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BOARD ACTIONS

December 16, 2005

FINANCIAL PLAN OK'D FOR HIGHWAY & TRANSIT PROJECTS:

SANDAG has jump-started 20 of the 47 major highway and transit projects identified in the 40-year *TransNet Extension* by approving the plan of finance for the Early Action Program (EAP). The financial strategy uses bonding to help advance funding for the projects, including widening of Route 76 to I-15, building Route 52 eastward to link with Route 67, an extension of the trolley from Old Town San Diego north onto the campus at UCSD and over to University Towne Centre, and I-15 improvements. The *TransNet* commercial paper program also has been increased from \$135 million to \$335 million. Based on schedules developed for the EAP projects, the plan of finance covers projects through FY 2015. The plan of finance for other *TransNet* projects will be developed in concert with the preparation of the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan. SANDAG has secured an interest rate of 3.89 percent for the first \$600 million of bonds. *(Item #11: Staff contact, Craig Scott, (619) 699-1926 or csc@sandag.org)*

STATEWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE BOND PROPOSALS:

Directors established a process and time line to ensure that the region's priorities are included in any 2006 statewide infrastructure bonds. Of the various proposals under development, Senator Perata's bill (SB 1024) is the furthest along and includes proposed funding for transportation and rail improvements, transit-oriented development, and housing among others. Any infrastructure bond that passes the legislature and is endorsed by the Governor would require statewide voter approval. Identifying priorities and providing input to Senator Perata and San Diego's state delegation will be discussed during the January 13, 2006, SANDAG Policy meeting. *(Item #15: Staff contact, Ellen Roundtree, (619) 699-6960 or ero@sandag.org)*

2006 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

APPROVED: Directors approved \$177.7 million in funding for the 2006 STIP program; however, the funding program requires the concurrence of the California Transportation Commission. The funding would support construction activities on the Route 52 extension to Route 67; design and right-of-way for the Mid-Coast trolley extension; construction of freeway incident detectors; funding for smart growth incentive projects; planning and program monitoring activities; and reserve funding. The action also includes a request to the state to advance funding from projects in other counties that are not "ready to go" to San Diego projects that are ready. *(Item # 12: Staff contact, José Nuncio, (619) 699-1908 or jnu@sandag.org)*

ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING STRATEGY RECEIVES SUPPORT:

Based on recommendations of the Environmental Mitigation Working Group and the Regional Planning Committee, SANDAG approved the budget for the FY 2006 Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) Regional Habitat Conservation Fund expenditures. The budget includes: \$100,000-\$125,000 for development of a conserved lands database for the San Diego region; \$100,000-\$150,000 to conduct post-wildfire biological monitoring; and up to \$750,000 for eligible land management projects. Directors also

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

January 13, 2006
Policy Meeting

*Statewide Infrastructure
Bonding Proposals*

January 27, 2006
Business Meeting

- *Public Hearing for the
2006 RTP Update*
- *2006 Legislative
Program*

**TECHNICAL UPDATE TO
2030 REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION
PLAN**

Available for
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Public Hearing
January 27, 2006
9 a.m. at SANDAG

approved the process for allocating the funds, which includes: a call for projects during January 2006; criteria for eligible land management activities; and a rating system for considering funding requests. The EMP, part of the \$14 billion *TransNet Extension* approved by 67 percent of the voters in November 2004, dedicates \$850 million for environmental mitigation projects. *(Item #13: Staff contact, Janet Fairbanks, (619) 699-6970 or jfa@sandag.org)*

COLLABORATION WITH TIJUANA REMAINS STRONG: City of Tijuana representative Alfonso Bustamante addressed SANDAG on behalf of Mayor Jorge Hank Rohn. Mayor Hank commended SANDAG on its commitment to collaboration and emphasized the importance of a continued partnership between the San Diego and Tijuana binational region. SANDAG will continue efforts to coordinate with government agencies and organizations on both sides of the border to enhance transportation infrastructure, economic development, and homeland security. *(Item #10: Staff contact, Hector Vanegas, (619) 699-1972, hva@sandag.org)*

MTS CHAIRMAN LEON WILLIAMS HONORED: SANDAG recognized retiring Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Chairman Leon Williams for his dedicated service as a SANDAG Board member. Directors lauded Mr. Williams for his pioneering role in revolutionizing transit in the San Diego region. Directors further commended Mr. Williams for his distinguished public service career as a San Diego City Councilman, San Diego County Supervisor, Metropolitan Transit Development Board Director, and MTS Chairman.

REPORT FROM REAR ADMIRAL HERING: Rear Admiral Len Hering, the Commander of Navy Region Southwest, provided an informational report on activities under his command. Admiral Hering is responsible for housing, environmental, security, education, and logistical issues related to the hundreds of thousands of active-duty, reserve, and retired military members in the San Diego region. He emphasized the importance of U.S. Department of Defense representation on the SANDAG Board of Directors and pledged continued cooperation from the Navy on regional issues. Admiral Hering also updated SANDAG on the Navy's work with the Regional Airport Authority as that agency studies military sites as potential options for a new commercial airport. Admiral Hering emphasized that the Navy does not support a joint-use project but is providing information to the Authority for its study. *(Item #9: Staff contact, Garry Bonelli, (619) 699-1960 or gbo@sandag.org)*

ELECTION OF 2006 BOARD OFFICERS: Directors unanimously approved the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for Poway Mayor Mickey Cafagna and Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Teresa Sessom to continue as the SANDAG Board Chair and First Vice Chair through December 2006. Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler was elected to serve as the Second Vice Chair. Directors also established a more formal nomination and candidate screening and interview process. *(Item #7: Staff contact, Garry Bonelli, (619) 699-1960 or gbo@sandag.org)*

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