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Transportation Committee Agenda

Friday, March 5, 2021

9 a.m. to 12 noon

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Transportation Committee

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Item No.		Action
+1.	Approval of Meeting Minutes The Transportation Committee is asked to review and approve the minutes from its February 5, 2021, meeting.	Approve
2.	Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Transportation Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. Committee members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item. If the number of public comments under this agenda item exceeds five, additional public comments will be taken at the end of the agenda. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comment.	
3.	Executive Director's Report <i>Hasan Ikhata, SANDAG</i> An update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives will be presented.	Discussion
Consent		
+4.	Waiver of Review for Time Extension Amendments: SANDAG Grant Programs <i>Jenny Russo, SANDAG</i> The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors extend the amount of time that SANDAG grants may be extended due to COVID-19 under the Executive Director's Delegated Authority for an aggregate total of up to 24 months.	Recommend
+5.	TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program: Quarterly Status Update <i>Courtney Pesce, SANDAG</i> This report provides an update on progress made by <i>TransNet</i> Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant recipients.	Information
Reports		
+6.	TransNet Commercial Paper Program <i>André Douzajian, SANDAG</i> The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve an increase to the borrowing limit of the Commercial Paper program to \$200 million.	Recommend

- +7. Regional Bikeway Program Status Update** **Information**
Linda Culp, SANDAG
An overview on progress made on the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program, as a component of the Regional Bikeway Program, will be presented.
- 8. Upcoming Meetings** **Information**
The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2021, at 9 a.m.
- 9. Adjournment**

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March 5, 2021

February 5, 2021, Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Nora Vargas (County of San Diego) called the meeting of the Transportation Committee to order at 9:02 a.m.

Action: **Approve**

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its February 5, 2021, meeting.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gary Bonelli (Port of San Diego), and a second by Councilmember Jewel Edson (North County Transit District), the Transportation Committee was asked to approve the minutes from its January 15, 2021, meeting.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Vargas, Vice Chair Raul Campillo (City of San Diego), Gil Cabrera (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza (East County), Councilmember Monica Montgomery Steppe (Metropolitan Transit System), Councilmember David Zito (North County Coastal), Mayor Paul McNamara (North County Inland), Councilmember Edson, Commissioner Bonelli, and Councilmember Bill Sandke (South County).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

2. Public Comments/Communications/ Member Comments

Nicole Burgess, member of the public, welcomed new members and congratulated Chair Vargas on her appointment.

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans, provided an update on Caltrans projects and safety efforts.

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 overview of the Board member orientation that took place earlier in the week, and reported that the draft equity statement recommended by the Commitment to Equity Statement Ad Hoc Subcommittee would go to the Board of Directors for approval on February 12.

Nicole Burgess spoke regarding bike lanes along the Mid-Coast project.

Action: Discussion only.

Reports

4. *TransNet* Program: Financial Strategies (Recommend)

+4A. *TransNet* Proposed 2021 Bond Issuance: Refunding and New Debt

+4B. *TransNet* Proposed 2021 Short-Term Notes Refunding

Chief Financial Officer Andre Douzdjian and Peter Shellenberger, Public Financial Management, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Campillo, and a second by Councilmember Sandke, the recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Resolution No. RTC-2021-03, authorizing up to \$175 million of refunding certain outstanding bonds and the issuance of up to \$100 million of fixed-rate bonds, and the execution and distribution of the documents.

The Transportation Committee also recommended that the Board of Directors adopt RTC Resolution No. RTC-2021-04, authorizing up to \$537.5 million of refunding notes, and the execution and distribution of the documents.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Vargas, Vice Chair Raul Campillo, Gil Cabrera, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Montgomery Steppe, Councilmember Zito, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Edson, Commissioner Bonelli, and Councilmember Sandke.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

5. Proposed Final 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (Recommend)

Senior Financial Programming Analyst Sue Alpert presented the item.

The Transportation Committee held a public hearing and received testimony for the proposed final 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), including its Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Air Quality Conformity Redetermination of the revenue constrained 2019 Federal Regional Transportation Plan.

Nicole Burgess spoke regarding the consideration of active transportation prior to funding bridge rehabilitation.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Sandke, and a second by Councilmember Edson, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors adopt RTC Resolution No. RTC-2021-05, adopting the 2021 RTIP, including its Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Air Quality Conformity Redetermination of the 2019 Federal Regional Transportation Plan.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Vargas, Vice Chair Raul Campillo, Bob Lloyd (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Zito, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Edson, Commissioner Bonelli, and Councilmember Sandke.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Metropolitan Transit System.

6. Proposed FY 2021 Program Budget Amendment: Otay Mesa East Port of Entry (Recommend)

Capital Development Program Manager Maria Rodriguez Molina and Mario Orso, Caltrans, presented the item.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Sandke, and a second by Councilmember Edson, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to the FY 2021 Program Budget, accepting \$42.52 million of state Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funds and transferring \$2.6 million from the existing State Route 11 (SR 11) and Otay Mesa Port of Entry: Segment 2A and SR 905/125/11 Connectors and SR 125/905 Southbound to Westbound Connector projects (Capital Improvement Program Nos. 1201103 and 1390506) to the SR 11 and Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project (Capital Improvement Program No. 1201101).

