Chair Mary Sessom (East County) called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler (North County Inland) and a second by Second Vice Chair Jerome Stocks (North County Coastal), the minutes of the January 12, 2007, Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

Don Stillwell, a member of the public, commented that public transit needs to operate at speeds faster than cars to encourage people to use it, but that would require giving public transit priority right-of-way over cars. He thought that if Committee members rode public transit on a frequent basis they might get ideas about how to improve the system.

CONSENT ITEM (3)

3. AUTHORIZE AGENCY TO OBTAIN SUMMARY CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION OF EMPLOYEES AND JOB APPLICANTS (APPROVE)

Staff routinely conducts pre-employment screening in accordance with federal and state statutes and proper business practice. Due to the confidential and sensitive nature of agency work in Criminal Justice (CJ) research and Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS), criminal background checks are recommended for key CJ and ARJIS positions. The Executive Committee is asked to approve Resolution No. 2007-16 authorizing staff to access state and federal summary criminal history information for employment purposes.

Action: Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Pfeiler and second by Second Vice Chair Stocks, the Executive Committee voted to approve Consent Item No. 3.

REPORTS

4. FY 2008 BUDGET (INCLUDING OVERALL WORK PROGRAM) (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Tim Watson, Budget Program Manager, said that since the last Executive Committee meeting on January 12, staff has been busy assessing the proposed projects in the FY 2008 Overall Work Program (OWP) and comparing them against expected revenues. He confirmed the four strategic goals: to improve mobility, encourage quality of life
improvements, ensure public safety, and enhance organizational effectiveness. He stated that on page two of the staff report next to each goal is listed the percentage of work elements assigned to them. He identified the seven agency priorities for FY 2008 and noted that staff evaluated the individual tasks and products within each work element against these priorities.

Proposed projects were evaluated on four different levels: how they relate to the strategic goals, the priorities, the extent to which an agency mandate or commitment is supported, and whether funds are dedicated to a particular project. He noted that Attachment 1 shows that about three-quarters of projects are entirely devoted to one or more of the mandates or agency commitments. Only a handful are not directly related but are deemed valuable for a foundation of support to one or more agency commitments. The FY 2008 OWP totals about $48 million compared to the $47 million FY 2007 OWP. Most work elements proposed in the FY 2008 OWP continue our core projects or programs. Six new work elements are proposed for FY 2008.

Mr. Watson stated that we were expecting the FY 2008 preliminary revenue estimates to grow by an average of 3 percent. We were recently informed that one source of funds for the OWP, the Federal Highway Administration planning funds, will decrease by 8 percent from last year’s level. In addition, SANDAG is due some one-time retroactive state planning funds; however, we have been unable to get confirmation of the exact amount from the state. If we receive these funds, we would use them for either one-time efforts to place them in a contingency reserve for potential future use.

Mr. Watson said that we have achieved a balance of revenues and expenses and are proposing a FY 2008 work program that is in line with the strategic goals and priorities for the agency. He described several activities contained in the report, which lack final scope or cost estimates, and are not proposed for the FY 2008 OWP. As next fiscal year unfolds, if any of these activities become urgent priorities, they will be brought back to the Executive Committee for consideration as a budget amendment.

The next steps are to come back at the March 9 Executive Committee meeting with a complete package of the entire draft budget and OWP. We will ask the Committee next month for authorization to distribute the draft FY 2008 Budget and OWP to the federal and state funding agencies for review, and to forward the documents to the SANDAG Board. Final approval is slated for the May 25, 2007, Board meeting.

Mayor Mickey Cafagna (North County Inland) asked who makes the decision to conduct various studies and include them in the annual budget. Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, said that this is partly staff driven and partly in concert with partner agencies. For example, we are working with the Cities of Chula Vista and National City on the possibility of conducting a corridor study on I-5 South during FY 2008. Both jurisdictions are considering significant land use changes in the vicinity of I-5 South. He noted that SANDAG staff works closely with the staffs of the cities and County on these kinds of studies.

Mayor Cafagna recommended that we focus on conducting studies that will lead to actual products. Mr. Gallegos said that recent studies conducted by SANDAG have helped drive the
recommendations for transportation investments in certain corridors, such as I-5 and I-805 South.

Mayor Cheryl Cox (South County) said her understanding of the agenda report was that there are certain items that will need further prioritizing, and the Executive Committee has a role to play in determining the value in proceeding with them or not.

Councilmember Matt Hall (North County Coastal) asked if these studies are done in partnership with the cities and how the costs of the studies are shared. Mr. Gallegos said that we are always trying to leverage funding, so we do partner with local agencies to share in the study costs.

Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego) said that it appears to him there is a significant increase in funding for quality of life improvements this year. He asked staff to explain why the percentage of quality of life work elements increased from FY 2006 and FY 2007 to FY 2008. Mr. Gallegos said that the bulk of the work is ongoing items.

Supervisor Roberts asked about the 15 percent of work elements that are related to quality of life improvements. Renee Wasmund, Director of Finance, referred to page 25 in Attachment 2 of the agenda item. She noted that each work element is assigned to one of the four strategic goals, including quality of life.

Second Vice Chair Stocks noted that the quality of life work elements are sprinkled throughout the entire OWP.

Supervisor Roberts asked about the specific work elements associated with habitat preservation, stormwater management, and beach sand replenishment. Mr. Gallegos replied that these work elements tie back to the Board’s action on the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP).

Supervisor Roberts expressed frustration at not knowing the basis for SANDAG involvement in these three quality of life issues. He understands that there seems to be some prior commitment regarding habitat funding included in the TransNet Ordinance, but he didn’t think that Ordinance language justified adopting a new tax. He noted that there are several other agencies dealing with the stormwater management issue.

Mr. Gallegos said that the Board adopted an RCP that identified certain infrastructure elements for which SANDAG has direct responsibility and others for which SANDAG has no direct responsibility. As part of the RCP, we completed an Integrated Regional Infrastructure Strategy (IRIS) to look at possible funding mechanisms for the various infrastructure elements. The IRIS concluded that there are three infrastructure areas that do not have a direct revenue stream and where SANDAG may play a role: beach sand replenishment, habitat preservation, and stormwater management.

Supervisor Roberts expressed concern that the Board Retreat discussion focused on a whole series of new taxes and fees in connection with these quality of life items. Mr. Gallegos noted that the TransNet Ordinance contained a provision that we would come back and
consider a funding measure for habitat preservation within two years of adoption of the TransNet Extension.

Supervisor Roberts said he supported TransNet, but didn’t imagine it committed us to a new tax to fund quality of life efforts.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler mentioned that this is not a new item. We have been working on implementing the RCP, and these infrastructure components have always been a part of the plan. The question is: How can we provide funds for these items? We want to acknowledge that all of these parts come into play as far as our quality of life. This issue has been evolving over several years.

Mayor Cafagna agreed that SANDAG needs to ask the question: Should we be involved in these items? If so, how should we be involved, and how do we pay for these efforts?

First Vice Chair Pfeiler noted that we didn’t just jump to the conclusion that additional funding is needed. We have identified issues and supporting information has been provided over time.

Supervisor Roberts registered his ongoing specific concern, and said that at some point we need to have a specific policy discussion regarding these issues.

Mayor Cafagna asked for the Supervisor’s help in directing the conversation to a place where he would be comfortable. He agreed that we need to decide what we are going to do about these items - whether to take care of them locally, or to seek state or federal funds. We need to get to the root of the problems. We are looking for input on what we should or should not do regarding these items. We committed to the environmental groups during the crafting of the TransNet Extension that we would at least discuss them.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler noted that the source document for these three issues is the RCP.

Supervisor Roberts thought that the justification for SANDAG involvement in these three issues should come before the SANDAG Board. First Vice Chair Pfeiler noted that this has been before the Board several times.

Mayor Ron Morrison (South County) added that these discussions started three years ago when we were sitting down with different groups on the TransNet Extension. We discussed these issues with environmental groups and agreed to look at possible funding for them at some point in the future. We are committed to dealing with all regional issues, not just transportation.

Mayor Cafagna said that we are all struggling with regional stormwater issues, and it is an unfunded mandate.

Mayor Cafagna commented that we are not advocating increased taxes; there is no strong support for any kind of taxation.
Second Vice Chair Stocks said that from his perspective, the Retreat was the appropriate place to have that discussion. The questions are: Do we want to deal with these issues? As there is no direct source of funding, do we want to look at potential local funding sources? What is there support for? He is not concluding that we need new taxes to pay for these items. However, we as local jurisdictions (and co-permittees) all realize that we are facing a number of stormwater management issues, not the least of which is financial. The County of San Diego is the lead co-permittee. Perhaps as co-permittees we should discuss how this can be handled at the state level.

Second Vice Chair Stocks asked about future potential studies. At one point, there was an actual railroad platform at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. He wondered if anyone has studied putting that back in service. This would provide a station to serve the fairgrounds during the fair and horse racing seasons, and extra trains could be operated for these special events. During these two seasons, I-5 is really congested. He suggested that perhaps the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club could help pay for a study.

Mr. Gallegos said that the last time we looked at that issue the discussion was focused on where to build a regional transit center. The City of Del Mar did not want it, and it was eventually built in Solana Beach.

