

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

September 21, 2007

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **4**

Action Requested: APPROVE

PUBLIC HEARING: REGIONAL SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN AND COORDINATED
PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

File Number 3002300

Introduction

SANDAG is responsible for coordinating development of a Regional Short Range Transit Plan (RSRTP) each year in accordance with Board Policy No. 018 (Regional Transit Service Planning & Implementation). The RSRTP provides a five-year blueprint of how the transit concepts described in the Regional Transportation Plan are to be implemented.

Recommendation

The Transportation Committee is asked to conduct a public hearing on the Regional Short Range Transit Plan and Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. After considering public comments, the Committee is asked to approve the final plan.

The federal government, through the Safe Accountable Flexible & Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), introduced a new requirement for each region to prepare a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan). SANDAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the San Diego region, is responsible for preparation of the Coordinated Plan. SANDAG also was selected by the Governor to be the designated recipient of funds for the federal New Freedom program (transportation for people with disabilities) and Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program (commute transportation for individuals with limited means) that were created under SAFETEA-LU. The intent of the Coordinated Plan is to improve coordination in transportation planning and operations between public transit and human service transportation. The RSRTP and Coordinated Plan requirements include areas of overlap, and staff determined it was appropriate to combine these documents.

Discussion

Public Comment

On August 3, 2007, the Transportation Committee released the Draft Coordinated Plan for public comment through September 20, 2007. Attachment 1 summarizes the comments received up until September 6, 2007, including staff responses to the comments. Any additional comments that are received between September 6 and September 20 will be provided to the Transportation Committee at the September 21, 2007, meeting. Where noted the comments have been incorporated into the Draft Final Report (Attachment 2).

Next Steps

Approval of the Coordinated Plan by the Transportation Committee in September 2007 will make available about \$2 million in new FY 2008 funding for New Freedom and JARC projects serving the urbanized portion of the San Diego region. This money will be awarded through a competitive process following the plan's approval by the Transportation Committee. The Transportation Committee approved the scoring criteria for use in the evaluation of eligible JARC and New Freedom projects on August 3, 2007.

The competitive process for New Freedom and JARC funds is scheduled to close on October 19, 2007. Project funding recommendations will be brought back to the Transportation Committee and Board of Directors before the end of the year.

Copies of the approved Coordinated Plan will be forwarded to Caltrans to enable it to hold the competitive process for New Freedom and JARC grants in the rural areas of the San Diego region. A copy also will be provided to the Federal Transit Administration.

BOB LEITER

Director of Land Use and Transportation Planning

Attachments: 1. Responses to Comments Received on Coordinated Plan
2. Draft Final Coordinated Plan 2007 to 2011, September 2007

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2007 to 2011 Draft Coordinated Plan Comments & Responses

No.	Date	Form	Name/ Agency	Comment	Response	Chapter
1	08/02/2007	E-mail	Sharon Cooney/ MTS	"It says that MTS and NCTD combined have four fixed route bus operators [page 65]. MTS now only has two - San Diego Transit and Chula Vista Transit - so shouldn't this number be "three"?"	The text has been revised and "four" fixed route bus operators has been changed to "three" on page 65.	Inventory
2	08/16/2007	Letter	Ed Gallo, NCTD Board Chair	"The need for new and sustainable funding sources to improve transit service will be critical if the actions and strategies identified in the Coordinated Plan are to be realized. NCTD looks forward to working with SANDAG, FACT, and MTS to improve transit services to implement the Coordinated Plan and for SANDAG to release adequate funding so that the Plan's proposed strategies can be implemented."	SANDAG looks forward to working with NCTD, MTS, FACT, and other private and non-profit social services agencies and companies to ensure that available funding is identified and made available in the fastest manner possible, where applicable, for projects which accommodate the needs or provide services included in the Coordinated Plan.	All

NOTE:

Attachment 2: The Draft Final Coordinated Plan 2007-2011 is available as a separate PDF attachment to this agenda item. For a hard copy of this report please contact the SANDAG Public Information Office at (619) 699-1950.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

September 21, 2007

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **5**

Action Requested: APPROVE

2006 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:
AMENDMENT NO. 7

File Number 4000600

Introduction

On August 4, 2006, the SANDAG Board of Directors adopted the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the five-year program of major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2007 to FY 2011. On October 2, 2006, SANDAG received federal approval for the 2006 RTIP.

