

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

October 4, 2013

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AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: **APPROVE**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chair Todd Gloria (City of San Diego) at 9:01 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 Tom Smisek (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), the Transportation Committee approved the minutes from the September 6, 2013, Transportation Committee meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

John Wotzka, member of the public, submitted written comments and spoke regarding various transportation issues.

Lorraine Leighton, member of the public, spoke regarding her experiences with transit services. She also expressed support for agenda Items 3 and 4.

REPORT (3 through 5)

3. AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF *TransNet* PROJECTS (APPROVE)

SANDAG is required to consult with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for projects that may impact threatened or endangered species. SANDAG currently has 18 active projects that will require consultation with the USFWS. The consultation process can be lengthy and often requires multiple meetings with USFWS staff, and review of documentation that must be approved before SANDAG can complete the permitting process on *TransNet* projects. Therefore, a proposed funding agreement has been drafted that describes in detail how the USFWS would provide the necessary services required by SANDAG, the process for administering the agreement, and the standards by which the work products would be assessed. If SANDAG approves the proposed funding agreement, the USFWS is able to guarantee a dedicated staff person who will be able to work with SANDAG to prioritize projects and ensure completion of the consultation process to meet project schedules.

Rob Rundle, Principal Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Harry Mathis (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]), and a second by Vice Chair Judy Ritter (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to provide dedicated staffing in order to expedite the delivery of *TransNet* projects.

4. PROPOSED REGIONAL BIKE PLAN EARLY ACTION PROGRAM (RECOMMEND)

In 2011, the Board of Directors made a commitment to Active Transportation with the adoption of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and its Sustainable Communities Strategy, which included integration of Riding to 2050: San Diego Regional Bicycle Plan (Bike Plan) previously approved by the Board of Directors in 2010. The final action by the Board included the development of a Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP) for the projects included in the Bike Plan. In April 2012, the Transportation Committee accepted the goals of the EAP framework and approved funding to conduct preliminary engineering work and refine construction cost estimates. These estimates have been used to prepare funding scenarios and implementation options.

Chris Kluth, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Andy Hanshaw, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, spoke in support of Scenario 1 for the Bike Plan EAP.

Ben Verdugo, Uptown Community Parking District, spoke in support of the item, and expressed concerns regarding the impacts of parking loss and traffic congestion issues from the Bike Plan EAP.

Sarah Strang, NASSCO, spoke in support of this item.

Howard La Grange, Oceanside Bike/Ped Committee, spoke in support of Scenario 1 for the Bike Plan EAP.

Jason Wells, San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of this item.

Kathleen Ferrier, Walk San Diego, spoke in support of this item.

Walter Chambers, member of the public, spoke in support of Scenario 1 for the Bike Plan EAP.

José Franco Garcia, member of the public, spoke in support of Scenario 1 for the Bike Plan EAP.

Catherine Williams, Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), spoke in support of this item.

Hong Tran, International Rescue Committee, spoke in support of this item.

Maya Coutts and Nicole Burgess, members of the public and young bike riders, spoke in support of this item, and expressed the need for safety measures for bicyclists.

Bruce Shank, Bike San Diego, spoke in support of Scenario 1 for the Bike Plan.

Nicole Burgess, Bike San Diego, spoke in support of this item and expressed the need for safety measures for bicyclists.

Hans Wangbichler, County Bike Coalition, spoke in support of this item.

Randy Van Vleek, City Heights Community Development Corporation, spoke in support of Scenario 1 for the Bike Plan.

Roddy Jerome, EHC, County Bike Coalition, spoke in support of Scenario 1 for the Bike Plan.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego), and a second by Chair Gloria, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program with Scenario 1 as the preferred implementation option.

5. SAN YSIDRO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER STUDY DRAFT DESIGN CONCEPTS (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG, in partnership with the City of San Diego, Caltrans, MTS, and the community, is conducting a study to develop a concept, and funding and implementation strategy for an Intermodal Transportation Center in the vicinity of the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry. Two design concepts have been developed, with input gathered from the community, border crossers, and the market study.

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item and commented that a third design option was being developed and would be presented at a later meeting, incorporating the comments from SANDAG committees and the public on the current two design concepts.

Miguel Aguirre, San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of this item.

Jason Wells, San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of this item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

6. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for October 4, 2013, at 9 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gloria adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance sheet

**CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
 SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 20, 2013**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA/ ORGANIZATION	JURISDICTION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
North County Coastal	City of Encinitas	Lisa Shaffer	Member	No
	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	No
	City of Coronado	Mike Woiwode	Alternate	No
City of San Diego	----	Todd Gloria (Chair)	Member	Yes
	----	Marti Emerald	Alternate	No
	----	VACANT	Alternate	--
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	No
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	---	Raymond Hunter, Sr.	Member	Yes
		Allen Lawson	Member	No
Other Attendees		Johnny Dunning	NCTD	Yes
		Paul Jablonski	MTS	Yes
		Jack Dale	Chairman, SANDAG	No