EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 9, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 1

Action Requested: APPROVE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS
MAY 12, 2006

First Vice Chair Mary Sessom (East County) called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the April 14, 2006, Executive Committee meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS (3 through 6)

3. ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS (APPROVE)

Kim Kawada, Executive Program Manager, stated that in accordance with Board Policy, the Executive Committee is responsible for annually reviewing all of SANDAG’s existing committees and working groups. She provided the Executive Committee with an update on the existing groups at SANDAG. SANDAG currently has 27 working groups that report to all of the Policy Advisory Committees except for the Executive Committee. Of the 27 groups, 17 are standing working groups, and the remaining 10 are ad hoc, meaning that they will cease to exist once their project or study is complete. Several of these ad hoc groups were created during the past year to assist in the development of the comprehensive 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update.

Last year, the Executive Committee recommended continuation of all the groups and asked that two of the groups - the Regional Housing Working Group and the Shoreline Preservation Working Group - be evaluated as part of this year’s annual review. The Regional Housing Working Group spent most of the past year reconstituting itself. The Regional Planning Committee approved a revised charter last fall which reduced the membership of the Working Group from 42 to 25 members in order to achieve a quorum at meetings. The revised charter also defined the group’s responsibilities and reduced the frequency of meetings from bimonthly to quarterly.
The Shoreline Preservation Working Group also approved a new charter last year. Its recent efforts include completing the fourth and final year of the monitoring required for the Regional Beach Sand Project and approving continuation of a modified monitoring program, which continues to be funded by the coastal communities. The Working Group also completed the Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program (SCOU). SCOU enables the region to be ready with environmental documentation the next time opportunities are available for smaller beach sand projects.

Councilmember Madaffer (City of San Diego) questioned when some of the committees such as the Regional Planning Stakeholders Working Group and the Regional Freight Working Group will sunset. Ms. Kawada indicated that the groups were created to assist with the development of the 2007 RTP update and will conclude their work no later than fall 2007, the scheduled adoption of the RTP update.

Councilmember Madaffer thanked staff for continuing to pare down the number of SANDAG committees and working groups. This is a huge change from the early years of the agency. Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, responded that this is a good process to allow the Executive Committee to review the SANDAG committees and working groups annually.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Sanders (City of San Diego) and a second by Mayor Guerin (North County Coastal), the Executive Committee voted to continue SANDAG’s 27 current committees and working groups.

4. APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SANDAG BOARD OFFICERS (RECOMMEND)

Ms. Kawada stated that in January, the Board of Directors approved several amendments to SANDAG’s Bylaws, including changes to the annual nomination process for Board officers. These changes were recommended by last year’s Nominating Committee that was chaired by Councilmember Madaffer. The new process calls for the development of an application for Board members interested in either the Chair or the two Vice Chair positions on the Board. Staff has developed a draft application for the Executive Committee’s review. In developing the application, various forms and procedures were reviewed, including last year’s selection process for the Second Vice Chair position and the League of California Cities process. The SANDAG Bylaws call for the application to be posted on the SANDAG Web site in July.

Mayor Crawford (North County Coastal) asked about the process for those Board members that are appointed to SANDAG leadership positions and then are not elected during the next election cycle. Ms. Kawada replied that the SANDAG Bylaws continue to allow nominations from the floor during the December Board meeting when the election of Board officers occurs.

Councilmember Madaffer commented that having chaired the Nominating Committee last year, staff has prepared an outstanding package that embodies the actions that the Board wants. He requested that this item be forwarded to the Board.
Vice Mayor Harris-Ebert (North County Inland) mentioned that she served on the Nominating Committee last year and feels this approach is much better than those used in prior years.

Chairman Cafagna thanked last year’s Nominating Committee for bringing this issue forward.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Mayor Sanders and a second by Chairman Horn, the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the application form for SANDAG Board officers for 2007.