Second Vice Chair Stocks noted that was for the commuter rail service, which is different from what he is suggesting. There may be opportunity for additional weekend trains to serve special events that clog up I-5. If no prior study has been done, he would like staff to consider how to explore that in the future.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler agreed it would be worthwhile to see what has been done to date. There was a discussion about the issue when she was a member of the North County Transit District (NCTD) Board; however, she didn’t recall if a study was done at that time (1994).

Jack Boda, Director of Mobility Management and Project Implementation, said that it would be easy to put a station in that location from an engineering standpoint, but the cost of the additional operating expenses would be an issue.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler noted that NCTD may have that type of information.

Second Vice Chair Stocks noted that there may be a way of adding an event surcharge to pay for those additional operating expenses. He asked that this study be added to the list of other potential future activities.

Supervisor Roberts mentioned that related to the airport to Old Town transit study, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority has not yet acted on any airport expansion plans for Lindbergh Field.

Councilmember Hall reminded Committee members that the dynamics of the Board has changed, and there are a lot of new Board members who may need background information on these issues.
Supervisor Roberts said that there has been no policy discussion on the fundamental problems related to the three quality of life issues. He recommended getting these on future Board agendas. He stated that he would like very specific discussions on each of the three quality of life issues related to what is going on, what is being done, what should we be doing, and what are the levels of funding that we need. He asked that stormwater management be scheduled first.

Mr. Gallegos noted that the Policy Board meeting is where we can discuss these issues. Staff will ensure that we schedule a policy meeting for each one of the three items (stormwater management, beach sand replenishment, and habitat preservation).

Mayor Cafagna added that we should have a full Board discussion of whether SANDAG should be involved in these areas.

Chair Sessom asked staff to address Supervisor Roberts' concern regarding how much of the proposed FY 2008 budget is focused on these issues. Bob Leiter, Director of Land Use and Transportation Planning, said that there is one new work element proposed for FY 2008 to address financial options for these three areas. The new work element is listed on page 25, item 30ccc, for $48,000.

Mr. Gallegos said that after the Board's policy discussion on these topics, we can amend the budget to reflect any specific direction. He noted that the basis for the current work elements is in the RCP and IRIS. These issues were not decided in a vacuum; we reached out to our working groups and other stakeholders. The stormwater management issue came from the County and the cities, the beach sand replenishment issue came up from the Shoreline Preservation Working Group, and the open space issue came from adopted habitat conservation plans such as the Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) in the southern part of the county, and the Multiple Habitat Conservation Plan (MHCP) in the North County area. He noted that the rules related to stormwater management are constantly changing.

Discussion ensued as to the summary of OWP priorities, specifically how to quantify and characterize the level of effort related to the quality of life issues. Staff was directed to better identify the resources assigned to the quality of life activities in the FY 2008 OWP.

Chair Sessom reminded Committee members that we are not adopting anything at this point; we are just giving direction to staff.

Ms. Wasmund said that next time we will provide a very detailed write-up of each work element. Mr. Gallegos added that we also will show what changed between FY 2007 and FY 2008.

Supervisor Roberts asked for a focused presentation on each of these three issues at a Policy Board meeting.

Second Vice Chair Stocks added that the final outcome is to determine SANDAG’s continued involvement in each issue.
Supervisor Roberts further added that if we do decide to be involved, we need to agree on the level of SANDAG involvement.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Roberts, and a second by First Vice Chair Pfeiler, the Executive Committee directed staff to schedule future Board Policy meetings on stormwater management, habitat preservation, and beach sand replenishment. The purpose of these meetings would be to identify the level of appropriate SANDAG involvement in these issues and next steps.

5. REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 23, 2007, DRAFT BOARD AGENDA (APPROVE)

Diane Eidam, Chief Deputy Executive Director, reviewed the draft agenda and noted several changes: removal of item No. 4, announced that the Mission Valley East Project received an award from the Association of Civil Engineers (ASCE), removal of item No. 13, and addition of an item related to Senate Bill 10. There also is a closed session item anticipated for the meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Pfeiler, and a second by Supervisor Roberts, the Executive Committee voted to approve the agenda for the February 23, 2007, Board of Directors meeting, as amended.

Chair Sessom turned the meeting over to First Vice Chair Pfeiler as she had to leave to catch a plane.

6. LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)

Kim Kawada, Executive Program Manager, indicated that a blue sheet was distributed summarizing recent state and federal legislative activities. The only change is that a joint meeting with the League of California Cities and SANDAG that was tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 16, will be postponed to late March or early April.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for March 9, 2007, at 9 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

First Vice Chair Pfeiler adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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