Woiwode	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	----	Todd Gloria (Chair)	Member	Yes
	----	Marti Emerald	Alternate	No
	----	VACANT	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	----	Ron Roberts	Member	Yes
	----	Greg Cox	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	Rebecca Jones	Alternate	No
	NCTD	John Aguilera	Alternate	No
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority		Tom Smisek	Member	Yes
		Lloyd Hubbs	Alternate	Yes
ADVISORY/LIAISON Caltrans	----	Laurie Berman	Member	Yes
	---	Bill Figge	Alternate	Yes
SCTCA	---	Mark Romero	Member	Yes
		Allen Lawson	Member	No
Other Attendees		Matt Tucker	NCTD	Yes
		Sharon Cooney	MTS	Yes
		Jack Dale	Chairman, SANDAG	No