EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS  JUNE 9, 2006

Chairman Mickey Cafagna (North County Inland) called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2006, MEETING MINUTES

   Action: Upon a motion by Chairman Bill Horn (County of San Diego), and a second by First Vice Chair Mary Sessom (East County), the Executive Committee voted to unanimously approve the minutes of the May 12, 2006, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

   None.

3. CHAIR’S REPORTS (3)

   3. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

      Chairman Cafagna noted that it is the time of the year to approve the performance evaluation of the Executive Director from the last year and to approve a set of goals for the upcoming year. All members of the Committee should have received a copy of the Executive Director’s past performance review and upcoming performance goals. Chairman Cafagna recommended that the Executive Director’s salary be increased in accordance with his contract and that he receive a 10 percent bonus award for his work over the past year.

      Chairman Cafagna stated that SANADG is extremely fortunate to have one of the best transportation experts in the country who has proven to be able to bring people together. His relationship with the Governor’s Office and state legislators is impeccable, and he is doing a good job in helping to represent SANDAG interests in key legislation, such as the statewide infrastructure bond bills that recently passed. He added that the agency couldn’t do any better with another Executive Director.

      Action: Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Sessom, and a second by Councilmember Jim Madaffer (City of San Diego), the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the Board of Directors approve: (1) the Executive Director’s performance evaluation for the period July 2005 to June 2006, including the recommended bonus award for the accomplishment of the year’s performance goals; and (2) performance objectives for the coming year.
REPORTS (4 through 6)

4. FINAL DRAFT FY 2007 BUDGET (INCLUDING OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (RECOMMEND))

Tim Watson, Budget Program Manager, presented the Executive Committee with the final draft of the FY 2007 Program Budget and Overall Work Program (OWP). He briefly recapped the highlights of this year’s budget. Significant revisions were made to the budget prioritization process. Staff evaluated each work element to determine whether they were mandated, an inter-agency commitment, or were optional. For those optional elements, staff evaluated how critical they were to one of the four strategic goals that were established for the FY 2007 budget. This allowed for a more streamlined process.

In addition, an official TransNet Early Action Program (EAP) Project Office was established as part of the capital program. The FY 2007 budget also includes six new regular full-time positions with an annual cost of $436,000, which will be offset by $82,000 in reduced part-time staffing costs. Mr. Watson commented that the budget also includes several TIPS (Temporary, Intern, Part-Time, and Seasonal) positions and Limited-Term positions for the Mobility Management and Project Implementation Department and the Criminal Justice Research Division. These positions provide the staffing flexibility to meet emerging needs.

Councilmember Madaffer asked if the funding for the six new full-time positions represent the full cost of the positions. Mr. Watson replied that the cost of the proposed positions is fully loaded and include both salary and benefits.

Several new programs are receiving additional emphasis and resources, including: the comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update, a draft to be completed in 2007; traffic management programs including traveler information services (511 service) and the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program; the development of a strategy for public/private partnerships to create opportunities that can generate new transportation revenue; the update to the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Integrated Regional Infrastructure Strategy; the development of a regional freight and intermodal strategy as part of the RTP; the next steps for the Otay Mesa binational corridor strategic plan; and development of Urban Design Guidelines as part of the RCP.

Mr. Watson reported that there have been a few changes to the budget since the draft budget was released in March 2006. These changes include: continuing to refine work element descriptions and budget document; the addition of $400,000 in new Criminal Justice Research grants (most of the funding will come from the District Attorney’s Office to do an evaluation of the prisoner re-entry program); the addition of $313,000 in funding for higher costs related to retirement and health plan benefits; and the transfer of TransNet EAP-related OWP items into the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) portion of the budget. Staff also has completed the detailed descriptions for the large CIP projects, and any project over $1 million has its own description, map locator, and annual cash flow summary.

Mr. Watson concluded the proposed deposit to the contingency reserve would be more than $3 million, bringing the projected year-end reserve balance to $4.7 million, or approximately 10 percent of the FY 2007 OWP. The staff recommendation today is for the Executive Committee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the FY 2007 Program Budget at its June 23, 2006, meeting.
Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, pointed out the table on pp. 9-1 through 9-4 of the budget, which shows more than $3.5 billion worth of CIP projects. The region is beginning to see the results of some of these transportation projects, which are either under development, under construction, or almost ready to go to construction. In terms of our capital program, this is an all-time high for SANDAG.