7. Update on Next Generation Transit Fare System and Possible Fare Changes (Discussion)

Senior Regional Planner Brian Lane presented the item.

The Transportation Committee was asked to provide input on the Next Generation Fare System and accompanying proposed fare changes.

Action: Discussion only.

8. Continued Public Comments

None.

9. Upcoming Meetings

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2021, at 9 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Chair Vargas adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Transportation Committee Meeting

February 5, 2020

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attend Virtually
North County Inland	Mayor Paul McNamara	Member	Yes
	Mayor Judy Ritter	Alternate	Yes
South County	Councilmember Bill Sandke	Member	Yes
	Mayor Mary Salas	Alternate	No
City of San Diego	Vice Chair Raul Campillo	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Vivian Moreno	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Chair Nora Vargas	Member	Yes
	Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer	Alternate	No
	Supervisor Joel Anderson	Alternate	No
East County	Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza	Member	Yes
	Mayor Bill Wells	Alternate	No
North County Coastal	Councilmember David Zito	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Joe Mosca	Alternate	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Councilmember Monica Montgomery Steppe	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Paloma Aguirre	Alternate	No
North County Transit District	Councilmember Jewel Edson	Member	Yes
	Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Jenkins	Alternate	No
	Councilmember Corinna Contreras	Alternate	No
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority	Gil Cabrerra	Member	Yes
	Bob Lloyd	Alternate	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner Garry Bonelli	Member	Yes
	Commissioner Sandy Naranjo	Alternate	Yes
Advisory Members			
Caltrans	Gustavo Dallarda	Member	Yes
	Ann Fox	Alternate	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Erica Pinto	Member	Yes
	James Hill	Member	No
Other Attendees	Matt Tucker	NCTD	Yes
	Sharon Cooney	MTS	Yes

March 5, 2021

Waiver of Review for Time Extension Amendments: SANDAG Grant Programs

Overview

SANDAG Board Policy No. 035 requires extensions of time for grantees of more than six months to be approved by a Policy Advisory Committee. At its meeting on April 10, 2020, the Board of Directors approved a waiver of Policy Advisory Committee review of time extension amendments for SANDAG grant program grantees who are unable to perform under their current schedule due to COVID-19 and delegated the authority to approve extensions of up to 12 months to the Executive Director. Due to ongoing challenges related to COVID-19, staff requests an expansion of this authority to allow the Executive Director to approve amendments for an aggregate total of up to 24 months when due to COVID-19.

Action: **Recommend**

The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors extend the amount of time that SANDAG grants may be extended due to COVID-19 under the Executive Director's Delegated Authority for an aggregate total of up to 24 months.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

Approval of the extension would allow grantees to exceed their original project completion dates by up to 24 months.

Key Considerations

Section 3.2 of SANDAG Board Policy No. 035 contains the following process for grantee time extension requests in excess of six months:

A grantee seeking an extension must document previous efforts undertaken to maintain the project schedule, explain the reasons for the delay, explain why the delay is unavoidable, and demonstrate an ability to succeed in the extended time frame the grantee proposes. The grantee must provide the necessary information to SANDAG staff to place in a report to the Policy Advisory Committee. If sufficient time is available, and the grant utilized TransNet funds, the request will first be taken to the Independent Taxpayer Advisory Committee (ITOC) for a recommendation. The grantee should make a representative available at the meeting to present the information to, and/or answer questions from, the ITOC and Policy Advisory Committee.

As anticipated last April, there has been a significant increase in the number of time extensions requested by grantees causing their total time extensions to exceed six months. The bases of the requests due to COVID-19 include: inability to obtain the materials to carry out the work due to supply chain disruption; inability to conduct public outreach; inability to commence construction or other field work; and inability to obtain permits or approvals from city council or another agency to carry out the work. In each case requesting a time extension under the previously approved waiver, the cause of the delay or disruption must have been due to COVID-19.

Since April 2020, 50 grant agreement amendments have been processed for additional time, as detailed in Attachment 1. Of those amendments, 31 have been attributable to delays from the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff believes these requests for additional time will continue due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. In the interest of continuing to streamline the number of requests that must come to a Policy Advisory Committee for review and reduce the workload for grantee and SANDAG staff, this proposal seeks a recommendation from the Transportation Committee that the Board expand the amount of time that SANDAG grants may be extended due to COVID-19 under the Executive Director's delegated authority.

With Board approval of this recommendation, staff would continue to require each grantee requesting an extension to document their request consistent with the section of SANDAG Board Policy No. 035 noted above. All such extensions would continue to be reported as a delegated action to the Board at its next regular meeting, and staff would continue to include this information in the grant program quarterly status reports for the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee and Policy Advisory Committees. Requests for amendments in excess of six months, which are not based on COVID-19, would come to a Policy Advisory Committee as required by SANDAG Board Policy No. 035.