5. **LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT (APPROVE)**

Ms. Kawada reported on several legislative efforts that interest SANDAG and the San Diego region. On the federal level, Congress recently has been discussing passing several earmark reform measures. Both the House and Senate measures require disclosure of the name of their sponsors with a list of earmarks. The Senate bill also would require that the purpose of the earmark be disclosed. In addition, the Senate’s disclosure requirement would apply to appropriations, authorizations, and tax bills, while the House bill would only apply to appropriations measures. SANDAG’s lobbyists in Washington, D.C., report that this year’s FY 2007 federal appropriations process shouldn’t be affected by these proposed earmark reform measures.

At the state level, the big news is the passage of the $37 billion statewide infrastructure bond package. Five ballot measures are planned for the November 7, 2006, statewide general election. Those ballot measures include:

- **Proposition 1A:** Protection of Proposition 42 funds (Senate Constitutional Amendment 7)
- **Proposition 1B:** Transportation, Air Quality and Port Security (Senate Bill [SB] 1266)
- **Proposition 1C:** Housing and Emergency Shelter (SB 1689)
- **Proposition 1D:** K-12/University Facilities (Assembly Bill [AB] 127)
- **Proposition 1E:** Flood Prevention (AB 140)

Ms. Kawada noted that a handout summarizing the transportation-related and housing-land use components of the bond package was provided to the Executive Committee. The $19+ billion transportation bond measure (SB 1266) includes 12 funding programs, some of which augment existing formula funding programs (e.g., State Transportation Improvement Program [STIP], State Transit Assistance [STA], and funding for local streets and roads), that will come directly to regional agencies and local governments. There also are other programs that are competitive and subject to allocation by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Two big discretionary funding programs are the $4.5 billion Corridor Mobility Improvement and the $3.1 billion California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Programs.

Mr. Gallegos added that there were two late pieces added to the transportation bond measure, which now includes $1 billion for counties and $1 billion for cities. In San Diego’s case, the County of San Diego would get $70 million and each city would receive a portion
of those monies based on their population. The good thing is that even the region’s smallest city, Del Mar, would receive at least $400,000. This is good news for San Diego’s local streets and roads programs if this bond passes in November.

Ms. Kawada stated that besides the statewide infrastructure bond package, the state Legislature has been continuing to work on various bills during this legislative session. Staff is asking for Executive Committee approval of positions and/or recommended actions on various bills. Staff made note of one correction, the Strickland bill, which was listed as AB 2631; the correct bill number is AB 2621. That bill was amended and now would exempt gasoline from the state sales tax, effectively undermining the Proposition 42 funding source. Staff’s recommendation is to oppose this bill. The remaining bills are recommended either for a support position or to be referred to other SANDAG committees for review.

Chair Cafagna pointed out that SANDAG played a dominant role at the state level, in gaining consensus on this bond measure and negotiating programs that would enable the San Diego region to get its fair share of the funding. The state has recognized SANDAG’s role, which has enhanced its credibility statewide.

Councilmember Madaffer commented that this transportation bond proposal is very important for local government. The League of California Cities (LCC) and the California State of Association of Counties (CSAC) were very involved in this process. Even the smallest cities were allowed a baseline to receive funding. He added that Assemblymember George Plesda also deserves a lot of credit for his efforts in supporting this legislation. This issue is huge, not only for the state but for the San Diego region as well. This bond measure, if passed, will allow the region to leverage our TransNet dollars with state infrastructure funding.

Councilmember Madaffer mentioned that he would like SANDAG to discuss what kind of public information can be provided on the statewide transportation bond measure. He suggested that staff discuss this issue and come back to the Executive Committee within the next two months with a plan on how to move forward.

Vice Mayor Harris-Ebert asked which bonds the public information program would apply to.

Councilmember Madaffer indicated that the public information program would not specifically focus on any of the bond measures. The purpose of the information would be to educate the public on how important state infrastructure funding is for the region.

Vice Mayor Harris-Ebert indicated that the public should recognize the importance of education to the region, not just transportation.

