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BOARD ACTIONS

October 28, 2005

BINATIONAL EVENT ENCOURAGES CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION:

Imperial Beach Councilmember Patricia McCoy and Consul General of Mexico Luis Cabrera C. shared highlights of the recent Binational Conference. To enhance cross-border collaboration, the SANDAG Borders Committee and Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities hosted the event, consisting of two workshops — one in National City and another in Tijuana. Stakeholders from both sides of the border came together to express the need for an effective binational planning partnership between the San Diego region and Tijuana. A common theme was the critical need for transportation infrastructure improvements along the border, including the creation of a new border crossing on Otay Mesa and the enhancement of existing ports of entry. In addition, participants identified four areas in need of collaborative planning for a more sustainable future: transportation, housing, economic development, and environment. *(Item #9, Staff contact: Hector Vanegas, (619) 699-1972; hva@sandag.org)*

FINDINGS OF THE 2005 WORKFORCE SUMMIT: Larry Fitch, president and chief executive officer of the San Diego Workforce Partnership, presented a summary of the ideas and observations emanating from the summit. He emphasized that to remain competitive in the global marketplace, San Diego's K-12 education system must better train students in the areas of math, science, and technology; a more academically stringent vocational training system must be established; and more internship opportunities must be created in key industries. Other suggestions to better prepare the region's workforce include revamping the unemployment system so that it becomes a "re-employment system" with training opportunities, and providing increased funding to community colleges, which will allow them to better meet the needs of their diverse students. The summit's keynote session featured a debate between former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich and former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich. *(Item #11, Staff contact: Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930; mco@sandag.org)*

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**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

*November 18, 2005
Business Meeting*

Topics include:

- *TransNet Interest Rate Hedging Proposal*
- *Amendments to TransNet Policies*

SANDAG DBE PROGRAM: Directors approved release of the FY 2006 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals for public comment. If no comments are received, the following goals will be adopted:

Projects with Federal Highway Administration Funds -

Proposed Goal for Professional, Scientific and Technical Services: 7.1%

Projects with Federal Transit Administration Funds -

Proposed Goal for Construction/Special Trades: 6.6%

Proposed Goal for Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services: 5.1%

A DBE firm is a small business concern that is at least 51 percent owned and operated by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. SANDAG recognizes diversity and actively seeks to include and expand its network of available DBE firms by reaching out to the disadvantaged business community. More information about the SANDAG DBE goals and outreach program is available on the agency Web site at www.sandag.org/contracts. (*Item #12, Staff contact: Elaine Richardson, (619) 699-6956; eri@sandag.org*)

MIXED USE RECYCLING FACILITY RECEIVES SUPPORT: SANDAG, serving in its role as the Integrated Waste Management Task Force, approved amendments to the City of Lemon Grove and the County of San Diego Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE). The amendments will enable the construction of a new mixed-stream construction demolition and inert recycling facility. Each local jurisdiction in the region is required by state law to prepare a NDFE of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan. The purpose of the NDFE is to identify new or modified solid waste facilities needed by the jurisdiction to accomplish the reduction of solid waste as required by state law. These amendments will be presented to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for final approval. (*Item #6, Staff contact: Rob Rundle, (619) 699-6949; rru@sandag.org*)

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