Next Steps

Pending authorization of the Board for an expansion of the waiver of the specified requirements in SANDAG Board Policy No. 035, staff will process amendments to extend the term of performance for grantees that meet the conditions outlined in this report. Grantees covered by SANDAG Board Policy No. 035 that provide adequate justification based on COVID-19, would be permitted an aggregate total time extension of up to 24 months.

Julie Wiley, Director and Legal Counsel, Contracts and Grants Department

Key Staff Contact: Jenny Russo, (619) 699-7314, jenny.russo@sandag.org

Attachment: 1. Summary of Grant Time Extensions Since April 2020

Summary of Grant Time Extensions Since April 2020

Contract No.	Amendment No.	Grantee	Project Title	Length of Request (months)	Extended From	Extended To	Grant Program	Grant Amount	Amendment Execution Date	COVID-19 Delay?
5005465	1	City of Imperial Beach	Imperial Beach Biking Education, Encouragement and Awareness Campaign	12	10/22/2020	10/22/2021	Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP)	\$50,000	5/26/2020	Yes
5005465	2	City of Imperial Beach	Imperial Beach Biking Education, Encouragement and Awareness Campaign	1	10/22/2020	10/22/2021	Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP)	\$50,000	5/26/2020	Yes
5005459	2	City of San Diego	Move Free SD EEA Campaign	12	7/7/2020	7/7/2021	Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP)	\$125,000	7/7/2020	Yes
5005466	1	City of Oceanside	Enclosed Bike Parking Facility	12	12/13/2020	12/12/2021	Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP)	\$70,000	10/14/2020	Yes
5005454	1	City of La Mesa	University Avenue Corridor - Bike Network and Pedestrian Improvements	12	9/5/2020	9/4/2021	Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP)	\$502,000	8/6/2020	No
5005460	1	City of San Diego	Streamview Drive Phase II	6	9/5/2020	3/4/2021	Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP)	\$589,950	8/25/2020	No
5005512	2	San Diego Audubon Society	Silverwood Ainstine Project	6	10/30/2020	4/29/2021	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$34,311	10/22/2020	Yes
5004740	3	City of La Mesa	North Spring Street Smart Growth Corridor	12	7/12/2020	7/12/2021	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$992,503	4/30/2020	Yes
5005452	2	City of Del Mar	Civic Center Bike Locker Project	6	6/5/2020	12/5/2020	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$10,000	5/1/2020	Yes
5005506	2	National Park Service	Move Free SD EEA Campaign	11	6/8/2020	5/8/2021	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$125,000	5/5/2020	Yes
5005508	2	City of Chula Vista	Rice Canyon Sensitive Plant Species Management	11	6/8/2020	5/8/2021	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$36,500	5/5/2020	Yes
5005462	1	City of Solana Beach	Loma Santa Fe Corridor Active Transportation Improvements	9	7/4/2020	4/4/2021	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$616,050	5/6/2020	Yes
5005459	2	City of San Diego	Move Free, SD Education, Encouragement, and Awareness Campaign	12	7/7/2020	7/7/2021	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$125,000	5/8/2020	Yes
5004956	2	Nature Collective	North County Dunes 2 Project	12	5/12/2020	5/12/2021	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$197,799	5/12/2020	Yes
5005513	2	Nature Collective	Veldt Grass II Project	12	6/6/2020	6/6/2021	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$76,655	5/12/2020	Yes
5004953	2	Zoological Society of San Diego	Native Seed Bank	5	4/13/2020	9/13/2020	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$492,396	4/2/2020	No
5005503	1	Escondido Creek Conservancy	Elfin Forrest Invasive Plant Control	6	5/14/2020	11/14/2020	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$79,853	4/3/2020	No
5005480	2	City of Chula Vista	Third Avenue Streetscape Implementation Project Phase III	1	4/20/2020	1/20/2021	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$2,500,000	4/6/2020	No
5005510	1	San Diego River Park Foundation	Boulder Creek – Townsend’s Big-Eared Bat Project	6	5/15/2020	11/15/2020	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$47,326	4/10/2020	No
5005501	1	City of San Diego	Navajo and Chollas Radio Canyon Coastal Cactus Wren Habitat Restoration Project	6	5/8/2020	11/7/2020	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$80,000	4/21/2020	No
5005504	1	City of San Diego	Vernal Pool Habitat Restoration at Otay Mesa Open Space	6	5/8/2020	11/7/2020	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$80,000	4/21/2020	No
5005507	1	County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation	EMP Grant: Ramona Grasslands Preserve Bullfrog Eradication Project	6	6/4/2020	12/4/2020	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$80,000	5/5/2020	No
5005502	1	City of San Diego	Florida Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	6	5/8/2020	11/7/2020	Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)	\$43,957	5/8/2020	No
5005943	1	San Diego Community College District	Bicycle Lock and Bicycle Security Student Outreach	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/9/2020	Yes
5005946	1	City Heights Community Development Corporation	Mid-City Community Bike Ride	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/11/2020	Yes
5005953	1	BikeWalk Solana	Bike-in Movie Event	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$2,561	6/11/2020	Yes
5005935	1	San Diego County Bicycle Coalition	5th Annual Bike Month Kick-Off	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/15/2020	Yes
5005934	1	Bike SD Outreach	Family Pets by Bike Ride and Workshop	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/17/2020	Yes