Councilmember Madaffer agreed and stated that the California Teachers’ Association would likely be conducting a public information program on the education bond measure.

Ms. Kawada added that a public-private partnership bill, AB 1467, also passed. Although there is no funding involved, this bill provides the authority for regional transportation agencies such as SANDAG to consider public-private partnerships. In our region, it provides an opportunity to consider such partnerships for border-related projects such as the East
Otay Mesa Port of Entry and State Route (SR) 11. AB 1467 also provides authority for more high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane projects. Staff noted that currently, the region has approval to develop three out of the four HOT lane projects in our RTP. This bill would afford the region the opportunity to develop the fourth one.

Ms. Kawada summarized the major provisions of the housing and land use-related bond proposal, SB 1689. Like the transportation bond measure, some funding ($1.5 billion) would be allocated through existing programs, while other funding ($1.35 billion) would be allocated under new programs that will be defined by future legislation. Staff will watch for pending bills that define the conditions and criteria for these new programs.

Mayor Guerin asked what criteria would be used if agencies want to apply for public safety-related infrastructure funding.

Mr. Gallegos stated that the CTC has until December 2006 to adopt guidelines on how the funding is to be distributed for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Program. Staff will be providing input into the development of the guidelines and criteria. He noted that staff has met recently with CTC members to educate them about San Diego’s infrastructure needs, especially as related to our border with Mexico. In addition, there is a new CTC Commissioner from San Diego, named John Chalker, who should play an important role on the Commission. Staff expects that the CTC will reach out to regional agencies as they are developing their guidelines and that we will be able to provide input on behalf of the San Diego region.

Mayor Crawford (North County Coastal) asked how much funding will be allocated in the transportation bond measure for seismic retrofitting of local bridges. Ms. Kawada noted that $125 million is included statewide in the Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit program in the bill. She also stated that related legislation adopted in conjunction with the bond package would exempt seismic retrofit projects from certain state environmental review processes.

Councilmember Madaffer pointed out two relevant bills that staff is currently monitoring. On page 20 of the staff report, SB 1754 (Lowenthal) is a bill sponsored by the League that would provide a financing mechanism for infrastructure and other related improvements in designated local housing and infrastructure zones. He also mentioned that he recently had some good dialogue with Senator Ducheny regarding SB 1800 (pp. 17-18). The bill, sponsored by the California Building Industry Association (BIA), is aimed at housing element reform. While SB 1800 includes some provisions supported by the League, Senator Ducheny realizes that the bill will need to change to add other provisions for incentives for local governments if she wants the League to support the bill. Councilmember Madaffer noted that the staff recommendation to monitor both SB 1754 and SB 1800 was appropriate.

Mr. Gallegos commented that Senator Ducheny has asked SANDAG for help with SB 1800, and SANDAG will continue to work with the Senator, her staff, and our member agencies on the bill as needed.

Councilmember Madaffer stated that the League’s current position regarding SB 1800 is to oppose it. However, they are willing to change their opinion if the bill is amended.
Vice Mayor Harris-Ebert asked what specific provisions the League is opposing in SB 1800.

Councilmember Madaffer stated that the League opposes the required 20-year land supply proposed in SB 1800. He added that what is currently in SB 1800, and where he thinks the bill is headed, are two different things. He mentioned that the League has been working with the BIA to develop amendments that would be more acceptable to local governments. He noted that the entire state looks to SANDAG as a model for what should be done statewide to integrate our land use and transportation decisions.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Mayor Guerin and a second by Mayor Sanders, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the recommended positions and/or actions on the state bills included in the staff report.


Staff reviewed the Draft Board agenda for the May 26, 2006, meeting with the Executive Committee. Staff added there will be one additional item added to the agenda to proclaim June 11-17, 2006, as Affordable Housing Week.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Mayor Guerin and a second by First Vice Chair Sessom, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the May 26, 2006, Board agenda as amended.

7. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 9, 2006.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Cafagna adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet
## CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
### SANDAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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