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BOARD ACTIONS

July 22, 2005

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REPORT DETAILS ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS OF REGION: Staff presented the SANDAG Board with key findings from the *2005 Indicators of Sustainable Competitiveness Report*. Created in collaboration with the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, the report analyzes the region's economy, environment, and equity — three indicators that affect economic sustainability, prosperity, and competitiveness. Specifically, it reveals how well San Diego stacks up against 18 similar metro regions in competing for investment. In 2005, San Diego ranks ninth, just as it did in 2001 when the last report was published. Overall, the Seattle area ranked first in the report (up from number five in 2001), followed by Denver, Portland, Raleigh, and Austin. Phoenix, Sacramento, Tampa, Orange County, and Washington, DC made up the bottom five metro areas. Similar to the 2001 report, this year's overall results show a middle-of-the-road performance. In the individual elements, San Diego scored highly on the environment, average on the economy, and below average on equity. The entire report is available on the SANDAG Web site. *(Item #8: Staff contact: Marney Cox; (619) 699-1930, mco@sandag.org)*

2005 PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY: Directors received an informational report on the findings in the 2005 SANDAG Public Opinion Survey. SANDAG conducted a telephone survey of 900 randomly selected households throughout the region in May 2005. SANDAG has conducted public opinion surveys periodically since the 1970s. The last survey was conducted in 2002. This survey covered a wide range of topics and regional issues. The issues generally fall into five major categories — environment, economic health, transportation, housing, and crime. Traffic and housing continue at the top of the list of the region's most pressing problems. To view the complete report, visit www.sandag.org and click on Publications. *(Item #13: Staff contact: Karen Lamphere; (619) 699-6955, kla@sandag.org)*

2006 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) SCHEDULE: Directors approved a revised workplan and schedule for a 2006 RTP update. SANDAG is moving forward with a technical update to meet federal requirements followed by a more comprehensive update of the RTP in 2007. The draft 2006 RTP and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared from July to November 2005. The draft RTP and Environmental Impact Report will be released for public review and comment in December 2005. The final RTP and EIR will be presented to SANDAG for adoption in February 2006. *(Item #9: Staff contact: Michael Hix, (619) 699-1977; mhi@sandag.org)*

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**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

*August 12, 2005
Policy Meeting*

- A tour of Tijuana, Mexico is scheduled.

*August 26, 2005
Business Meeting
Cancelled*

- The next business meeting will be held on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 9 a.m.

BUILDER CONTRIBUTES TO FREEWAY EXPANSION: SANDAG agreed to accept a \$1 million contribution from Barratt American, Inc. to aid in the design of a State Route 52 widening project, westbound between Interstate 15 and Mast Blvd. The expansion project will fulfill the company's commitment to voters as part of the recent approval to develop Fanita Ranch in the City of Santee. *(Item #6: Staff contact: Dean Hiatt; (619) 699-6978, dhi@sandag.org)*

VEHICLE LICENSE FEE INCREASE: SANDAG Directors voted not to support the Industrial Environmental Association's (IEA) recommendation to the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to increase the annual motor vehicle license registration fee from \$2 to the maximum state-allowed amount of \$6. The funds are used to support emission reduction programs and projects. SANDAG agreed to reconsider a revised proposal at a later date. *(Item #10)*

UPDATE ON FUTURE ENERGY PLANS AND SUMMER POWER SUPPLY: San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) presented its long-range energy plans to SANDAG as part of the company's commitment to meet with local government entities. SDG&E representatives highlighted new power generating facilities scheduled to open in the Escondido, Otay Mesa, and Mira Mesa areas which should aid in alleviating supply problems. SDG&E officials also were enthusiastic about the technologically advanced Miguel-Mission 2 transmission line, recently dedicated by Governor Schwarzenegger, which will help reduce congestion on the local power grid, improve the reliability of the statewide electricity system, and potentially lower costs. SDG&E touted the need to create a second link or "highway" for bringing electricity into the region to accommodate San Diego's growing population and expanding needs. Company officials expressed optimism for this summer's energy supply and thanked SANDAG for its continued support of regional energy issues. *(Item #12: Staff contact: Rob Rundle; (619) 699-6949, rru@sandag.org)*

BORDERSAFE PROJECT UPDATE: Directors were updated on the BorderSafe project that is funded with a \$761,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) received the grant to conduct a data integration project in collaboration with DHS, the Corporation for National Research Initiatives, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center San Diego, The San Diego Supercomputer Center at UCSD, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the University of Arizona Artificial Intelligence Lab, and the Tucson Police Department. Participating agencies have developed infrastructure, applications, and governance to share data electronically among the 61 ARJIS law enforcement agencies to support Homeland Security efforts in the region. The new applications and data-sharing agreements enhance the investigative and intelligence capabilities of the agencies. ARJIS has implemented wireless access to law enforcement data in the field through the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) for use in positive identification and real-time officer notification. There is potential for continued funding intended to implement law enforcement data sharing research findings and to expand the functionality of the wireless system throughout the southwest region. *(Item #11: Staff contact: Pam Scanlon; (619) 699-6971, psc@sandag.org)*

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