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Contract No.	Amendment No.	Grantee	Project Title	Length of Request (months)	Extended From	Extended To	Grant Program	Grant Amount	Amendment Execution Date	COVID-19 Delay?
5005938	1	City of Chula Vista	City of Chula Vista Earth Day, Lunch 'n Learn, and Bike Lanes on Broadway	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/17/2020	Yes
5005941	1	Bikes del Pueblo	Bike-In Movie with BdP	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/17/2020	Yes
5005942	1	San Diego Bicycle Club	Bike Safety Rodeo and Bicycle Helmet Giveaways	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/18/2020	Yes
5005944	1	City of San Diego	Bike to Lunch	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/18/2020	Yes
5005952	1	North Park Main Street	Bike Valet Station at the SDCCU Festival of Arts in North Park	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/19/2020	Yes
5005949	1	City of Coronado	Celebrating Coronado's Bike Culture - Video/Promotional Campaign	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/23/2020	Yes
5005937	1	Circulate San Diego	Downtown San Diego Temporary Wayfinding Project	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$2,485	6/24/2020	Yes
5005951	1	City of Encinitas	Bike-in Movie Event	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$3,000	6/25/2020	Yes
5005945	1	Downtown San Diego Partnership	Downtown Bikeway Network Bike Ride	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$2,713	6/26/2020	Yes
5005948	1	San Diego County Regional Airport Authority	Bike Education Airport Program	12	6/29/2020	6/29/2021	Go By Bike Mini Grant	\$2,484	6/26/2020	Yes
5005180	2	City of La Mesa	Rides4Neighbors Project	6	8/31/2020	2/28/2021	Section 5310	\$150,000	8/28/2020	Yes
5005202	1	Home of Guiding Hands	Vehicle Procurement Project	6	3/31/2024	9/30/2024	Section 5310	\$520,000	7/17/2020	No
5005912	1	The ARC of San Diego	MCRD Transportation Services Project	9	11/24/2021	8/23/2022	Senior Mini Grant (SMG)	\$303,408	12/12/2020	Yes
5005830	1	City of Oceanside	Solutions for Seniors On the Go	6	6/30/2020	12/29/2020	Senior Mini Grant (SMG)	\$203,723	5/19/2020	No
5005829	1	Peninsula Shepherd Center	Out and About Senior Transportation Program	6	1/1/2022	6/30/2022	Senior Mini Grant (SMG)	\$132,000	9/8/2020	No
5004717	2	City of Escondido	Transit Center Active Transportation Connections	9	6/3/2020	3/3/2021	Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)	\$1,270,000	5/15/2020	Yes
5005467	1	City of La Mesa	Complete Streets Integrated Design Manual	12	2/4/2021	2/3/2022	Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)	\$169,801	9/9/2020	No
5005468	1	City of National City	National City 24th Street Transit Oriented Development Overlay	6	12/6/2020	6/5/2021	Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)	\$500,000	10/21/2020	No
5005469	1	City of San Diego	City of San Diego's Clairemont Transit Oriented Development Design Concepts	12	12/17/2020	1/7/2020	Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)	\$500,000	12/17/2020	No
5005470	1	City of San Diego	City of San Diego's College Area Smart Growth Study	12	12/17/2020	1/2/2022	Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)	\$500,000	12/17/2020	No
5005472	1	City of San Diego	Mira Mesa Transit Oriented Development Concept Plan	12	12/17/2020	1/7/2022	Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)	\$725,000	12/17/2020	No
5005474	1	City of San Diego	SGIP - University Community Smart Growth Concept Study	12	12/17/2020	1/7/2022	Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)	\$725,000	12/17/2020	No

50 Total Policy 35 Grant Extensions
 10 Average length of request (months)
 62% 31 Number of COVID-19 Delays

Number of Extensions by Program

12%	6	ATGP
34%	17	EMP
30%	15	Go By Bike
4%	2	Section 5310
6%	3	SMG
14%	7	SGIP

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TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program: Quarterly Status Update

Overview

This report provides the status of projects funded through the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant program for Quarter 2 (October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020).

Action: **Information**

This report provides an update on progress made by *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant recipients.

Key Considerations

During the Quarter 2 reporting period, eight projects were completed:

- The City of San Diego Navajo Canyon Project (5005501)
- The City of San Diego Florida Canyon Project (5005502)
- The Escondido Creek Conservancy Elfin Forest Project (5005503)
- The City of San Diego Otay Mesa Open Space Project (5005504)
- The County of San Diego Ramona Grasslands Project (5005507)
- Back Country Land Trust Wright's Field Project (5005509)
- San Diego River Park Foundation Boulder Creek Project (5005510)
- San Diego Zoo Global Burrowing Owl Project (5005517)

Fiscal Impact:

Combined, the completed projects were awarded \$522,136 in grant funding.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

Twelve out of 13 projects are on schedule and 1 project is on the Watch List. In addition, as of December 31, 2020, 104 Land Management Grant projects have been completed and closed out.

