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# BOARD ACTIONS

November 18, 2005

**TransNet FINANCIAL STRATEGY RECEIVES APPROVAL:** Based on the recommendations of the Transportation Committee and the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee, SANDAG approved an interest rate hedging proposal. This investment strategy allows SANDAG to lock in now at a low interest rate of less than four percent, even though bonds will not be issued until 2008 when the *TransNet Extension* takes effect. This could result in a debt cost savings of \$3.1 million per year, or \$93 million over the 30-year life of the transaction. The move also will provide protection during times of recession and inflation, and enable SANDAG to get more transportation projects on the ground faster. *(Item #11, Staff contact: Craig Scott, (619) 699-1926; csc@sandag.org)*

**TRANSPORTATION PROGRESS UPDATE:** *Highway Projects:* Caltrans completed improvements to the SR 76/Olive Hill Road intersection. This *TransNet*-funded project widened east and westbound SR 76 and turning lane traffic.....*Transit Projects:* The SPRINTER rail project was awarded an \$80 million allocation in Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds by the California Transportation Commission. Completion is scheduled for December 2007.....*Traffic and Demand Management:* The Freeway Service Patrol assisted approximately 15,100 motorists, about 5 percent more than the previous quarter. Vanpool participation grew 24 percent in the last year, from 363 to 451 vanpools. Vanpools from outside San Diego County represent 49 percent of all vanpools and have increased 19 percent in the past year from 184 to 219 vanpools. Overall, 3,867 daily commuters participate in the program. *(Item #8, Staff contact: Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org)*

**FUNDING FOR WIRELESS PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM:** Based on a recommendation by the Public Safety Committee, SANDAG Directors modified the FY 2006 Overall Work Program and Program Budget to include \$1,075,000 awarded to its Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) to enhance the wireless system for sharing public safety data. The additional funding is from the Department of Homeland Security, which has awarded ARJIS \$875,000 for a wireless data integration project called BorderSafe. This phase will implement BorderSafe law enforcement data-sharing research findings throughout the region and expand the functionality of the personal digital assistant (PDA) tool. In addition to the DHS funding, the National Institute of Justice has awarded ARJIS \$200,000 to enable access to public safety information via secure cell phones. *(Item #4, Staff contact: Pam Scanlon, (619) 699-6971; psc@sandag.org)*

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**UPCOMING  
MEETINGS**

*December 16, 2005  
Business Meeting*

Topics include:

- *TransNet* Plan of Finance
- State Transportation Program
- Habitat Conservation Fund

**EAST VILLAGE INTERMODAL TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS:** The East Village Intermodal Transit Improvements Project will develop rail and urban design improvements in the City of San Diego along Park Boulevard from Imperial Avenue to C Street. Directors transferred all current and future funding for the East Village Intermodal Transit Improvements Project from MTS to SANDAG; and approved amendments to the FY 2006 Program Budget to: (a) reduce the project budget for the Orange Line to Blue Line Connection project from \$5,998,000 to \$850,000; and (b) add a new project entitled East Village Smart Corner Improvements Project, totaling \$14,283,000. Specifically, the project will include rail and urban design improvements on Park Boulevard from G Street to C Street, including a new City College Trolley station as part of the Smart Corner development. *(Item #6, Staff contact: Eric Adams, (619) 699-1974; ead@sandag.org)*

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2006:** The Nominating Committee recommended that Poway Mayor Mickey Cafagna and Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Teresa Sessom continue as the SANDAG Board Chair and First Vice Chair through December 2006. The Committee will conduct interviews with Encinitas Deputy Mayor Christy Guerin, Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler, and Del Mar Deputy Mayor Crystal Crawford for the position of Second Vice Chair. Their final recommendation and action are scheduled for the December 16, 2005 Board meeting.

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