Recommendation

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve Amendment No. 7 to the 2006 RTIP.

Discussion

SANDAG processes amendments generally on a quarterly basis and occasionally on a more frequent basis as unforeseen circumstances arise. The 2006 RTIP allows for two different types of amendments – administrative and formal. Formal amendments require, among other things, a 30-day public review, and fiscal constraint analysis. Administrative amendments are for changes that are minor in nature, such as project changes of less than 20 percent or \$2 million, and requires state approval only (no federal approval is needed). Amendment No. 7 qualifies as an administrative amendment.

At the request of the two transit agencies, North County Transit District (NCTD) and the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), Amendment No. 7 includes proposed changes that would include the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 program funding (both formula and competitive programs) The City of Solana Beach also requested a minor change to one of its projects. The projects are discussed below with additional project information included in Table 1 (Attachment 1).

North County Transit District

Expanded Transit Service (NCTD34): Adds \$309,000 in FTA Section 5311 discretionary funds to operate rural services. Total project programmed increases to \$59,674,000. NCTD previously programmed its formula share of Section 5311 as part of NCTD05.

San Luis Rey Transit Center (NCTD41): Adds \$320,000 in FTA Section 5307 funds in FY 2008 with appropriate match. NCTD had agreed to transfer \$320,000 of its formula funds along with \$80,000 in local matching funds to SANDAG to implement the Escondido Maintenance Facility (SAN31, see below). SANDAG staff has determined that SAN31 can be completed without the transferred amount. As a result, the Section 5307 funds are being returned to NCTD, which plans to use the funds to augment this project. The total project programming increases to \$3,707,000.

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Escondido Maintenance Facility (SAN31): As stated above, the project can be completed without the additional \$400,000 from NCTD so the transferred NCTD 5307 funding is returned to NCTD. Total project programming reduces to \$7,591,000.

Metropolitan Transit System

TransNet Expanded Service Subsidy (MTS23A): Adds both FTA Section 5311 discretionary funds (\$200,000 in FY 2007) and formula funds (\$723,903 for FY 2008 to 2010) for transit services in the rural areas. Total project programming increases to \$114,542,000.

City of Solana Beach

Lomas Santa Fe Drive/Interstate 5 Interchange (SB01): Caltrans is constructing this project (CAL09A) as part of the overall Interstate 5 corridor widening. The City of Solana Beach is responsible for the Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way (ROW) phases. The cost for the ROW phase has increased; as a result, the city proposes to add \$141,000 in *TransNet*-Local funds to fully fund this phase. Total project cost for this segment increases to \$3,641,000.

RENÉE WASMUND
Director of Finance

Attachments: 1. Table 1: 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 7
San Diego Region (in \$000s)

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Table 1
2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment No. 7
San Diego Region (in \$000s)

North County Transit District

MPO ID: NCTD34		Capacity Status: NCI					RTIP #: 06-07			
TITLE: Expanded Transit Service		Exempt Category: Mass Transit - Transit operating assistance								
DESCRIPTION: Operating support for existing fixed route and rail transit service, including intercity bus and rural services.										
CHANGE REASON: Add new funding source, Increase funding										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
FTA 5311	\$309		\$309					\$309		
FTA 5317 - NF	\$34		\$34					\$34		
Local Funds	\$34		\$34					\$34		
TransNet - TSI	\$36,798				\$11,089	\$11,826	\$13,883	\$36,798		
TransNet - Transit	\$22,499	\$12,573	\$4,830	\$5,096				\$22,499		
TOTAL	\$59,674	\$12,573	\$5,207	\$5,096	\$11,089	\$11,826	\$13,883	\$59,674		
PROJECT PRIOR TO AMENDMENT										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
FTA 5317 - NF	\$34		\$34					\$34		
Local Funds	\$34		\$34					\$34		
TransNet - TSI	\$36,798				\$11,089	\$11,826	\$13,883	\$36,798		
TransNet - Transit	\$22,499	\$12,573	\$4,830	\$5,096				\$22,499		
TOTAL	\$59,365	\$12,573	\$4,898	\$5,096	\$11,089	\$11,826	\$13,883	\$59,365		

