



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 15, 2006**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 06-12-1
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS
NOVEMBER 17, 2006**

Chairman Mickey Cafagna (Poway) called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 9:11 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler (Escondido) and a second by Councilmember Patricia McCoy (Imperial Beach), the SANDAG Board of Directors unanimously approved the minutes from the October 13, and October 27, 2006, meetings.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

Don Stillwell, a member of the public, provided comments related to the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Board meeting regarding National City Transit operations. He also suggested that the timing of buses at the Grantville Trolley Station be delayed by 5 minutes so that connections can be made between buses and trolleys.

Councilmember Donna Frye, City of San Diego, said she wanted to speak about the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission project. Members of the Energy Working Group (EWG) have put together a recommendation that she urged this Board to support in its entirety. The City of San Diego has not yet taken a position on this project, and she didn't feel it would be appropriate for the city's representatives on the SANDAG Board to take a position here. She said the primary reason not to take a position on this project is that there is not sufficient information upon which to base a decision. There have been no environmental reports, and there is no defined route for the proposed line. We need to send the message that we need to receive all of the information about the project before decisions are made.

Chuck Lungerhausen, a member of the public, congratulated those SANDAG Board members who were reelected to their council or mayor positions and expressed regrets to those who were not reelected or chose not to run. Since Proposition A was defeated, he hoped that Lindbergh Field does not fall into gridlock and that future passengers don't miss connecting flights at other airports. He had concerns about ordnance flying in and out of Miramar with pilots in training. He mentioned the start of construction on the joint development project at the Grossmont Trolley Station in La Mesa.

Chair Cafagna introduced Dr. Donald Chick, representing the Department of the Navy, and Mark Muir, with the San Diego County Regional Water Authority.

Chair Cafagna congratulated all of the SANDAG Board members who won their reelection campaigns.

3. ACTIONS FOR POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (APPROVE)

This item summarizes the actions taken by the Borders Committee on October 27, and the Executive, Transportation, and Regional Planning Committees on November 3, 2006.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Joe Kellejian (Solana Beach) and a second by Councilmember McCoy, the SANDAG Board approved Agenda Item No. 3, Actions from Policy Advisory Committees. Yes – 17 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Oceanside and San Marcos.

CONSENT ITEMS (4 through 7)

4. REPORT SUMMARIZING DELEGATED ACTIONS TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (INFORMATION)

In accordance with SANDAG Board Policy Nos. 003 (Investment Policy) and 017 (Delegation of Authority), this report summarizes certain delegated actions taken by the Executive Director during September 2006.

5. FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM AMENDMENT FOR CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGENCY (APPROVE)

The Board of Directors is asked to adopt Resolution No. 2007-13, approving the FY 2007 Transportation Development Act (TDA) allocation and claim for Full Access and Coordinated Transportation, Inc. (FACT), to provide Consolidated Transportation Services Agency services in FY 2007. FACT is claiming \$87,098 of the \$112,881 in TDA Article 4.5 funding available in FY 2007.

6. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006, AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW (INFORMATION)

State law requires that the Board be provided a quarterly report of investments held by SANDAG. This report includes all money under the direction or care of SANDAG as of September 30, 2006. SANDAG Investment Policy also requires that the Director of Finance annually submit to the Board of Directors a statement of investment policy, which the Board shall consider at a public meeting.

7. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2006 (INFORMATION)

This quarterly report summarizes the current status of major highway, transit, arterial, traffic management, and transportation demand management projects in the SANDAG five-year Regional Transportation Improvement Program for the period July 2006 through September 2006.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Jerome Stocks (Encinitas) and second by Supervisor Bill Horn (County of San Diego), the SANDAG Board voted to approve Consent Item Nos. 4 through 7, including Resolution No. 2006-13. Yes – 17. No – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – Oceanside and San Marcos.

CHAIR'S REPORTS (8 through 10)

Chair Cafagna indicated that several items would be taken out of order, starting with Item No. 10.

10. REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON SLATE OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2007 (INFORMATION)

Councilmember Jim Madaffer (City of San Diego), Chair of Nominating Committee, said that last year Chair Cafagna appointed a Nominating Committee. This Committee created a new standard for future Board leadership positions by developing an application and interview process for candidates. This year was the first time that the new application and interview process was used. All of the candidates who submitted applications for 2007 Board officer positions were outstanding. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of Board officers for 2007: Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Sessom for Chair, Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler for First Vice Chair, and Solana Beach Councilmember Joe Kellejian for Second Vice Chair. In accordance with SANDAG Bylaws, the election of officer positions is scheduled for the December 15, 2006, Board meeting. Additional nominations from the floor also may be made at the December meeting.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE CO-06-1 AMENDING ORDINANCE CO-04-01 (SAN DIEGO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ORDINANCE AND EXPENDITURE PLAN) REVISING THE EXPENDITURE PLAN TO INCLUDE COMPLETION OF THE SPRINTER PROJECT AND PROPOSED REVISIONS TO *TransNet* EARLY ACTION PROGRAM (APPROVE FIRST READING)

Councilmember Kellejian stated that this item represents the next step in the process of developing a Financial Plan for the SPRINTER. We have received several briefings about this project over the past several months and understand the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirement for a Financial Plan to cover a \$98.6 million increase in the cost of the project. We understand the estimated cost reflects the high end of the cost range, and we have every intent of completing the SPRINTER for well under that amount. There are three main issues of this item: (1) the proposed Financial Plan for the SPRINTER, (2) the *TransNet* Ordinance amendment needed to implement the Financial Plan, and (3) review of the financial analysis work done to determine the impact of adding the SPRINTER as well as additional projects to the delivery of the *TransNet* Early Action Program. At its November 3, 2006, meeting, the Transportation Committee supported moving ahead with the proposed amendments to the *TransNet* Ordinance and to expand the Early Action Program. He introduced Craig Scott, *TransNet* Program Manager, to provide the report.

Mr. Scott provided additional information related to the three issues mentioned by Councilmember Kellejian. He reviewed the SPRINTER funding plan sources, including

\$50 million in Proposition 1B State Transit Assistance (STA) funding. He said that if the North County Transit District (NCTD) is able to mitigate the potential cost risks and hold the cost increase below the \$98.6 million estimate, it is proposed that the excess funding would be credited in the following order: Transportation Development Act (TDA) Carryover, *TransNet* Extension, NCTD FY 2007 STA, then Proposition 1B STA.

Mr. Scott reviewed the existing Ordinance language for the SPRINTER project, and suggested additional language that would clarify the completion of the initial SPRINTER project. The Ordinance can be amended with a first and second reading of an ordinance amendment and by a two-thirds vote of the entire SANDAG Board of Directors.

Mr. Scott said that staff has started the annual update process of the Financial Plan that includes replacing the forecasted estimated revenues and expenditure data for FY 2006 with actual data, and updated the Early Action Program (EAP) project costs based on the approved FY 2007 Program Budget. The analysis work has been based on the following revisions and potential additions to the updated EAP Plan of Finance base: the addition of \$24 million to implement the SPRINTER Financial Plan, the inclusion of \$400 million of Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) mitigation costs, and the inclusion of \$340 million in near-term capital improvements to the Trolley system to include the acquisition of new low-floor vehicles, the rehabilitation of existing Trolley vehicles, and station upgrades on the Blue and Orange Lines to provide platform retrofits for low-floor vehicles and shelter modifications. In addition, approximately \$250 million in new formula funds provided by Proposition 1B for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process and for the new State-Local Partnership Program have been added to the financial analysis, and a change in the Plan of Finance assumptions regarding the use of the *TransNet* Major Corridor funding has been incorporated.