Attachment 1 provides the status of projects that are currently active. Twelve out of 13 projects are on-schedule and 1 project is on the Watch List. Projects are placed on the Watch List if a grantee is not making timely progress toward its milestones (which is defined in [SANDAG Board Policy No. 035](#)) and the grantee has not yet sought corrective action.

The City of Chula Vista Rice Canyon Invasive Removal project has been placed on the Watch List due to lack of work performed. The City experienced administrative complications starting the project in 2019, which was further complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic in calendar year 2020. In March 2020, the City requested and was provided a 12-month time-only extension. The City has hired a consultant who started work in November 2020. SANDAG will continue to work with the City to minimize risk of not completing the project.

Next Steps

The next quarterly status report is scheduled to be presented to the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee, and the Transportation and Regional Planning Committees in June 2021.

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Attachment: 1. Status of Active *TransNet* EMP Land Management Grant Program Projects: Reporting Period October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Status of Active TransNet EMP Land Management Grant Program Projects:
Reporting period Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2020

	Contract #	Grantee	Project	Description of Project Activities	Grant Amount	Contract Execution Date	Contract Expiration Date	Watch List*	Status/ Amendment History	Project Complete Based on Current Project Schedule	Project Complete Based on Dollars Spent	Notes
8th Cycle												
1	5004954	Chaparral Lands Conservancy	Otay Mesa Rare Plants	Seed collection and bulking for two rare species and the establishment of new occurrences for five MSP species through seeding, planting, and maintenance.	\$141,319	4/5/17	4/5/22	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. No Amendments.	75% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 36% Spent Matching Funds: 108.60% Spent	
2	5004955	Chaparral Lands Conservancy	Proctor Valley Vernal Pools and Uplands	Restoration of 19 acres of vernal pool and coastal sage scrub habitat in Proctor Valley specific to the needs of MSP species and the establishment of two high-priority MSP plant species through collection, bulking, seeding, and maintenance efforts.	\$393,864	4/5/17	4/5/22	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. No Amendments.	75% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 76.91% Spent Matching Funds: 104% Spent	
3	5004956	The Nature Collective	North County Dunes 2	Phase 2 of North County Dunes Restoration Project focusing on the implementation and completion of site specific plan for Cardiff State Beach and invasive management and support for existing coastal dune and bluff species at South Carlsbad State Beach Campground.	\$197,799	2/13/17	5/13/21	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 12 month extension	76% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 65.70% Spent Matching Funds: 106.10% Spent	
9th Cycle												
4	5005506	National Parks Service	Cabrillo	Remove invasive plants, restore social trails with complimentary native plants, and reduce off-trail use with signage, fencing, and education via social media platforms.	\$25,000	11/8/18	5/8/21	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 12 month extension	86% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 66.60% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	
5	5005508	City of Chula Vista	Rice Canyon Invasive Removal	Reduce threats to Otay tarplant, San Diego thornmint, and Orcutt's bird beak within Rice Canyon by maintaining and installing new fencing (wire and t post) and signage to direct trail users on authorized trails only.	\$36,500	11/8/18	5/8/21	Yes	One Amendment - 12 months	86% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 0% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	The City of Chula Vista requested for a time-only amendment in March of 2020 due to contracting issues delaying the start of work. The pandemic then also delayed work in April of 2020. Sub-Contractor work began in November 2020.
6	5005511	The Chaparral Lands Conservancy	Rare Plants 2	Seed bulking for Orcutt's spineflower, short-leaved dudleya, and Orcutt's brodiaea; supplementation of existing plant populations; and control invasive plants.	\$79,998	1/28/19	7/28/21	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 12 month extension	76% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 74.67% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	
7	5005512	San Diego Audubon Society	Silverwood-Anstine	Survey the Silverwood Reserve property lines currently affected and install approximately 1,100 feet of non-barbed wire fencing. In addition 255 feet of lodge pole wood fencing will be installed at the Anstine Preserve.	\$34,311	10/30/18	4/29/21	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 6 month extension	86% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 68.67% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	
8	5005513	The Nature Collective	Veldt Grass 2	Begin Phase 1 eradication perennial veldt grass (Ehrharta calycina) in the newly acquired Lake Property, adjacent to San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve.	\$76,655	12/6/18	6/6/21	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 12 month extension	80% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 73.47% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	
9	5005514	Mission Resource Conservation District	Invasive Species Management	The Santa Margarita and San Luis Rey Watersheds are now over 98% free of Arundo donax. This project will continue re-treatments to allow the program to reach its goal of eradication.	\$183,750	10/11/19	10/11/22	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. No Amendments.	39% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 55.49% Spent Matching Funds: 30.01% Spent	
10	5005515	City of San Diego	San Pasqual Cactus Wren	Enhance and restore an additional 100 acres of habitat for the endangered Coastal cactus wren along the north side of San Pasqual Valley.	\$200,000	1/28/19	1/28/24	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. No Amendments.	38% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 9.95% Spent Matching Funds: 9.94% Spent	
11	5005516	City of San Diego	Lower Otay Reservoir	Weed management, cactus relocation, and cactus planting to expand existing coastal cactus wren territory from Salt Creek Preserve towards the Sweetwater population.	\$243,142	2/25/19	2/25/24	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. No Amendments.	36% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 17.36% Spent Matching Funds: 7.23% Spent	

