BOARD ACTIONS

September 28, 2007

OTAY MESA-MESA DE OTAY BINATIONAL CORRIDOR STRATEGIC PLAN: Directors approved the Otay Mesa-Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Strategic Plan for planning purposes. Staff from Tijuana's Municipal Planning Institute (Instituto Municipal de Planeación or IMPlan) and SANDAG, in collaboration with Caltrans District 11 and the State of Baja California’s Secretariat of Infrastructure and Urban Development, have been working with other stakeholders on the plan to address key cross border initiatives related to transportation, housing, economic development, and environmental conservation. Implementation of actions included in the Strategic Plan will be pursued by IMPlan, SANDAG, and other stakeholders. (Item #10: Staff contact, Elisa Arias, (619) 699-1936; ear@sandag.org)

2008 EMPLOYMENT AND RESIDENTIAL LAND INVENTORY: SANDAG will team up with the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation to jointly develop an updated employment and residential land inventory and market analysis study. The Employment and Residential Land Inventory Task Force will be established to identify an inventory of available land, including a qualitative assessment of its availability and a market analysis to assess the adequacy of the supply. Once completed, SANDAG will update its Regional Economic Development Information System (REDI), an online mapping, analysis, and reporting application used to keep the inventory up-to-date and provide broad public access to it. The Task Force will hold its first meeting in fall 2007. (Item #13: Staff contact, Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930; mco@sandag.org)

REGIONAL BEACH SAND REPLENISHMENT PROJECT: Directors approved a proposed cost allocation methodology based on miles of coastline for preliminary planning activities for a Regional Beach Sand Replenishment Project. In addition, the Board approved an amendment to the FY 2008 Overall Work Program and Budget to accept up to $500,000 in local funding. These planning activities include the investigation of offshore sand sources and preliminary design for the preparation of a regional beach sand project. These are activities that the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is requesting the local/regional governments complete prior to any potential distribution of DBW funds. The allocation for remaining project costs and matching funds will be considered in the future. (Item #11: Staff contact, Shelby Tucker, (619) 699-1916; stu@sandag.org)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH DIVISION UPDATE: The SANDAG Criminal Justice Research Division has maintained regional crime and arrest statistics since the late 1980s and remains the only regional source for up-to-date, historical information. In 2007, the Division effectively transitioned to electronic submission of crime data from most agencies, significantly decreasing the need for duplicate data entry which resulted in the better use of resources. Division staff also distributes research updates to program partners on a regular basis so they can make informed decisions about...
resource allocation to prevent, reduce, and control crime. These updates, often in the form of CJ Bulletins or monthly CJ Faxes, are available at www.sandag.org/cj. (Item #14: Staff contact, Cindy Burke, (619) 699-1910; cbu@sandag.org)

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – APRIL TO JUNE 2007:

Highway Projects: Caltrans awarded the construction contract for the TransNet Early Action Program (EAP) I-5/Lomas Santa Fe Widening project. This project will extend HOV lanes from Via de la Valle north to the San Elijo Lagoon. This is the first project delivered for construction to receive funding from the Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account in the State of California. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall, with completion scheduled for December 2009. Design work for the widening of SR 52 between I-15 and SR 125 continues, with completion scheduled for October 2007. This project will provide three through lanes in the eastbound direction from Santo Road to SR 125; it is scheduled to open in 2008. Caltrans has begun shifting traffic from the temporary lanes on the SR 54 “Gap” project to the permanent lanes. Opening of these lanes comes shortly before the opening of the “Connector” section of the project, which will open concurrently with the SR 125 South Bay Expressway toll road this fall. Transit Projects: The construction contract for the I-15 Bus Rapid Transit Stations has been awarded. This project will construct interim stations at Sabre Springs, Rancho Bernardo, and Del Lago. The construction is scheduled to be complete by 2008. The City College Station at Smart Corner project opened in July 2007. Completion of this station finishes the project for reconstruction of several East Village Trolley stations, including Gaslamp and Park and Market... The California Transportation Committee allocated $3.69 million in STIP funds for construction of the Oceanside Double Track project between Vista Way and Oceanside Boulevard in the south side of Oceanside. This project will add 1.2 miles adjacent to an existing siding for a total double track length of 2.5 miles. Construction of this project is scheduled to be complete by August 2009. Traffic and Demand Management: The Freeway Service Patrol assisted approximately 15,000 motorists. Vanpool participation grew from 549 to 566 vanpools. View more information at www.sandag.org/progress. (Item #5: Staff contact, Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2008 BOARD OFFICERS: Chair Mary Sessom announced the nominating committee members who will conduct interviews with Board members who submitted applications to serve as SANDAG Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair beginning in January 2008. The nominating committee includes: San Diego Councilmember Jim Madafffer (Chair), County Supervisor Bill Horn, Chula Vista Mayor Cheryl Cox, Solana Beach Mayor Lesa Heebner, Vista Mayor Pro Tem Judy Ritter, and La Mesa Mayor Art Madrid. Applications have been received from Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Sessom for Chair; Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler for First Vice Chair; and Encinitas Deputy Mayor Jerome Stocks for Second Vice Chair. The election of 2008 Board officers will be held at the December SANDAG Board meeting. (Item #9, Staff contact: Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994; kka@sandag.org)