Mr. Scott summarized the major changes to the Plan of Finance for the EAP resulting from the inclusion of these additional revenues and expenditures as compared to the updated base model: Total *TransNet*-funded project costs increase by \$604 million to \$4.3 billion to fully fund the SPRINTER, include the additional EMP expenditures, and support the Trolley capital improvements; the total amount of debt financing required to support these additional expenditure increases by \$340 million to \$1.85 billion; the total financing (interest) costs increase by \$386 million to \$1.63 billion; the coverage ratio for the Major Corridor program improves from 1.35 to 1.60 in the lowest year (2013) as a result of releasing the 10 percent set aside of Major Corridor funds assumed in the initial Plan of Finance and the inclusion of the new state funding from Proposition 1B; and the coverage ratio of the total *TransNet* program decreases somewhat from 3.49 to 3.36 in the lowest year (2013) due primarily to the higher borrowing need for the EMP. Mr. Scott noted that the additional costs associated with the SPRINTER and the other potential changes to the EAP can be accommodated without impacting the delivery of the rest of the EAP based on the current EAP project costs and schedules in the approved FY 2007 Program Budget.

Mr. Scott noted that the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) has a role in providing input to *TransNet* amendments. He introduced the ITOC Chair Maryam Babaki to provide the Committee's comments.

Ms. Babaki stated that they were very interested in this issue. They had a lot of questions, but staff and leadership of NCTD were very proactive in briefing us and responding to our

questions. At this point, the ITOC is satisfied with the SPRINTER Financial Plan and are in support of the Ordinance amendments, including the proposed EMP and the Trolley improvements.

Councilmember Kellejian complimented the staffs of SANDAG, NCTD, and FTA for the partnership they formed to make this possible. These actions will position these projects to compete favorably for state funds. The requirement for state monies is that projects have to be ready to go by 2012. The proposed funding of the EMP will help move along the improvements to I-5 and I-805 so we can make that completion timeline.

Julie Wiley, General Counsel, read the proposed *TransNet* Ordinance amendment into the record.

Chair Cafagna noted that there was one request to speak on this item.

Clive Richard, a member of the public, thanked Mayor Cafagna for his service as the Chair of the SANDAG Board. Mr. Richard said he is excited about the proposal to add new projects to the EAP, and part of that proposal includes Trolley improvement projects. He also was happy that the SPRINTER will continue to move forward and that environmental mitigation will be accelerated. He strongly supported the recommendation. He also congratulated those nominated for Board leadership positions for 2007.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Stocks and a second by Councilmember Madaffer, the SANDAG Board approved the introduction and first reading of Ordinance CO-06-1 amending Section 2(A)(1)(b)(10) of the San Diego Transportation Improvement Program Ordinance and Expenditure Plan as well as the corresponding Table 11 of the *TransNet* Extension Expenditure Plan Analysis attachment to the Ordinance, to include the completion of the SPRINTER project. The Board also approved scheduling the Second Reading and adoption of the amendment to the Ordinance for the December 15, 2006, meeting. Yes – 17 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Oceanside and San Marcos.

Chair Cafagna emphasized the importance of everyone's participation at the December 15 Board meeting for the second reading of the Ordinance. He said that if the primary representative cannot attend, please make sure that your alternate will attend. He noted that the Board's Holiday party will be held immediately following the December 15 meeting.

Supervisor Horn excused himself from participating on Item No. 13.

13. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON THE SDG&E SUNRISE POWERLINK TRANSMISSION PROJECT (APPROVE)

Second Vice Chair Pfeiler reported that at the September 8 Executive Committee meeting, it was requested that the SANDAG Board receive a recommendation on the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project at this November meeting. The EWG has continued its assessment of the power line and presented its recommendation to the Regional Planning Committee (RPC). There were extensive discussions at both of these

meetings. She introduced Susan Freedman to provide an overview of the project, the assessment process, and unresolved issues.

Susan Freedman, Senior Planner, described the proposed 150-mile high voltage line coming from El Centro into San Diego County. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is the lead agency overseeing this application process. She reviewed the Sunrise Powerlink application schedule. The CPUC milestones include March 2007 ratepayer advocates provide testimony on need; August 2007, Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is due; November 2007, the final EIR is due; and January 2008, the CPUC will make its decision on this project.