Status of Active TransNet EMP Land Management Grant Program Projects:
Reporting period Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2020

Contract #	Grantee	Project	Description of Project Activities	Grant Amount	Contract Execution Date	Contract Expiration Date	Watch List*	Status/ Amendment History	Project Complete Based on Current Project Schedule	Project Complete Based on Dollars Spent	Notes	
12	5005518	San Diego Audubon Society	Mission Bay Park	Create resilient, self sustaining California Least tern and Nuttall's acmispion populations in Mission Bay through ecosystem based management and predator control community science.	\$195,333	11/7/18	11/7/21	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. No Amendments.	69% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 55.05% Spent Matching Funds: 187.78% Spent	
13	5005519	San Diego Zoo Global	Stinknet Removal	Manage an entrenched Oncosiphon piluliferum (stinknet) infestation at the Safari Park Biodiversity Reserve for the benefit of the large extant nesting population of coastal cactus wrens and other sensitive species on the property.	\$132,025	11/29/18	12/29/22	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. No Amendments.	51% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 47.85% Spent Matching Funds: 44.60% Spent	
Recently Closed-Out Projects												
	5005501	City of San Diego	Navajo Canyon	Create, enhance, and expand existing Coastal Cactus Wren (CACW) habitat and reduce the threat of wildfire and invasive plant conversion by replacing areas of invasive flashy fuels with native cactus in City of SD Chollas Radio Canyon and Navajo Canyon Open Spaces.	\$80,000	11/8/18	11/8/20	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 6 month extension	100% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 99.65% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	The City of San Diego was able to perform more work than anticipated in the grant application with the awarded grant amount.
	5005502	City of San Diego	Florida Canyon	Preserve native species, control invasive species, re-establish native vegetation and habitat, control erosion, establish a designated trail system, fence sensitive areas, and install signage in three sites within Florida Canyon.	\$43,957	11/8/18	11/8/20	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 6 month extension	100% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 98.54% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	
	5005503	The Escondido Creek Conservancy	Elfin Forest	Eradicate exotic plants that directly threaten the eastern Encinitas baccharis occurrences and eliminate exotic forbs from the rest of the Los Cielos Preserve Complex in order to protect occurrences of Orcutt's brodiaea and Encinitas baccharis.	\$79,853	11/14/18	11/14/20	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 6 month extension	100% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 99.99% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	
	5005504	City of San Diego	Otay Mesa Open Space	Create, enhance, and expand existing Coastal Sage scrub (CSS) habitat surrounding the vernal pools complex and western burrowing owl dens to act as a buffer from invasive plant species and to reduce sediment erosion into the vernal pools.	\$80,000	11/8/18	11/8/20	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 6 month extension	100% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 99.98% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	
	5005507	County of San Diego	Ramona Grasslands	Enhance the existing arroyo toad population and increase the potential for a southwestern pond turtle population within the Preserve.	\$80,000	12/4/18	12/4/20	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 6 month extension	100% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 99.73% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	
	5005509	Back Country Land Trust	Wright's Field	Development and implementation of a Recreation Management Plan (Plan) for the Wright's Field MSCP Preserve in Alpine. The implementation of this Plan will include trail decommissioning and rerouting, interpretive signage, and a 58 acre fire-fuel reduction / weed control program.	\$61,000	11/8/18	11/8/20	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 6 month extension	100% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 100% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	BCLT was able to secure \$61,000 in Matching Funds to perform more Fire Fuel Reduction than anticipated in the original grant application.
	5005510	San Diego River Park Foundation	Boulder Creek	Increase the suitability of roosting habitat for Townsend's big-eared bat by installing a gate at the entrance of a mine and controlling the existing erosion threat.	\$47,326	11/15/18	11/15/20	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. One Amendment - 6 month extension	100% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 100% Spent Matching Funds: N/A	
	5005517	San Diego Zoo Global	Burrowing Owl	Support the establishment of a new breeding node at Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve with supplemental releases of burrowing owl from an existing conservation breeding program.	\$50,000	12/6/18	12/6/20	No	Project IS making timely progress toward their milestones. No Amendments.	100% Completed	SANDAG Grant: 100% Spent Matching Funds: 135.67% Spent	

*Watch List Projects are those grantees not making timely progress toward their milestones (which are defined in Board Policy No. 035) and not yet sought corrective action. Delays in tasks leading up to either the award of a contract or project completion may place grantees on the watch list.