MPO ID: NCTD41		Capacity Status: NCI					RTIP #: 06-07			
TITLE: San Luis Rey Transit Center		Exempt Category: Other - Bus terminals and transfer points								
DESCRIPTION: Construct new multi-modal transit center as a component of a transit-oriented, mixed-use development which would include retail, commercial, residential and office space.										
CHANGE REASON: Increase funding										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
FTA 5307	\$996		\$676	\$320					\$676	\$320
FTA 5309 (Bus)	\$1,596	\$297	\$1,079	\$108	\$112			\$297	\$1,079	\$219
Local Funds	\$655	\$74	\$446	\$107	\$28			\$74	\$446	\$135
TransNet - MC	\$460		\$460					\$36	\$424	
TOTAL	\$3,707	\$371	\$2,661	\$535	\$140			\$407	\$2,625	\$674
* STIP-TransNet swap										
PROJECT PRIOR TO AMENDMENT										
	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
FTA 5307	\$676		\$676						\$676	
FTA 5309 (Bus)	\$1,596	\$297	\$1,079	\$108	\$112			\$297	\$1,079	\$219
Local Funds	\$575	\$74	\$446	\$27	\$28			\$74	\$446	\$55
TransNet - MC	\$460		\$460					\$36	\$424	
TOTAL	\$3,307	\$371	\$2,661	\$135	\$140			\$407	\$2,625	\$274

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San Diego Association of Governments

MPO ID: SAN31	Capacity Status: NCI	RTIP #: 06-07
TITLE: Escondido Maintenance Facility	Exempt Category: Mass Transit - Const of new bus or rail storage/maint facilities excluded in 23 CFR part 771	
DESCRIPTION: Improvements to facility including electronic gates, surveillance systems, video cameras, security		
CHANGE REASON: Reduce funding		

	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
FTA 5307	\$3,594	\$3,594						\$411		\$3,183
FTA 5309 (Bus)	\$681	\$581		\$100						\$681
Local Funds	\$1,084	\$1,059		\$25				\$107		\$978
TransNet - MC	\$2,232			\$2,232						\$2,232
TOTAL	\$7,591	\$5,234		\$2,357				\$518		\$7,074

* STIP-TransNet swap

PROJECT PRIOR TO AMENDMENT

	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
FTA 5307	\$3,914	\$3,594	\$320					\$411		\$3,503
FTA 5309 (Bus)	\$681	\$581		\$100						\$681
Local Funds	\$1,164	\$1,059	\$80	\$25				\$107		\$1,058
TransNet - MC	\$2,232			\$2,232						\$2,232
TOTAL	\$7,991	\$5,234	\$400	\$2,357				\$518		\$7,474

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San Diego Region (in \$000s)

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

MPO ID: MTS23A	Capacity Status: NCI	RTIP #: 06-07
TITLE: TransNet Expanded Service Subsidy	Exempt Category: Mass Transit - Transit operating assistance	
DESCRIPTION: Operating support for existing service including rural bus service linking communities in the rural portions of San Diego county to shopping and medical centers in the San Diego urban areas. Service is regularly scheduled and includes published timetables and maps.		
CHANGE REASON: Add new funding source, Increase funding		

	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
FTA 5311	\$924		\$200	\$224	\$243	\$257		\$924		
TransNet - TSI	\$77,497				\$24,911	\$25,823	\$26,763	\$77,497		
TransNet - Transit	\$36,121		\$16,735	\$19,386				\$36,121		
TOTAL	\$114,542		\$16,935	\$19,610	\$25,154	\$26,080	\$26,763	\$114,542		

PROJECT PRIOR TO AMENDMENT

	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
TransNet - TSI	\$77,497				\$24,911	\$25,823	\$26,763	\$77,497		
TransNet - Transit	\$36,121		\$16,735	\$19,386				\$36,121		
TOTAL	\$113,618		\$16,735	\$19,386	\$24,911	\$25,823	\$26,763	\$113,618		

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San Diego Region (in \$000s)

Solana Beach, City of

MPO ID: SB01	Capacity Status: CI	RTIP #: 06-07
TITLE: Lomas Santa Fe Drive/I-5 Interchange		
DESCRIPTION: Design and ROW for interchange and auxiliary lanes on I-5 north & southbound		
CHANGE REASON: Increase funding		