Ms. Freedman explained the EWG assessment process that looked at what options were available to meet the needs of the region in 2010, and with each option it looked at how that option would fit with the SANDAG Regional Energy Strategy (RES) and the state's energy requirements. By state law, 20 percent of the county's power needs must come from renewables by 2010. To fit in with California's resource loading order, we must do what we can for energy efficiency, demand response, distributed generation, conventional power plants, and transmission and distribution. In addition, there are new state laws related to greenhouse gas requirements. Further, the EWG looked at how the energy options would fit with the 2010 requirements and at what cost.

Ms. Freedman reviewed some unresolved questions including that other resource options could be viable to address the regional energy needs in 2010, it is unclear what amount of renewable generation will be delivered via this transmission line in 2010 to meet the RES goal and state requirements, and the Sunrise Powerlink could hinder the RES goals for in-region power.

Mayor Pfeiler asked the Board to consider the RPC recommendation regarding the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project, which is to take no position at this time. She said that if the Board supports this recommendation, staff should be directed to request that additional analyses be prepared to enable SANDAG to make a definitive recommendation on the project in the future.

Chair Cafagna noted there were a number of requests to speak on this item.

Scott Crider, representing SDG&E, complimented SANDAG staff members Susan Freedman and Rob Rundle. He asked for the Board's support on this critically needed transmission line. He said there are three benefits to this project: improved reliability, expansion of access to clean energy sources, and lower energy costs for SDG&E consumers. He said that growth has continued to increase and we will need this transmission line to meet the projected demand. He stated that 20 percent of our energy sources have to come from renewables by 2010. We will not meet that timeline without this transmission line. Large-scale renewable projects are economically infeasible. We would like to reduce the reliance on the older power plants in the region. The US Department of Energy said that our area is critically lacking transmission capacity. This project is consistent with the RES, and it does provide additional transmission capacity.

Carolyn Morrow, representing the Community Alliance for Sensible Energy (CASE), said she was disappointed with politicians for supporting this project. She echoed her colleagues' comments, thanked the EWG for its efforts on this issue, and hoped the Board heeds the

recommendation to take no position on this project. She said that this project will impact our county for generations.

Bill Powers, representing the Border Power Plant Working Group, said that this project is consistent with Goal No. 5 of the RES, but it is not consistent with Goal No. 2. The project is premised on the South Bay Power Plant going off line in 2009. We have always thought that the in-region power plants would be improved. He noted that Sempra (the SDG&E parent company) is building a natural gas plant in Mexicali, and the missing link for that project is a large-scale transmission project. The Sunrise Powerlink project should be looked at as a project for Los Angeles rather than for San Diego. We should let this process play out before the CPUC. The SDG&E representative said that the Sunrise Powerlink is necessary to meet the 20 percent renewables goal; however, that is not what the SDG&E application says.

Laura Copic, representing Carmel Valley Community Planning Board, Communities United for Sensible Power, and Carmel Valley Concerned Citizens, commented that the EWG provided thoughtful consideration about this project, and she agreed with the recommendation that no position be taken. She noted that the CPUC filed a protest on this application. She wondered if this project is our best energy option. She suggested that we obtain competitive bids to meet our renewable energy goals. She urged the SANDAG Board to support the EWG and RPC and adopt this recommendation.

Paul O'Neal, representing the EWG Resources Subcommittee, said that there were countless hours spent on this review process. Giving the Board a recommendation that puts SANDAG at risk is not the correct thing to do. We are here to provide you with sufficient counsel. You don't know what the route is, the cost impacts, or the environmental impacts of this project. A statement was made by the SDG&E representative that this project will save its ratepayers money. When the financial process was concluded, Sempra declined to share that information with the EWG. He has had discussions with the owners of the local power plants, and they want to rebuild them to be smaller and more efficient and provide energy for the region.