March 5, 2021

TransNet Commercial Paper Program

Overview

The *TransNet* Major Corridors program has traditionally relied on bond proceeds, sales tax revenues, and borrowing capacity to not only pay for the local share of projects but also to cover up-front payments required by state and federal funding partners who operate programs on a reimbursed basis. Local jurisdictions have also relied on SANDAG's Commercial Paper program to advance local streets and roads projects.

The Commercial Paper program is authorized at \$100 million and has a current outstanding balance of \$53.4 million, leaving an undrawn capacity of \$46.6 million. Local jurisdictions and transit agency partners are anticipated to draw approximately \$53 million of Commercial Paper capacity in 2021. There will be some repayments during this time period, however, we may maximize the total authorized capacity depending on timing of these repayments.

At the November 20, 2020, Board of Directors meeting, along with SANDAG's financial advisors, staff identified cash flow needs over the next five fiscal years (FY 2021-FY 2025) of \$170 million to \$220 million to cover project costs currently included in the SANDAG Program Budget and presented a package of strategies that will enable the agency to increase its financial flexibility, while meeting its short-term funding commitments under the Major Corridors program. The proposed increase to the borrowing limit of the Commercial Paper program was one of those identified strategies.

Staff is recommending an increase of the Commercial Paper borrowing limit from \$100 million to \$200 million to provide necessary financial flexibility.

Key Considerations

SANDAG has debt obligations on three separate lien levels, providing different priority of sales tax payment to investors based on their respective lien level. The Series 2008A through 2020A Bonds are senior lien obligations and are paid first. The 2018A Notes and Commercial Paper obligations are paid second as subordinate lien obligations. SANDAG's Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan is a third lien, junior subordinate lien obligation. SANDAG's potential increase to the Commercial Paper program discussed is a subordinate lien obligation.

The additional credit will cost approximately \$320,000 annually once the limit is extended. The memo provided by PFM (Attachment 1) details the economics of the Commercial Paper increase.

Next Steps

The expected schedule for the planned increase is as follows:

- March 12, 2021: Anticipated Board of Directors approval
- Spring-Summer 2021: Execution of agreement to increase Commercial Paper limit

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Attachment: 1. PFM Financial Advisors LLC Memorandum

Action: **Recommend**

The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve an increase to the borrowing limit of the Commercial Paper program to \$200 million.

Fiscal Impact:

An increase of \$100 million in borrowing capacity to be used for the *TransNet* program.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

An increased line of credit would be executed on a just-in-time basis to avoid unnecessary costs of the additional credit.



February 25, 2021

Memorandum

To: SANDAG Board of Directors

From: PFM Financial Advisors LLC

RE: The Potential Expansion of SANDAG's Commercial Paper Program

INTRODUCTION

PFM Financial Advisors LLC ("PFM"), as the financial advisor to SANDAG, works with SANDAG to evaluate program financing needs and to evaluate borrowing options to meet *TransNet* program capital funding needs. At the November 20, 2020 Board of Director's meeting, SANDAG staff had identified approximately \$170 million to \$220 million cashflow needs over the next five years (FY 2021-FY 2025) to cover project costs currently included in the SANDAG Program Budget. At that time SANDAG staff proposed several complimentary strategies that will enable SANDAG to increase its financial flexibility, while meeting its short-term funding commitments under the Major Corridors program. Two of these strategies – the refinancing of SANDAG's outstanding TIFIA loan and the refinancing of SANDAG short-term notes – have been recently completed and have provided approximately \$138 million in debt service savings. SANDAG staff and the financing team is continuing the planned refunding of the outstanding Series 2014 Bonds for additional debt service savings and the issuance of new money bonds in March.

An additional financing strategy presented to the Board in November 2020 was the increase in SANDAG's existing Commercial Paper (CP) program from \$100 million to \$200 million. SANDAG's CP program has been used to provide funding flexibility to keep projects moving through construction, often in the expectation of state and federal grant funds becoming available to reimburse the agency and repay any draws under the CP program. In that respect, commercial paper is similar to a line of credit and provides liquidity and funding flexibility to manage the capital program. SANDAG staff expects increased requests from local jurisdictions and transit agency partners in the next twelve months. Increasing the CP program from \$100 to \$200 million will allow SANDAG to provide interim funding to partners and to advance projects, with the expectation of repaying the CP draws in the near-term. This should provide a cost-effective and flexible financing mechanism to advance projects without incurring additional long-term debt.

OVERVIEW OF SANDAG'S COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM

Commercial paper (CP) is a cash management tool where SANDAG can draw funds as needed and repay as anticipated funding is received. It is a short-term borrowing instrument (i.e., maximum maturity of 270 days) which currently enjoys very low short-term rates. Most recently, SANDAG's CP has received an interest rate reset of 0.16% for a 63-day period. At the end of the 63-day period, the CP will be remarketed to new investors at a new rate, unless it is paid off at that time. The short-term nature of CP has two benefits. The first is the low rate correlated to the short-maturity date. The second is the ability to repay the CP upon maturity – distinguishing it from long-term debt. For these reasons, CP provides program flexibility in a cost-effective manner.