	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
RSTP	\$2,525	\$2,525						\$1,602	\$923	
TransNet - L	\$1,116	\$603	\$372	\$141				\$268	\$848	
TOTAL	\$3,641	\$3,128	\$372	\$141				\$1,870	\$1,771	

PROJECT PRIOR TO AMENDMENT

	TOTAL	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	PE	RW	CON
RSTP	\$2,525	\$2,525						\$1,602	\$923	
TransNet - L	\$975	\$603	\$372					\$268	\$707	
TOTAL	\$3,500	\$3,128	\$372					\$1,870	\$1,630	

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RTIP Fund Types

AC	=	Advanced Construction
BIA	=	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BTA	=	Bicycle Transportation Account (State)
CBI	=	Corridors and Borders Infrastructure Program (Federal)
CMAQ	=	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (Federal)
DEMO	=	High Priority Demonstration Program under TEA-21 (Federal)
DEMO-Sec 115	=	High Priority Demonstration Program under FY 2004 Appropriations
DEMO-Sec 117/STP	=	Surface Transportation Program under FHWA Administrative Program (congressionally directed appropriations)
FSP	=	Freeway Service Patrol (State)
HBP	=	Highway Bridge Program under SAFETEA-LU (Federal)
HBRR	=	Highway Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation under TEA-21 (Federal)
HES/SRTS	=	Hazard Elimination System/Safet Routes to School (Federal)
HPP	=	High Priority Demonstration Program under SAFETEA-LU (Federal)
HSIP	=	Highway Safety Improvement Program (State)
IBRC	=	Innovative Bridge Research & Construction (Federal)
IM	=	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary (Federal)
IRR	=	Indian Reservation Roads program (Federal)
ITS	=	Intelligent Transportation System (Federal)
NCPD	=	National Corridor Planning & Development (Federal - part of CBI)
PLH	=	Public Lands Highway (Federal)
PTA	=	Public Transportation Account (State)
RSTP	=	Regional Surface Transportation Program (Federal)
RTP	=	Recreational Trails Program (Federal)
SHOPP AC	=	State Highway Operation & Protection Program federal share (for Caltrans use only)
SHOPP State Cash	=	State Highway Operation & Protection Program cash match (for Caltrans use only)
STIP-IIP	=	State Transportation Improvement Program - Interregional Program (State)
STIP-RIP	=	State Transportation Improvement Program - Regional Improvement Program (State)
Section 5307	=	Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula Program
Section 5309 (Bus)	=	Federal Transit Administration Discretionary Program
Section 5309 (FG)	=	Federal Transit Administration Fixed Guideway Modernization (Rail Mod)
Section 5309 (NS)	=	Federal Transit Administration Discretionary - New Starts Program
Section 5310	=	Federal Transit Administration Elderly & Disabled Program
Section 5311	=	Federal Transit Administration Rural Program
Section 5316 (JARC)	=	Federal Transit Administration Jobs Access Reverse Commute
Section 5317 (NF)	=	Federal Transit Administration New Freedom

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TCRP	=	Traffic Congestion Relief Program (State)
TCSP	=	Transportation & Community & System Preservation (Federal)
TDA	=	Transportation Development Act (State)
TDA-B	=	Transportation Development Act-Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities (State)
TEA	=	Transportation Enhancement Activities Program (Federal)
TSM	=	Transportation Systems Management (State)
TransNet-78	=	Prop. A Local Transportation Sales Tax - SR 78 (Local)
TransNet-H	=	Prop. A Local Transportation Sales Tax - Highway (Local)
TransNet-L	=	Prop. A Local Transportation Sales Tax - Local Streets & Roads (Local)
TransNet-LSI	=	Prop. A Extension Local Transportation Sales Tax -Local System Improvements (Local)
TransNet-MC	=	Prop. A Extension Local Transportation Sales Tax - Major Corridors (Local)
TransNet-REMP	=	Prop. A Extension Local Transportation Sales Tax - Regional Environmental Mitigation (Local)
TransNet-T	=	Prop. A Local Transportation Sales Tax - Transit (Local)
TransNet-TSI	=	Prop. A Extension Local Transportation Sales Tax - Transit System Improvements (Local)