Kathleen Beck, representing the People's Powerlink, asked that the SANDAG Board support the recommendation. The EWG has done a good job, and there is not enough information available to take a position at this time. All of the routes will impact our back country, and we need the EIR information before a decision can be made.

Greg Parks, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, said that the Chamber was the lone dissenting vote at the EWG meeting. It has taken an official position to support this project. Our region's economy and quality of life are dependent on energy. We cannot conserve our way out of the energy crisis. The Chamber supports the development of additional power plants and other energy resources. The Sunrise Powerlink will provide access to new renewable energy. We have to build transmission lines to areas where renewables are available. He asked the Board to support this project.

Laura Hunter, Environmental Health Coalition, acknowledged that we spent a lot of time debating this project. The bottom line is that we don't have adequate information with which to make a decision. Three things were clear: there are many options, we do not have sufficient information, and decisions that we make are critically important for the future of this region. There is no reason to take a position now. She asked that the Board send a

formal request for information on the economic analysis from the Independent System Operator (ISO).

Diane Conklin, representing Communities United for Sensible Power (CUSP/MGRA), personally attended and participated in numerous EWG meetings. She commended the EWG on the thoroughness of this process. There is both new information and some uncertainty coming out of the new SDG&E application. Her community group supports the recommendation and the process that produced it.

Supervisor Joe Maruca, Imperial County Board of Supervisors, spoke in direct opposition to the Sunrise Powerlink because of air pollution issues. He said that they have air pollution problems due to unpaved roads both in Imperial County and in Mexicali, and the Sunrise Powerlink will add to the existing problem. We are already under federal government sanctions due to air pollution levels. He thought SANDAG should oppose this project.

Kelly Fuller, a resident of Alpine, commented that she has been working on this issue for about a year. She walked 78 miles of this route. She noted the list of supporters on the SDG&E Web site. She wondered if they will vote for SDG&E or support the RPC recommendation.

Paul Blackburn, San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club, provided background on his career related to energy projects. He has experience on both sides of the issue. He questioned the viability of the technology for this project, indicating that it has a high failure rate. There will be experts looking at this project. He asked the Board to take time to review this project thoroughly.

Katie Hansen, representing BIOCUM, a regional trade association, spoke in support of the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink. She said that it is necessary to secure a source of power. Sustained growth will come to a standstill without a reliable energy source. After 2000, the San Diego region must take practiced steps to ensure a reliable source of energy is available. This transmission line will lessen costs of energy from older power plants.

Mayor Art Madrid (La Mesa) stated that in 30+ years of public service, this is probably the most essential working group on which he has ever served. There is no debate that we need renewable energy sources for our region. SANDAG is seen as the first agency to show some vision, and we are being proactive in what we are attempting to do. We were told by Sacramento that if we wanted to provide legislation to research this further, the legislation would have to include all 58 counties in the state, so it did not pass. He and EWG Co-chair Henry Abarbanel testified before the California Energy Commission. He agreed that the Board cannot make an informed decision with minimal information. He strongly supported the RPC recommendation.

Councilmember Madaffer stated that both he and Mayor Sanders strongly support this project. The big concern is delay. There is no question that more information is needed. We are weighing in for energy sustainability. San Diego does not have a sufficient energy supply to meet the growing demand. Despite distributed generation we need to make sure we do not delay this project; however, he will support the recommendation.

Councilmember Matt Hall (Carlsbad) referred Board members to the last page of the agenda report. He said that we need to think about the cost of an energy shortfall.

Councilmember McCoy thanked the EWG and its Co-chairs, and said that we owe them the courtesy of following their recommendation. There are too many questions at this point to make a decision. She urged that we ask for the ISO report as this might answer the financial questions. She supported the recommendation of the EWG and RPC.

