



BOARD ACTIONS

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TRANSPORTATION PROGRESS REPORT: *Highway Projects:* Caltrans opened to traffic a northbound auxiliary lane between Scripps Poway Parkway and SR 56 and a southbound auxiliary lane between Rancho Peñasquitos Boulevard and Mercy Road. Completion of this improvement project was advanced ahead of the completion of the Managed Lanes to relieve congestion at this bottleneck....The California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved adding \$30 million in new interregional STIP funds to the SR 905 freeway project. Caltrans estimates construction beginning in early 2007. *Transit Projects:* The City of Oceanside and the North County Transit District hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 29 for the opening of the 450-space Oceanside Transit Center Parking Structure....The CTC approved \$6 million in new STIP funding for the Solana Beach Transit Center Parking structure. This project is currently in design and is anticipated to begin construction in late FY 2007. *Arterial and Freeway Interchange Project:* The City of San Diego awarded the construction contract for the Clairemont Mesa Boulevard/SR 163 Interchange. This project will widen the Clairemont Mesa Boulevard bridge over SR 163, widen ramps, and improve general circulation in this area. This project is scheduled for completion in late 2007....The City of San Marcos held a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 18 for the opening of the Las Posas Road/SR 78 Interchange. This \$23.5 million project opened ahead of schedule and will relieve some of the congestion on interchanges. *Traffic and Demand Management:* The Freeway Service Patrol assisted approximately 13,400 motorists, about 6 percent more than last quarter. Vanpool participation grew four percent in the last quarter, from 474 to 495 vanpools. Overall, 4,179 daily commuters participate in the program. (Item #11, Staff contact: Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org)

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NCTD FARE INCREASE PROPOSED: SANDAG conducted a first reading of the amended Comprehensive Fare Ordinance to reflect the proposed new fares for NCTD. NCTD determined that a fare increase and other measures are needed to balance FY 2007 budget. Increasing fuel costs, significant increases in property insurance premiums, and increasing workers' compensation costs are among the factors affecting the budget shortfall. To bridge the gap between escalating costs and slower revenue growth, and to create a balanced budget for FY 2007, NCTD is proposing fare increases, service adjustments, and a reduced capital program budget. The proposed fare increase is for all NCTD services, including fixed route BREEZE bus, FAST demand responsive, ADA/LIFT, and COASTER services. It would become effective July 1, 2006. The proposal would increase cash fares and day passes for BREEZE and FAST by \$0.25 from the current fare. ADA/LIFT cash fares are proposed to increase \$0.50 and Special Events fares are proposed to increase \$1.00 for one-way trips. COASTER fare adjustments include a \$0.25 increase per zone and a \$10.00 increase in the monthly pass. NCTD projects to generate an additional \$840,000 annually from the proposed fare adjustments. SANDAG will conduct a second reading and consider adoption of the amendment ordinance at its June 9 Board meeting. (Item #10, Staff contact: Dan Levy, (619) 699-6942; dle@sandag.org)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 9, 2006
Policy Meeting

- 2nd Reading of Amendment to Comprehensive Fare Ordinance
- Tour of SPRINTER Rail Line

June 23, 2006
Business Meeting

- Final FY 2007 Program Budget and Overall Work Program
- *TransNet* Local Street and Road Program Guidelines
- Final 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK IS JUNE 11 TO 17: At the request of the San Diego Housing Federation, SANDAG Directors approved a resolution proclaiming the week of June 11-17 as Affordable Housing Week, and encouraging other member agencies to take similar action. The purpose of Affordable Housing Week is to call attention to both the need for affordable housing as well as the value added to cities and communities by creating housing for all residents, regardless of income. Housing affordability in the San Diego region continues to be a challenging public policy issue affecting many of our residents and their families. By recognizing Affordable Housing Week, SANDAG will help draw attention to the need for affordable housing, and to the many well-designed, well-managed, and well-maintained affordable homes that have been provided in our region for lower income families, people with disabilities, and seniors. *(Item #5, Staff contact: Susan Baldwin, (619) 699-1943; sba@sandag.org)*

CHARTER FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY WORKING GROUP

APPROVED: SANDAG approved the charter for the Regional Economic Evaluation and Prosperity Strategy Advisory Working Group. This group will provide expertise in creating the Regional Economic Evaluation and Prosperity Strategy — an extensive analysis of our regional economy and its performance. The purpose of the report is twofold: first, an evaluation framework for measuring progress and comparing our region against its competitors to identify economic strengths and weaknesses and second, a consensus on the essential parts of a long-term economic vision with recommended actions for infrastructure investments and public policy support to strengthen the region's economic foundation. The previous Prosperity Strategy sounded the alarm in the early 1990s as job growth declined and long time residents began to leave. The SANDAG Board also approved a list of proposed members, including representatives from SANDAG and other local public agencies, private non-profit organizations, Tijuana/Baja California, universities/academia, and economic development agencies and organizations. SANDAG Board Member and Coronado Councilmember Phil Monroe and San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation President and CEO Julie Meier Wright will co-chair the working group. *(Item #9, Staff contact: Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930; mco@sandag.org)*

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR BOARD LEADERSHIP APPROVED:

Directors approved an application process for the nomination and selection for SANDAG Board Officers. In January 2006, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the SANDAG Bylaws, which established the new process. An application form for the Chair and two Vice Chair positions will be posted on the SANDAG Web site in or around July. The application form is for candidates interested in the positions of Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair for the upcoming calendar year. The application form includes questions concerning the candidate's vision statement for SANDAG and his/her qualifications. In September, the Chair shall appoint up to a six-person nominating committee. In October/November, the nominating committee shall interview the candidates and submit a slate of nominees for the three Board offices for distribution to Board members in or around November. Election of Officers will be held during the regular December Board meeting. Additional nominations for any office may be made by Board members at the election meeting. The term of office for Board Officers shall begin on January 1. *(Item #8, Staff contact: Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994; kka@sandag.org)*