

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 3, 2013

# DRAFT

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: **APPROVE**

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2013

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Todd Gloria (City of San Diego) at 9:05 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 Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the April 5, 2013, Transportation Committee meeting.

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

Anne MacMillan Eichman, Little Italy Residents' Association, spoke in opposition to the Regional Transportation Plan and requested to meet with staff and committee members to give a formal presentation.

Jack Shu, Cleveland National Forest Foundation, spoke in opposition to the Regional Transportation Plan and proposed Bus Rapid Transit System. Mr. Shu also requested a meeting between various members of the public and staff/committee members.

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

### REPORTS (3 through 11)

### 3. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM AMENDMENTS FOR THE CITIES OF CHULA VISTA, SAN DIEGO, AND SAN MARCOS (APPROVE)

Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin, Senior Accountant, presented the item.

The issued FY 2012 Transportation Development Act (TDA) compliance audits include unexpended funds from completed projects for the Cities of Chula Vista, San Diego, and San Marcos that are to be returned to the Local Transportation Fund (LTF). The recommendation is that certain TDA allocations for bicycle and pedestrian projects of the Cities of Chula Vista and San Diego be reduced and those funds returned to the LTF held with the County of San Diego as Trustee.

Action: Upon a motion by MTS Chairman Mathis, and a second by Mayor Cheryl Cox (South County), the Transportation Committee adopted Resolution No. 2013-20, approving revisions to TDA Article 3.0 claims for various City of Chula Vista, City of San Diego, and City of San Marcos completed bicycle and pedestrian projects.

4. PROPOSED FY 2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT: ORANGE AND GREEN LINE FIBER OPTIC CABLE PROJECT (APPROVE)

Bruce Schmith, Principal Design Engineer, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by MTS Chairman Mathis, and a second by Mr. Smisek, the Transportation Committee: (1) approved the budget revision to increase the Orange and Green Line Fiber Optic Cable project (CIP 1144400), from \$7,405,227 to \$7,805,227 in the FY 2013 Program Budget to construct additional fiber optic cable (Attachment 1); and (2) approved a budget transfer of \$400,000 of MTS security improvement funds to SANDAG for the fiber optic cable construction.

5. *TransNet* SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: STATUS UPDATE AND PROPOSED GRANT AMENDMENTS (APPROVE)

Suchi Mukherjee, Regional Planner I, gave a report that provided an update of the progress made to date by the grant recipients and presented two grant amendment requests. The first request is from the City of Vista, to discontinue and transfer the remaining \$472,000 in grant funds to SANDAG to complete the Right-of-Way phase on the Inland Rail Trail Phase IIIB project.

The second request was for a no-cost, five-month time extension for the Kelton Road Midblock Pedestrian Improvements Project in the City of San Diego. Both requests were recommended for approval by the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Cox, and a second by Mayor Sam Abed (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee approved a five-month time extension for the Kelton Road Midblock Pedestrian Improvements Project in the City of San Diego and a budget amendment to reprogram unspent funds, totaling approximately \$472,000 from the Active Transportation grant for the Inland Rail Trail Phase IIIB Right-of-Way Engineering Project in the City of Vista to SANDAG CIP 1223023 as part of the FY 2014 Capital Budget.

6. PROPOSED FY 2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT: SAN LUIS REY TRANSIT CENTER CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER AND BUDGET TRANSFER (RECOMMEND)

John Haggerty, Director of Rail, provided information that SANDAG is in the process of constructing the San Luis Rey Transit Center in Oceanside on behalf of North County Transit District (NCTD). NCTD has requested that an additional building and facilities be added to provide for security offices, monitoring and communications equipment, and a backup generator.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Abed, and a second by MTS Chairman Mathis, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) approve a sole source construction change order to Construction Contract 5001829, San Luis Rey Transit Center (CIP 1143600), in excess of 25 percent of the contract value for extra work to complete the project at the lowest cost and with the least delay to the public, as permitted by SANDAG Board Policy No. 024; and (2) approved an amendment to the FY 2013 Program Budget to transfer \$240,000 from the Trestle Bridge Replacement project (CIP 1143500) to the San Luis Rey Transit Center project (CIP 1143600).

7. DRAFT FY 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET CHANGES (RECOMMEND)

The Capital Budget, included in Chapter 9 of the SANDAG Program Budget, includes capital projects that SANDAG is responsible to implement for the San Diego region. Richard Chavez, Principal Engineer, gave a report on the Capital Budget comprised of the *TransNet* Early Action Program, the Regional Bikeway Program, and the Major/Minor Capital Program, and discussed the proposed Capital Budget changes.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Abed, and a second by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the FY 2014 Capital Budget changes described in the report as part of the final FY 2014 Program Budget.

8. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM ECONOMIC BENEFIT: AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (RECOMMEND)

The *TransNet* Ordinance contains the provision of "Economic Benefit" which was discussed at the March 1, 2013, joint meeting of the Regional Planning and Transportation Committees.

Keith Greer, Senior Regional Planner, presented an amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that more clearly defined the concept of economic benefits and proposed a process for releasing the Economic Benefit funding.

Michael Beck, Endangered Habitats League, spoke in favor of the Environmental Mitigation Program Economic Benefit amendment to the MOA.

Bill Tippetts, The Nature Conservancy, spoke in favor of this item, and agreed this is the most appropriate way to link large scale projects and environmental conservation.

Jim Whalen, Building Industry Association, spoke in support of this item and suggested to use additional approved funds to help support Water Quality Improvements.

Susan Wynn, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, spoke in favor of the proposed amendment.

David Mayer, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, spoke in favor of the proposed amendment.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Roberts, and a second by Deputy Mayor Lisa Shaffer (North County Coastal), the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the execution of the amended Memorandum of Agreement; and (2) develop a competitive grant program for land acquisition using economic benefit funds for future consideration by the Board.

9. 2012 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT NO. 5  
(RECOMMEND)

Michelle Merino, Associate Financial Analyst, presented the item.

On September 28, 2012, the Board of Directors adopted the 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The 2012 RTIP is the multiyear program of proposed major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2013 to FY 2017. Amendment No. 5 is a regular quarterly formal amendment and reflects changes to projects as requested by member agencies as well as an update to State Route 52 budget.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Bill Horn (North County Transit District [NCTD]), and a second by Chair Gloria, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (1) adopt Resolution No. 2013-19, approving Amendment No. 5 to the 2012 RTIP; and (2) approve FY 2013 Program Budget amendment to State Route 52 (1205201).

10. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FRAMEWORK (DISCUSSION)

As part of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, SANDAG committed to planning an Active Transportation Program including Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes to Transit. Christine Eary, Associate Regional Planner presented a proposed framework for an Active Transportation Implementation Strategy. This approach was presented to the Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee and the Regional Planning Technical Working Group in March.

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

Kathleen Ferrier, Walk San Diego, spoke in favor of funding projects to integrate walking and biking in the San Diego region. Ms. Ferrier also requested to incorporate education programs into the framework.

Jim Baross, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, spoke about the importance of safety programs and was in support of this item. Mr. Baross also announced that May is National Bike Month and encouraged members of the committee, staff, and public to bike to work and school.

Nicole Burgess, Bike San Diego, spoke in favor of this item and asked the committee to accommodate bike users and pedestrians when implementing highway projects.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

11. RELEASE OF DOWNTOWN BUS RAPID TRANSIT STATIONS MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT (INFORMATION)

Jennifer Williamson, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

SANDAG has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for bus station improvements in downtown San Diego. These stations would be used by three new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) services that will be implemented in mid-2014. The MND will be released for public comment in late April/early May and will have a 30 day comment period.

Jay Norris, Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the South Bay BRT system. Mr. Norris stated the overall BRT system will connect residents of the South Bay region, to downtown San Diego places of employment, shopping, dining, and more.

Eric Howard, Westfield Horton Plaza, spoke in favor of the Downtown BRT system and expressed the benefits received from the overall project, bringing members from the entire region to downtown San Diego.

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

Vivian Ibáñez, Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the South Bay BRT System.

Khoa Nguyen, Sofia Hotel, thanked Supervisor Roberts and SANDAG staff for reaching a solution to benefit all parties involved in the proposed Downtown BRT stations project.

Jacqueline Reynoso, National City Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of this item.

Anne MacMillan Eichman, Little Italy Residents' Association, spoke in opposition of the Downtown BRT system proposed layover station in Little Italy. Ms. Eichman also asked the Transportation Committee and SANDAG staff members to meet with their association and other stakeholders to allow them to give a formal presentation and have dialogue regarding their concerns.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

12. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments.

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2013, at 9 a.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gloria adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE  
 SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
 APRIL 19, 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	Yes
North County Inland	City of Vista	Judy Ritter (Vice Chair)	Member	No
	City of Escondido	Sam Abed	Alternate	Yes
East County	City of Lemon Grove	Mary Sessom	Member	Yes
	City of La Mesa	Art Madrid	Alternate	Yes
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	No
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
		Paul Jablonski	MTS	Yes
		Jack Dale	Chairman, SANDAG	No