Vice Mayor Ron Morrison (National City) agreed that we need more answers before we make a decision. However, it's a situation that we will have to deal with at some point in time. He asked how long we should delay taking a position on this question. The completion of the draft EIR is expected in early August 2007. At that point it would go back to the EWG for analysis. Public hearings will be in late September. Then, the Final EIR will be completed at the end of November, with a decision in December 2007. He supported this project in concept because we do need renewable energy.

Councilmember Druker (Del Mar) stated this is a recommendation that has been well thought out. The CPUC has set up the timeline. August/September 2007 would be the timeframe when the environmental documents will be released.

Councilmember Phil Monroe (Coronado) wondered if anyone would change his/her mind about this project when the EIR is completed. He didn't think that would occur. We have talked about this project being a moving target. This is to the credit of SDG&E because it moved the route as a result of public input. He didn't think that in-region generation was a viable option.

Denis Trafecanty, a member of the public, said that he attended meeting last week held by Santa Ysabel, Pine Valley, and Descanso land owners, and none of them were in favor of this project. The East County is filled with no growth areas. They don't need the energy; it's coming into the urban areas. He suggested we use natural gas and modernize the Encino and South Bay Power Plants.

Chair Cafagna acknowledged that he has publicly endorsed the need for additional energy sources in our county, and he has endorsed additional freeways, highways, and more water. He said that we cannot be short-sighted and irresponsible about our energy needs. He supports this recommendation. We will need to answer the needs of the residents of this county.

Vice Mayor Morrison noted that 60 percent of the county's growth will be our children.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Madrid and a second by Second Vice Chair Pfeiler, the SANDAG Board voted to take no position on the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project at this time, and directed staff to request that additional analyses be prepared to enable SANDAG to make a definitive recommendation on the project in the future. Yes – 16 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – County of San Diego (0%). Absent – Oceanside and San Marcos.

8. 2007 ANNUAL SANDAG BOARD RETREAT (APPROVE)

Second Vice Chair Pfeiler stated that the primary objective of this Board retreat is to afford participants the opportunity to discuss strategies for some of the agency's more important regional policies and programs, and develop ideas for the future direction of the agency. The Executive Committee recommends approval of the 2007 retreat agenda.

Anne Steinberger, Communications Manager, reported that the annual SANDAG Board of Directors retreat is scheduled from January 31 through February 2, 2007, in the desert community of Borrego Springs. There is no shortage of topics, and they are featured on pages 1 and 2 of the report. We will be conducting a public opinion telephone survey before the retreat. She reviewed suggestions for the program, including identifying regional revenue opportunities, the Board's vision moving forward over the long-term, the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program, SANDAG accomplishments in 2006, and setting goals for 2007. She mentioned several potential speakers. Staff will continue to finalize this program, and invitations will be sent out in December.

Mayor Madrid strongly recommended that we invite the President of the CPUC or ISO or someone who could add clarity or expand on the issue of renewable and long-term energy in San Diego County or the state. He felt this would be more appropriate than a speaker from Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gallegos stated that we have been doing work with Mr. Blevin with the California Energy Commission, and he has expressed interest in helping to fund the ongoing work in energy planning. He may be a good candidate for a retreat speaker.

Councilmember Jack Dale (Santee) suggested that the airport would be a good topic for discussion. The Board agreed with that suggestion.

Councilmember Monroe asked about the golf tournament on Wednesday.

Councilmember Kellejian commented with regard to excluding Ruben Barrales as a potential retreat speaker. He said that we have consistently talked about not receiving adequate funding for homeland security. Mr. Barrales plays a key role in that discussion as well as in the issue of goods movement. From a transportation standpoint, he thought it would be key to invited Mr. Barrales attend the retreat.

Councilmember Jerry Rindone (Chula Vista) supported having a speaker from the state government rather than from the federal government. He thought there should be a session related to SANDAG and the airport issue.

Vice Mayor Morrison said that several years ago we brought in Sunne McPeak, the state Secretary of Business, Transportation, & Housing (BT&H) Agency. We will have a new Secretary of BT&H and perhaps that would be a good person to invite. Chair Cafagna indicated that that suggestion was already on the list.