Councilmember Madaffer stated that he was very impressed with the e-mails that the Board members have been receiving from staff that highlight some of the SANDAG news stories. He suggested that all of the e-mails and stories be posted in a single location on the SANDAG Web site. He also suggested that the recent transportation project progress report and PowerPoint presentation be added to the SANDAG Web site. The $3.5 billion of transportation projects should be highlighted as much as possible, and the Board should consider developing a public information program to get the word out. It is important from a public relations standpoint to show the voters that work in underway on the TransNet projects they voted for.

Jack Boda, Director of Mobility Management and Project Implementation, indicated that SANDAG and Caltrans staff have been working together to develop a joint Web site which will showcase the TransNet EAP projects.

Mr. Gallegos mentioned that the ultimate plan is to equip each of the TransNet project Web sites with links to the traffic cameras operating in the corridors.

Chairman Cafagna questioned how the Executive Committee could compare staffing levels in this budget with last year’s budget. He asked whether the overall work load had increased this year compared to last year. Leslie Campbell, Director of Administration, noted that one position is a Contract Specialist and another position is a Graphics Specialist. There will be an additional position added to the clerical staff, and two current temporary positions will be deleted to allow for that. She discussed the increased level of work experienced over the past year with contracts, graphics, and meeting support services. An accounting position also will be added to assist with the accounting for the Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS), which SANDAG will assume in FY 2007. The last two positions are a Senior Planner that will handle energy issues and a Legislative Analyst.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer, and a second by First Vice Chair Sessom, the Executive Committee voted to approve Resolution No. 2006-20, adopting the FY 2007 Program Budget.

5. LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT (APPROVE)

Kim Kawada, Executive Program Manager, provided the Executive Committee with a legislative status report. She reported that on June 6, 2006, the House Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development (TTHUD) Appropriations Committee passed its FY 2007 appropriations bill. She drew the Committee’s attention to a handout showing the current San Diego projects in the bill. They total more than $5 million, and include potential funding for the following projects:
- Otay Mesa Border Crossing ($150,000)
- SR 52 ($500,000)
- SR 76 ($500,000)
- East County Bus facility in El Cajon ($1,500,000)
- San Luis Rey Transit Center in Oceanside ($500,000)
- Regional Bus Replacements ($450,000)
- Mission Valley East full funding grant agreement ($806,654)
- SPRINTER full funding grant agreement ($684,040)

Ms. Kawada reported that overall, earmarks are down approximately 70 percent compared to last year. Next week, action by the full House is expected on the FY 2007 appropriations bill. The Senate is expected to take the matter up in June/July.

Mr. Gallegos stated that earmarks are going to be a lot tougher to get and will undergo more scrutiny.

Victoria Stackwick, Legislative Analyst, commented that federal legislators are evaluating how well the overall federal appropriations process works. Staff will have a better feel for what changes to the process may occur after this year’s appropriations process.

Councilmember Madaffer mentioned that Arizona Senator John McCain’s perspective is that the earmark process won’t go away, but that a clearinghouse for project requests will probably be established.

Mr. Gallegos stated that in California, Congressman Bill Thomas received a considerable amount of funding for the Bakersfield area; this action probably reduced the amount of earmarks going to other areas in the state.

Chairman Cafagna commented that the region should take advantage of the recent election of Congressman Bilbray in the 50th District as one way to leverage funding for the region.

Councilmember Madaffer mentioned that part of Congressman Bilbray’s campaign was to work with local governments and SANDAG.

Mr. Gallegos indicated that SANDAG has been working with the other members of the Republican and Democratic Congressional delegation in the region to support the projects in the 50th District.

Ms. Kawada mentioned that at the state level, the Legislative Budget Conference Committee is considering the FY 2007 state budget. There are two outstanding budget issues before the Committee: (1) what to do with Public Transit Account (PTA) spillover revenues, which are projected to be $344 million higher than what was originally anticipated in January; and (2) early repayment of Proposition 42 loans made to the General Fund during prior budget years.