There are three primary ongoing cost components to SANDAG's CP program:

1. The interest rate on the CP
2. The cost to maintain a letter of credit (LOC) required with a CP program
3. A remarketing agent fee

As noted above, the interest rate is currently 0.16% and resets approximately every 60 to 120 days. As such, it will change over time and can increase as short-term rate rise in the future. The interest rate on CP is only paid when the CP is actually issued, and only for the time it is outstanding. So, if SANDAG increases the CP program from \$100 million to \$200 million but does not immediately issue the additional \$100 million in CP, there is no interest charge for that added capacity.

A letter of credit (LOC) is provided by a commercial bank and ensures that if there is ever a time where investors do not wish to hold SANDAG's CP, the LOC may be drawn upon to hold it in place of an actual investor. The LOC ensures that investors have liquidity with their CP investment and is required under the CP documents. The LOC is charged against program capacity and will be payable as soon as the CP program and related size of the LOC increases. SANDAG currently pays 0.32% annually to Bank of America for the LOC to support the CP program. This equates to \$320,000 for a \$100 million program and \$640,000 for a \$200 million program. This incremental cost of \$320,000 annually is the immediate cost of increasing SANDAG's CP program to \$200 million.

Lastly, SANDAG hires an investment bank (Currently Citibank) to remarket the CP upon each maturity date to new investors at the lowest possible rate. The remarketing agent receives an annual fee of 0.06% and is only paid on the amount of CP outstanding. For example, if SANDAG has \$100 million outstanding and remarketed for the full year, the remarketing agent is paid \$60,000.

Again, the only immediate annual fee with increasing the size of the CP program is the LOC fee, with an approximate annual increased cost of \$320,000 to increase from \$100 million to \$200 million.

It is important to note that CP is most appropriately a short-term or interim borrowing strategy and does not necessarily address long-term shortfalls. In this respect, SANDAG staff will need to distinguish between projects that are experiencing short-term funding delays and projects that have an identified long-term funding gap.

March 5, 2021

Regional Bikeway Program Status Update

Overview

In 2013, the Board of Directors approved \$200 million over ten years to implement the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP). The EAP comprised 77 linear miles of new bikeways designed to enhance neighborhood connections to schools, employment, shopping, recreational centers, and other everyday destinations. Due to refinements during the final design phase of individual projects, a total of 70 miles are now either open or under development.

To date, 12.8 miles of EAP bike routes are open to the public, including sections of Class 1 routes on the Inland Rail Trail, Coastal Rail Trail, San Diego River Trail, and Bayshore Bikeway. Another 13 miles are currently in construction, with an additional 13 miles scheduled to be advertised for construction within the next 10 months.

Key Considerations

Since the last status report was presented to the Transportation Committee on October 2, 2020:

- Three additional miles of the Inland Rail Trail in the County of San Diego and cities of Vista and Oceanside were opened to the public in January 2021. This brings the total miles completed and open to 11, or 52% of the eventual 21-mile bikeway from the City of Escondido to the City of Oceanside.
- Construction progress has been made on the Rose Creek Bikeway (99% complete), Georgia–Meade and Landis Bikeways (49% complete), and Uptown Fourth and Fifth Avenues Bikeways (35% complete) in the City of San Diego. Together, these projects will add 13.1 miles when complete within the next 2–18 months.
- The City of San Diego continues to review final designs for the Bayshore Barrio Logan, Pershing, Imperial Avenue, Howard, Robinson, Border to Bayshore, Eastern Hillcrest and Central Avenue bikeway projects. Together, these projects will open more than 19 miles of bikeways to the public.
- Pending final approval by the City of San Diego, construction is scheduled to be advertised for the Bayshore Barrio Logan, Border to Bayshore, and Imperial Avenue Bikeways this fall.
- On February 8, 2021, the California Transportation Commission staff recommended a \$4.3 million grant through the Active Transportation Program for construction of the Orange Bikeway, a 2.1-mile bikeway in the North Park and City Heights communities of the City of San Diego.
- SANDAG monitors ridership on nine corridors around the San Diego region, including the Bayshore Bikeway, Inland Rail Trail, Coastal Rail Trail, and urban corridors in the City of San Diego. In 2020, the percentage of people biking along these corridors increased 31% over 2019.

Action: Information

An overview on progress made on the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program, as a component of the Regional Bikeway Program, will be presented.

Fiscal Impact:

A total of \$304 million is included in the FY 2021 Program Budget for the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program for two dozen projects. This includes \$181 million in *TransNet* funding used to leverage another \$123 million (40%) from non-*TransNet* sources.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

More than 70 miles of bikeways are scheduled to be open to the public by FY 2025 through the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program.

Next Steps

During the next quarter, staff plans to open the Rose Creek Bikeway to the public. We will also continue to work with the City of San Diego as they complete their design review for all projects currently under review, in particular the Bayshore Barrio Logan, Border to Bayshore, Imperial Avenue, and Pershing bikeway projects, since these projects have each been under review for the past 11–26 months. As a result of the extended review times, SANDAG and the City of San Diego staff are actively partnering to develop a more streamlined review and approval process.

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