



401 B Street, Suite 800  
 San Diego, CA 92101-4231  
 (619) 699-1900  
 Fax (619) 699-1905  
 www.sandag.org

# BOARD ACTIONS

April 28, 2006

**MEMBER AGENCIES**

Cities of  
 Carlsbad  
 Chula Vista  
 Coronado  
 Del Mar  
 El Cajon  
 Encinitas  
 Escondido  
 Imperial Beach  
 La Mesa  
 Lemon Grove  
 National City  
 Oceanside  
 Poway  
 San Diego  
 San Marcos  
 Santee  
 Solana Beach  
 Vista  
 and  
 County of San Diego

**ADVISORY MEMBERS**

Imperial County  
 California Department  
 of Transportation  
 Metropolitan  
 Transit System  
 North San Diego County  
 Transit Development Board  
 United States  
 Department of Defense  
 San Diego  
 Unified Port District  
 San Diego County  
 Water Authority  
 Mexico

**REVISED SCHEDULE FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE 2007 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP):** Directors approved a revised Comprehensive 2007 RTP work program and schedule. The 2007 RTP will incorporate a new regional growth forecast, updated project costs and revenue forecasts, a review of the planned transit network and services, and the draft Smart Growth Concept Map. The Board recently approved the 2030 Revenue Constrained RTP: 2006 Update at its February 24, 2006, meeting. A draft 2007 RTP will go to the Board in May 2007, with adoption expected in November 2007. *(Item #4: Staff contact: Mike Hix, (619) 699-1977; mhi@sandag.org)*

**BOARD APPROVES HOUSING INCENTIVE POLICY:** SANDAG approved Board Policy No. 033, which sets forth guidelines for incentives related to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). On February 25, 2005, the SANDAG Board approved the Final RHNA for the San Diego region for the 2005-2010 housing element cycle, and agreed to provide certain financial incentives to jurisdictions that provide a greater share of affordable housing now and in the future. The Board Policy identifies the funding programs that will be subject to the RHNA policy, the housing element-related eligibility requirements for the funding programs affected by the policy, and how incentive points will be allocated based on lower income housing production. *(Item #8: Staff Contact: Susan Baldwin, (619) 699-1943; sba@sandag.org)*

**CRIME IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION:** Since 1984, SANDAG's Criminal Justice Research Division has provided timely and accurate information to support criminal justice planning in San Diego County - compiling and analyzing crime and arrest trends; serving as a resource for information about crime and justice information; and providing independent, objective program evaluations. The latest report, *Twenty-five Years of Crime in the San Diego Region: 1981 through 2005*, indicates that compared to 25 years ago, the San Diego region is a safer place to live in terms of both violent (e.g., 6.1 violent crimes per 1,000 population in San Diego in 1981 versus 4.5 in 2005) and property crime (e.g., 57.1 property crimes per 1,000 population in San Diego in 1981 versus 31.9 in 2005). The complete report is available at [www.sandag.org/crimereport](http://www.sandag.org/crimereport). *(Item #9: Staff contact: Cynthia Burke, (619) 699-1910; cbu@sandag.org)*

**UPDATE ON CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S OFFICE REPORT:** Board members heard an information item on the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) Report. The LAO issued a report March 30, 2006 on the San Diego region's network of local and regional governmental agencies and how they are situated to address the region's growing challenges. On January 1, 2003, Senate Bill 1703 (Peace), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (Kehoe), called for the consolidation of all the roles and responsibilities of SANDAG with certain transit functions of the Metropolitan Transit System

(more)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 12, 2006  
*Policy Meeting*

- 2030 Regional Growth Forecast

May 26, 2006  
*Business Meeting*

- Regional Economic Prosperity Strategy
- Quarterly Progress Report on Regional Transportation Projects

and the North County Transit District. The statutes also directed the LAO to study the San Diego region's governance system and provide options for improving its accountability and effectiveness. The LAO examined the San Diego region in general as well as SANDAG policies, plans, and decision-making related to land use, transportation, housing, and the environment. The LAO finds that consolidation has resulted in a broader scope of responsibilities for SANDAG that allows policymakers to "consider a range of objectives" in the decision-making process. It further reports that the San Diego region's governance structure under SANDAG "has attributes that are superior to other regions in the state." The report identifies three options for the region's governance structure: 1) No change; 2) Take Incremental Steps; or 3) Broad Governance Restructuring. Directors noted that incremental changes are underway such as adding another representative from the Board of Supervisors to represent residents in the unincorporated area. The report can be viewed at [www.lao.ca.gov](http://www.lao.ca.gov). (Item #7: Staff contact: Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994; [kka@sandag.org](mailto:kka@sandag.org))

**APPLICATIONS FOR VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, SANDAG is responsible for scoring projects eligible for federal funding to purchase vehicles and related equipment used to transport elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Awards are made based on the scores received from local and state review of the applications. Directors endorsed scores for 43 eligible projects, approved these applications in conformance with the Regional Transportation Plan, and directed that the projects be added to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. This year, approximately \$8.5 million will be available statewide. (Item #5: Staff Contact: James Floyd, (619) 699-1921; [jfl@sandag.org](mailto:jfl@sandag.org))

**ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN FOCUSES ON REGIONAL CLEAN-UP:** Every year, Caltrans spends more than \$40 million on litter removal efforts in the San Diego region. The "Don't Trash California" Storm Water Education Campaign is underway statewide to help reduce the amount of litter that can find its way into highway and freeway storm drains and ultimately wind up in public bodies of water. Caltrans District 11 recognizes the need to complement this successful statewide education program with a local effort that stretches beyond the highways to include local streets and roads, and communities. The local effort expands the statewide campaign and encourages participation from city and county jurisdictions. The campaign will focus on proven strategies including media advocacy, special events, partnerships, paid media, and community outreach to raise the level of awareness of the effects of littering. Caltrans looks forward to local participation to help make the "Don't Trash California" campaign successful. (Item #10: Staff Contact: Alex Estrella, (619) 699-1928; [aes@sandag.org](mailto:aes@sandag.org))

# # #