Ms. Kawada noted that as one action today, staff is asking the Executive Committee to take a position opposing the diversion of spillover funds for General Fund or nontransportation purposes. This is consistent with SANDAG’s legislative program. She also mentioned that Senators Ducheny and Hollingsworth are both on the conference committee, and that we would keep the Executive Committee apprised of any key developments.
Regarding the statewide infrastructure bonds, the Governor signed the various bills that would put a $37 billion statewide infrastructure bond package on the November ballot. This proposal would include five separate ballot measures, including:

- **Proposition 1A**: Protection of Proposition 42 funds (SCA 7)
- **Proposition 1B**: Transportation, Air Quality and Port Security (SB 1266) $ 19.925 billion
- **Proposition 1C**: Housing and Emergency Shelter (SB 1689) 2.850 billion
- **Proposition 1D**: K-12/University Facilities (AB 127) 10.416 billion
- **Proposition 1E**: Flood Prevention (AB 140) 4.090 billion

**TOTAL** $ 37.281 billion

Ms. Kawada also reported that a recent statewide poll of likely voters was conducted at the end of May. The poll (in favor/against) shows that the Transportation (57%/24%) and Flood Protection (58%/25%) measures are showing good signs of passing. The Education (48%/34%) and Housing (39%/38%) measures are lagging. She noted that these ballot measures each require a majority approval for passage.

Councilmember Madaffer pointed out that in the staff report it states that a public information program in support of the statewide bond measures is not being proposed by staff. He suggested that the Executive Committee give consideration to what other Councils of Governments (COGs) in the state are doing in relationship to Proposition 42 funding. He asked if nothing is done, how will that affect the outcome.

Mr. Gallegos noted that SANDAG has been working with the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) to get all of the COGs on board with the measures.

He mentioned that all of the local transportation sales tax measures on the June 2006 ballot recently failed, including Sonoma County’s sales tax measure, which failed for the third time.

Mr. Gallegos stated that a separate private sector campaign in support of the infrastructure bond measures is being organized. Jim Earp of the California Alliance for Jobs is pulling together a campaign at the statewide level. Mr. Earp will come to San Diego on June 27, 2006, to help develop a strategy for a public information campaign for the San Diego region. TransNet provides a good road map for the kinds of projects that could be funded by the statewide transportation bond measure.

Councilmember Madaffer mentioned that what CALCOG does on a statewide basis is important for the region.

Vice Mayor Ron Morrison (South County) stated that this would be a topic at the CALCOG Regional Issues Forum coming up at the end of June.

Ms. Kawada noted that SANDAG staff is currently working with NCTD and MTS staffs to develop a list of potential projects that could be funded if the propositions passed. The lists of potential projects would be made available as part of the public information program on the bond measures. Staff also proposes to return to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors in July with resolutions supporting Propositions 1A, 1B, and 1C. These measures are consistent with the RCP and RTP. Ms. Kawada noted that resolutions supporting
Propositions 1D (education) and 1E (levees) are not proposed. These two issues were not specifically included in the regional infrastructure strategy in the RCP.

Ms. Kawada also stated that three new state bills have been added to the list of legislation that SANDAG is tracking. Staff is recommending a monitor position on two of the bills, Assembly Bill (AB) 2778 and Senate Bill (SB) 1, which are energy-related. In addition, staff is recommending opposing AB 2442, which adversely affects the sources of Proposition 42 transportation funding.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Morrison, and a second by Councilmember Madaffer, the Executive Committee voted to approve taking a position opposing the diversion of spillover funds for General Fund and non-transportation purposes and to approve positions on the three bills in Table 1 of the staff report.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) recommended that SANDAG oppose a telecommunications bill, AB 2987.

Councilmember Madaffer agreed that if passed, AB 2987 would be detrimental to local jurisdictions throughout the state. He noted that Chris McKenzie, Executive Director of the League of California Cities, would be in San Diego on Monday, June 12 to address the San Diego City Council on this matter.

Mr. Gallegos stated that the Executive Committee should not deal with this issue today, because it is not on the agenda. He noted that the Committee could add this item to the June 23 Board agenda for discussion.

Julie Wiley, General Counsel, commented that if the Executive Committee would like to discuss this issue today, it could vote to add it to today’s agenda as an emergency item for discussion. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee would be required to add the item to today’s discussion.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Morrison, and a second by Councilmember Madaffer, the Executive Committee voted to add AB 2987 to the agenda as an emergency item.