Councilmember Madaffer noted that since the passage of Proposition 1B, we have a good opportunity for regional leaders to discuss funding from the state.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer and a second by Councilmember Rindone, the SANDAG Board approved the topics listed under the Discussion section of the agenda report as the basis for developing the retreat agenda and format. Yes – 15 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – County of San Diego, Lemon Grove, Oceanside, and San Marcos.

9. DRAFT 2006 PROGRESS REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Chair Cafagna reported that the report findings are summarized on page 2 of the agenda item. He outlined the regional work we have accomplished: *TransNet* Early Action Program, Regional Comprehensive Plan, Smart Growth Concept Map, offering incentives to bring stakeholders together for smart growth development, better defined regional transit services, adoption of a regional fare policy and comprehensive fare ordinance, 511 free traffic and travel information service, and Criminal Justice research into what is and isn't working, and vastly improved tools for our first responders with ARJIS. In January 2007, we will add a second county supervisor to our Board of Directors, totaling 21 voting members, and we will continue to succeed if all the cities and the County will participate fully in SANDAG.

Councilmember Monroe mentioned the work we have done with the tribes. Chair Cafagna said the tribes were mentioned on page 2.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Madrid and a second by Councilmember Madaffer, the SANDAG Board approved the final report on consolidation and directed staff to submit it prior to the December 31, 2006, deadline to the Governor and California Legislature. Yes – 12 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – County of San Diego, El Cajon, Encinitas, Lemon Grove, Oceanside, San Marcos, and Santee.

REPORTS (11 through 14)

11. AMENDMENT TO MASTER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE SPRINTER RAIL PROJECT (APPROVE)

Jim Linthicum, Director of Engineering and Construction, reported that since June 2005 SANDAG has had a Senior Engineer on loan to NCTD for the SPRINTER project. NCTD is asking for additional help as part of the SPRINTER recovery plan. He reviewed the positions being requested. The total amount of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is \$1.5 million (net increase is \$1,235,000).

Councilmember Stocks stated that the addition of SANDAG staff on this project has helped to alleviate the FTA concerns, especially the efforts of Jim Linthicum and Gary Gallegos. This is in the best interests of the taxpayers to ensure this project will get done in a timely manner.

Councilmember Druker expressed concern with the amount of money for this staff assistance.

Councilmember Madaffer said that the Board should consider the amount of money is limited considering the costs to the SPRINTER if the project risks are not properly monitored and managed.

Councilmember Rindone thought the price tag was high, but knows that Mr. Linthicum has the expertise and does a great job. The SANDAG staff engineers have performed well. He will support the motion as he knows the quality staff that is being loaned to NCTD.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Stocks and a second by Councilmember Madaffer, the SANDAG Board authorized the Executive Director to execute Amendment 1 to Addendum 2 to the Master MOU with NCTD in substantially the same form as attached, and to take all other actions necessary to implement its provisions. Yes – 14 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – County of San Diego, Lemon Grove, Oceanside, San Marcos, and Santee.

14. CRIME, ARREST, AND DRUG USE TRENDS IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION (INFORMATION)

Dr. Cynthia Burke, Director of the Criminal Justice (CJ) Research Division, reported that she will be talking about information from recently released products from our CJ Clearinghouse, including crime data, arrest data, and drug use data. There is a nexus between drug use and criminal activity. We are able to collect data from collaboration with regional agencies. She stated that the mid-year 2006 violent crime rate remains low. She showed each jurisdiction and the violent crime rate per population and the average crime rate in the region. There was a one-year increase for homicides and robberies. In 2006, we had the second highest number of homicides during the first half of the year. Common homicide motives were reviewed. One-third of homicides are a result of arguments between individuals. The mid-year 2006 regional property crime rate decreased. There was a great deal of variability across the region, based on daytime population in the jurisdiction. She noted that the motor vehicle theft rate decreased by five percent.

