

February 5, 2021

January 15, 2021, Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Bill Sandke (South County) called the meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 9 a.m.

Action: **Approve**

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its January 15, 2021, meeting.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Jewel Edson (North County Coastal), and a second by Commissioner Gary Bonelli (Port of San Diego) the Transportation Committee was asked to approve the minutes from its December 11, 2020, meeting.

The motion passed.

Yes: Vice Chair Sandke, Johanna Schiavoni (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), Councilmember Raul Campillo (City of San Diego), Supervisor Nora Vargas (County of San Diego) Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza (East County), Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis (Metropolitan Transit System), Councilmember Edson, Mayor Paul McNamara (North County Inland), and Commissioner Bonelli.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: North County Transit District (NCTD).

2. Public Comments/Communications/ Member Comments

Bee Mittermiller, member of the public, spoke regarding greenhouse gas reduction.

3. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Executive Director Hasan Ikhata presented an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives, including the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit project, 2021 Regional Plan, Del Mar Bluffs Stabilization, Central Mobility Hub, Otay Mesa East Port of Entry, and the agency's response to COVID-19. Director Ikhata also provided an update on State Route 67 improvement efforts and a virtual scoping meeting.

Johanna Schiavoni announced that this would be her last meeting and thanked her colleagues on the committee.

Vice Chair Sandke spoke regarding suicide prevention measures needed along the Coronado Bridge.

Action: Discussion only.

Consent

4. *TransNet* Interfund Loan: Environmental Mitigation Program (Recommend)

The Transportation Committee was asked to recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to execute interfund loans between the local and major corridor shares of the Environmental Mitigation Program funding provided for in the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$56 million.

5. Memorandum of Agreement with the County of San Diego: *TransNet* Debt Financing Program (Recommend)

The Transportation Committee was asked to recommend that the Board of Directors, acting as the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the County of San Diego to issue \$16 million in Commercial Paper through the *TransNet* Debt Financing Program; and
2. approve a repayment period of up to ten years.

6. Bayshore Bikeway Working Group – Charter Update (Approve)

The Transportation Committee was asked to approve the proposed changes to the Bayshore Bikeway Working Group.

7. Specialized Transportation Grant Program and Impacts from COVID-19 (Recommend)

The Transportation Committee was asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve:

1. the proposed exceptions to SANDAG Board Policy Nos. 001 and 035; and
2. the Metropolitan Transit System's request to substitute Class D minivans for the Class B buses awarded through the Specialized Transportation Grant Program Cycle 10 call for projects.

8. Specialized Transportation Grant Program: Quarterly Status Update (Information)

This report provided an update on progress made by Specialized Transportation Grant Program recipients from July 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, and a second by Councilmember Edson, the Transportation Committee was asked to approve Consent Item Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7.

The motion passed.

Yes: Vice Chair Sandke, Johanna Schiavoni, Councilmember Campillo, Supervisor Vargas, Councilmember Mendoza, Mayor Sotelo-Solis, Councilmember Edson, Mayor McNamara, Commissioner Bonelli, and Vice Chair Sandke.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: NCTD.

Reports

9. *TransNet* Program: Financial Strategies (Discussion/Possible Action)

9A. *TransNet* Proposed 2021 Bond Issuance: Refunding and New Debt

Chief Financial Officer Andre Douzdjian presented an overview of a proposed bond strategy and financing schedule to advance refund up to \$175 million of existing debt and issue up to \$100 million of tax-exempt bonds for the *TransNet* Major Corridors Program.

Action: Discussion only.

9B. *TransNet* Proposed 2021 Short-Term Notes Refunding (Discussion/Possible Action)

Chief Financial Officer Andre Douzdjian presented an overview of a proposed Short-Term Notes Refunding of \$537.5 million.

Action: Discussion only.

10. Central Mobility Hub and Connections Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (Discussion/Possible Action)

Principal Regional Planner Rachel Kennedy presented an overview on the Central Mobility Hub and Connections Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan.

Action: Discussion only.

11. Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Update (Discussion/Possible Action)

Director of Mid-Coast Transit Project Ramon Ruelas presented an overview on the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit project and other projects concurrently underway in the corridor.

Action: Discussion only.

12. 2019 Cross Border Travel Behavior Survey (Discussion/Possible Action)

Senior Research Analyst Grace Mino, and Timothy McLarney, True North Research, presented an overview of the 2019 Cross Border Travel Behavior Survey which was conducted to help inform planning and modeling efforts related to cross border travel.

Action: Discussion only.

13. iCommute Telework Pilot: Telework Assistance Program for Employers

Associate Account Executive Deborah Jones presented an overview of a new iCommute telework assistance pilot program to assist employers in continuing, enhancing, and formalizing their telework programs.

Action: Discussion only.

14. Continued Public Comments

None.

15. Upcoming Meetings

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2021, at 9 a.m.

16. Adjournment

Vice Chair Sandke adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Transportation Committee Meeting

January 15, 2020

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attend Virtually
North County Inland	Mayor Paul McNamara	Member	Yes
	Mayor Judy Ritter	Alternate	Yes
South County	Vice Chair Bill Sandke	Member	Yes
	Mayor Mary Salas	Alternate	No
City of San Diego	Councilmember Raul Campillo	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Vivian Moreno	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Supervisor Nora Vargas	Member	Yes
	Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer	Alternate	No
	Supervisor Joel Anderson	Alternate	Yes
East County	Vacant	Member	
	Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza	Alternate	Yes
North County Coastal	Councilmember Jewel Edson	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Joe Mosca	Alternate	No
Metropolitan Transit System	Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Ronn Hall	Alternate	No
North County Transit District	Vacant	Member	No
	Councilmember Sharon Jenkins	Alternate	No
	Deputy Mayor Terry Gaasterland	Alternate	No
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority	Johanna Schiavoni	Member	Yes
	Vacant	Alternate	
Port of San Diego	Commissioner Garry Bonelli	Member	Yes
	Commissioner Michael Zucchet	Alternate	No
Advisory Members			
Caltrans	Gustavo Dallarda	Member	No
	Ann Fox	Alternate	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Erica Pinto	Member	Yes
	Fred Nelson, Jr.	Member	No
Other Attendees	Matt Tucker	NCTD	Yes
	Sharon Cooney	MTS	Yes