EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS
OCTOBER 13, 2006

First Vice Chair Mary Sessom (East County) called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Sessom and a second by Councilmember Jim Madaffer (City of San Diego), the minutes of the September 8, 2006, Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

There were no public comments/communications/or member comments.

REPORTS (3 through 7)

3. FY 2007 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS AND NEW ARJIS POSITION (APPROVE/RECOMMEND)

Tim Watson, Budget Program Manager, presented highlights of the proposed FY 2007 Overall Work Program (OWP) amendments. Caltrans has awarded grants to SANDAG totaling more than $1 million for six projects: Regional Bicycle Master Plan; Identifying Crime Patterns at Transit Stations; Access to Community Medical Transportation Services Planning; Tribal Transportation Demand Management Outreach; Implementing Early Action Strategies in Otay Mesa-Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor: the East Otay Mesa-Otay II Port of Entry; and a Short Distance Vanpool Feasibility Study. Another action that is part of this item is a recommendation for a new ARJIS (Automated Regional Justice Information System) position.

The six grants are funded from various state and federal programs. SANDAG applied for 16 grants in last year’s cycle, and the listing of the proposed grants was included in a section of the FY 2007 OWP. The new grants may be expended over a 2½-year time frame; therefore, much of the grant-funded work will continue into future years. No new staff positions are proposed; instead, the new work load will be distributed across existing staff members, including a limited term planning position that was hired earlier in the year. The addition of the new grant-funded work will not disrupt or delay the existing work elements in the FY 2007 OWP. Staff also recommends using up to $75,000 from contingency funds to provide the local match to the grants in FY 2007. This use of contingency funds is consistent with Policy No. 030, Section 2A. The balance in the contingency reserve would still exceed the minimum amount required by Board policy. Mr. Watson provided an overview of the
proposed grant projects. He stated that two would be passed through to other agencies, two would largely fund consultant efforts managed by staff, and two would be conducted primarily by SANDAG staff.

Mr. Watson said that the second recommended action is to approve a new ARJIS Senior Business Manager position. He reviewed the reasons for this additional position and its responsibilities. This position would be funded with existing and ongoing ARJIS fees. There would be no budget impact in 2007.

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4. 2007 ANNUAL SANDAG BOARD RETREAT (RECOMMEND)

Anne Steinberger, Communications Manager, said that the 2007 Board Retreat will be held in Borrego Springs, January 31 to February 2, 2007. She asked for input into the development of the retreat program. She reviewed several topics recommended for discussion. She noted that SANDAG will again offer an orientation for new Board members and refresher courses for returning Board members. She noted four possible speakers: Harvard Professor Herman “Dutch” Leonard to discuss governance and accountability; Ed Barlow, a futurist; Charles Schalliol, to discuss the Indiana experience with public/private partnerships; and Ruben Barrales, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Second Vice Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler (North County Inland) said that regarding the topic to review the long-range plans for smart growth, she asked if staff could provide a statewide overview of regional blueprint plans. Mr. Gallegos suggested that we consider inviting someone from the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency that is overseeing the Regional Blueprint Planning Program at the state level.

Supervisor Horn encouraged all Committee members to attend the retreat.

Councilmember Madaffer asked if there would be a report on the topic of quality of life funding options. Mr. Gallegos said that we are looking for discussion topics. If this is chosen as a topic, we could come back and provide more information as we develop potential funding options. He noted some of the outstanding issues related to the development of a quality of life funding measure. Our current transportation sales tax authority has some limits on what we can do; for example, sand on beaches would not be an eligible use under our current tax authority. Therefore, we may need to amend legislation to provide us the authority to fund certain quality of life programs.

Mayor Crawford noted that staff was asking for input on the suggested speakers. Ms. Steinberger stated that if the Committee members like these types of speakers, staff will start pursuing them, and who we get will depend on who is available during the retreat timeframe.

Supervisor Horn said he liked the futurist person.

Mayor Crawford expressed a preference for Professor Leonard.

Mr. Gallegos asked if we should invite Mr. Barrales; the consensus was affirmative.

Mayor Crawford cautioned that whoever speaks should be dynamic, interesting, and contributes to the retreat experience.

Vice Mayor Ron Morrison (South County) said that he was not interested in the topic of the Indiana toll roads.