Dr. Burke reviewed the arrest data and said that it is not comparable to the crime rate, but it helps us know how law enforcement handles crime in its area and the reasons for the arrests. Alcohol/drug use is the largest factor in arrests. Juveniles have a much lower rate of arrest, and they are arrested for different crimes than adults. The one year arrest rate increased only for 25-29 year olds.

Dr. Burke stated that drug use is up in the region, including methamphetamine (meth) use. Three-fourths of females in jail and two-thirds of men in jail have tested positive for drug use. More than half of the women tested for drugs were positive for meth, 44 percent of men tested were positive for meth, and 21 percent for juveniles were positive for meth. She noted that adult drug use varies by arrestee age.

Dr. Burke said part of the CJ mission is to influence public policy. Implications were highlighted: collaboration, law enforcement retaining a focus on violent crime, changing demographics may affect the public safety system, the issue of limited resources won't go away, and drug prevention and treatment efforts are essential in fighting crime. For every \$1.00 invested in treatment there is a \$2.50 savings.

Mayor Madrid asked about the decrease in number of motor vehicle thefts. He wondered if Dr. Burke could identify the percent of stolen vehicles from shopping centers. He asked if staff has formed security partnerships with the private sector including shopping center owners in a regionwide effort. Dr. Burke replied that the City of Chula Vista has done a great job in working with the private sector. A number of the private sector businesses were reluctant to implement things like entrance arms because they thought it would inhibit the shoppers from coming to the shopping centers.

Mayor Madrid said he heard that more parolees are being released and the recidivism rate is high. Dr. Burke will provide information about parolees and their recidivism to Mayor Madrid. There is a new project that is trying to change how the reentry of parolees into the community is being handled, and identifying their needs in an attempt to decrease that recidivism rate.

Councilmember McCoy asked how the hidden health cost is being handled. Dr. Burke stated that parolees are not getting preventive health care, two-thirds do not have health insurance, and 60 percent of meth users who had a job went to work high or used drugs at their jobs. We need to inform the community that drug users affect them.

Councilmember Druker said that at some point it would be nice for SANDAG to look at the population denominator figures based upon the average daily number of people who are serviced in that city. Del Mar has about 3.5 million to 4 million visitors every year.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for December 15, 2006, at 9 a.m. **Please note the December meeting is scheduled for the third Friday of the month to accommodate the holiday schedule.**

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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**ATTENDANCE
 SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
 NOVEMBER 17, 2006**

JURISDICTION/ ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING
City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Member)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Jerry Rindone (Alternate)	Yes
City of Coronado	Phil Monroe (Member)	Yes
City of Del Mar	David Druker (Alternate)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Mark Lewis (Member)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Jerome Stocks (Alternate)	Yes
City of Escondido	Lori Holt Pfeiler (Member)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Patricia McCoy (Member)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Art Madrid (Member)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mary Sessom, Vice Chair (Member)	Yes
City of National City	Ron Morrison (Member)	Yes
City of Oceanside	Shari Mackin (Member)	No
City of Poway	Mickey Cafagna, Chair (Member)	Yes
City of San Diego - A	Scott Peters (Alternate)	Yes
City of San Diego - B	Jim Madaffer (Member B)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Pia Harris-Ebert (Member)	No
City of Santee	Jack Dale (Member)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Joe Kellejian (Member)	Yes
City of Vista	Judy Ritter (Member)	Yes
County of San Diego	Bill Horn (Member)	Yes
Caltrans	Pedro Orso-Delgado (Alternate)	Yes
MTS	Harry Mathis (Member)	Yes
NCTD	Jerome Stocks (Member)	No
Imperial County	Victor Carrillo (Member)	No
US Dept. of Defense	Dr. Donald Chick	Yes
SD Unified Port District	Vacant	No
SD County Water Authority	Mark Muir (Alternate)	Yes
Baja California/Mexico	Lydia Antonio (Alternate)	Yes