First Vice Chair Sessom stated that the Executive Committee needs to find a nexus to SANDAG’s plans and policies in order to take a position on this item.

Ms. Wiley noted that if there is not some type of nexus, it could set a precedent for bringing issues to SANDAG.

Vice Mayor Pia Harris-Ebert (North County Inland) stated if members wanted to take action on a telecommunications bill that is not directly related to SANDAG’s purview, then we also should consider taking a position on the education bond measure. Education is important to the region.

Mayor Crystal Crawford (North County Coastal) commented that the telecommunications issue could be discussed by the cities at the upcoming League of California Cities luncheon on Monday.
Chairman Cafagna asked where does the Executive Committee draw the line and stop taking positions on issues not consistent with SANDAG’s purview. There are a lot of issues that the SANDAG could support or oppose.

Vice Mayor Morrison noted that AB 2987 takes local control for regulating cable and video service franchising locations from the cities and gives it the state.

**Public Comment:**

Clive Richards, a San Diego resident, stated that all he knows about this bill is that it is related to mobile communications. He asked for clarification of the issue.

Councilmember Madaffer responded that this issue deals with the provision of video services.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer and a second by Vice Mayor Morrison, the Executive Committee voted to add AB 2987 as an item on the June 23 Board agenda.

First Chair Sessom clarified that this item should go on the SANDAG Board’s consent agenda. Most of the local jurisdictions already have received presentations and taken actions locally on this issue. She also noted that staff needed to discuss the nexus of this bill and SANDAG activities in the report to the Board. She stated that a staff presentation is not needed.

Vice Mayor Harris-Ebert agreed that the Board doesn’t need to be informed on this issue. As local elected officials, they should already be informed. Individual jurisdictions have already been educated on this issue.

6. REVIEW OF THE JUNE 23, 2006, DRAFT BOARD AGENDA (APPROVE)

Diane Eidam, Chief Deputy Executive Director, reviewed the draft agenda for the June 23, 2006, Board meeting with the Executive Committee. Staff noted the following changes:

1. Move FY 2007 Transportation Development Act Allocations and Productivity Improvement Goals from Consent to the Reports section of the agenda. This item also would also include proposed funding allocations for bicycle and pedestrian projects.

2. Add the Mira Mesa Transit Center Environmental Document to the Consent agenda. The recommended action would be to approve this item.

3. Add AB 2987 to the Consent agenda as previously discussed.

4. Change the recommendation from, “Information” to, “Information/Possible Action” on two items: (a) Smart Growth Concept Map: Workshop Summary; and (b) Independent Transit Plan Review Report.

Mr. Gallegos mentioned that staff originally included the Smart Growth Concept Map and Independent Transit Plan Review Report as informational items in June to allow the Board to discuss this issue one month, and then take action the following month. However, given the Regional Planning and Transportation Committee’s unanimous actions on these items on
June 2, staff is suggesting changing the recommendation to Information/Possible Action so that the Board can take action in June, if so desired.

Second Vice Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler (North County Inland) stated that the staff report should indicate that.

Mayor Crawford said she was surprised by some comments related to the Smart Growth Concept Map that she heard at the June 2 meeting.

Mr. Gallegos commented that the Smart Growth Concept Map has resulted in a fair amount of discussion throughout the region. There is support for and opposition to some of the proposed smart growth areas included in the map. He noted that all of the recommended smart growth areas came directly from local jurisdictions, and not SANDAG.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer, and a second by Mayor Crawford, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the June 23, 2006, Board agenda as amended.

Chairman Cafagna pointed out that there is a potential conflict with the July 28, 2006, Board of Directors meeting and a League of California Cities Conference.

Mr. Gallegos mentioned that the meeting could be moved back to Friday, August 4, 2006, or up to Friday, July 21, 2006.

Ms. Kawada added that staff also is anticipating having a joint Transportation Committee/Regional Planning Committee meeting on Friday, August 4, 2006.

Chairman Cafagna determined that the Board meeting would take place on Friday, August 4, 2006, followed by with the Transportation Committee meeting, the Joint Transportation Committee and Regional Planning Committee meeting, and the Regional Planning Committee meeting. The times of the meetings will be made available at a later date.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2006.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cafagna adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet
## CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
### SANDAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
#### JUNE 9, 2006

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