Action Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer and second by Supervisor Horn, the Executive Committee recommended that the SANDAG Board of Directors approve the 2007 Annual SANDAG Board Retreat agenda.
5. LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)

Kim Kawada, Executive Program Manager, reviewed the actions taken by the State Legislature and Governor during the 2005-2006 legislative session. She noted that SANDAG had a very good legislative year. All of the SANDAG-sponsored bills and other key bills (SB 1282 [Ducheny], SB 1296 [Kehoe], AB 372 [Nation], and SB 463 [Kehoe]) were passed and signed by the Governor.

On the federal side, there is nothing new to report. Both the House and Senate Transportation Committees passed their respective 2007 transportation appropriations bills, but Congress did not consider them before it recessed at the end of September. The House passed a SAFETEA-LU technical corrections bill prior to recessing. These bills are expected to be taken up by Congress during a lame duck session after the November 7 election. She reviewed the actions related to SANDAG projects, and noted that next month we will start discussing the draft 2007 Legislative Program with the Executive Committee.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

6. ANALYSIS OF PROPOSITIONS 84, 87, AND 90 (INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Victoria Stackwick, Legislative Analyst, reviewed Propositions 84 and 87 indicating their impacts to the San Diego region and their supporters and opponents. She noted that passage of Proposition 87 could create fiscal uncertainty in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) if consumers purchase less gas.

John Kirk, Deputy General Counsel, reviewed Proposition 90, related to eminent domain, and explained the impacts to SANDAG if it passes. He said this measure would likely increase the cost of property acquisition, and it could have an impact on the Regional Comprehensive Plan and Regional Transportation Plan by increasing the cost of land acquisition. He reviewed the supporters and opponents of this measure.

Councilmember Madaffer noted that the City of San Diego has not taken a position on Proposition 84. He is personally opposed to all three of these propositions. Proposition 90 has crucial impacts to SANDAG. He is not sure how Propositions 84 or 87 affect much of what SANDAG does. He suggested that the Committee take no position on these propositions, or only take a position on Proposition 90.

Vice Mayor Morrison stated that Proposition 84 was a measure put together by environmental groups, and that water-related programs were tacked onto the measure to obtain political support. The proposition is a huge bond measure ($5.4 billion) that gives the public the impression it will do something for water in the State of California. However, it will not provide enough funding to substantially improve our water supply systems. He suggested an opposition position on Proposition 84.

Vice Mayor Morrison said that Proposition 87 sounds great, but it would put a severance tax on all oil products produced in California. An unanticipated consequence is that it may cause more oil to be imported into the state, because imported oil would not be subject to the severance tax.
Vice Mayor Morrison also supported taking an oppose position on Proposition 90.

Councilmember Madaffer noted that newspapers throughout the state have published opposing views on Proposition 90.

Councilmember Madaffer asked staff’s perspective on these propositions. Mr. Gallegos responded that Proposition 90 will be problematic for SANDAG, Proposition 87 has a lot of unintended consequences, some of which may impact transportation funding to the region, and Proposition 84 is a mixed bag of assorted funding programs.

Mayor Crawford suggested taking a “no” position on Proposition 90. She felt that we should alert folks that this is a bad measure.

Vice Mayor Morrison agreed that bringing attention to the negative impacts of Proposition 90 would not be a bad thing. Any education at all should turn people away from it.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Christy Guerin (North County Coastal), and a second by Vice Mayor Morrison, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to take an oppose position on Proposition 90 and to take no positions on Propositions 84 and 87.

7. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 27, 2006, DRAFT BOARD AGENDA (APPROVE)

Diane Eidam, Chief Deputy Executive Director, reviewed the items on this agenda. She noted that there would be an additional consent report on the California Biodiversity Council’s quarterly meeting.

Mayor Pfeiler asked if there would be a written report for Item No. 9, Regional Beach Sand Project Update. Mr. Gallegos answered that there would be a written report; however, he recommended moving this item to a future Board agenda as it is worthy of a discussion.

Mayor Crawford agreed that this would be a good Policy Board discussion item. The Executive Committee agreed to move Item No. 9 to a future Policy Board meeting.

Ms. Eidam continued her review of items on the draft agenda. She said there will be an additional Reports item related to the modification of the State Route (SR) 54 high occupancy vehicle lane.

First Vice Chair Sessom suggested that we notify Board members that this October 27 meeting will be long.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer, and a second by Supervisor Horn, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the October 27, 2006, SANDAG Board of Directors meeting as revised.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for November 3, 2006, at 8 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

First Vice Chair Sessom adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet
## CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
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