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DIRECTORS APPROVE \$57 BILLION REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN:

After an extensive public review period that generated more than 500 public comments and included five regional workshops and a public hearing, SANDAG directors approved the \$57 billion 2030 San Diego Regional Transportation Plan: Pathways for the Future (RTP or Plan) and its Environmental Impact Report. Updated every four years, the 2030 RTP is the public policy blueprint for how people and goods will move around the San Diego region during the next 25 years. The Plan builds upon the existing transportation system in place today. The 2030 RTP will develop a robust Managed Lanes/HOV network that includes four-lane managed facilities on Interstates 5, 15, and 805 and HOV facilities on State Routes 52, 78, 94, and 125. The 2030 RTP also calls for a network of fast, flexible, and convenient transit services that connect to the region's major employment and activity centers. The 24 new or improved routes will operate at higher speeds with transit stations integrated into local communities. The Managed/HOV lanes are designed to accommodate transit services, as well as carpools, vanpools, and FasTrak® customers. The Plan also includes major transit capital projects, such as transitways, double tracking, direct access ramps, and grade separations and provides additional funding for the expanded regional transit system. *(Item #13: Staff contact, Mike Hix, (619) 699-1977; mhi@sandag.org)*

2006 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) AMENDMENT NO. 9:

Directors approved Resolution No. 2008-10 approving Amendment No. 9 of the 2006 RTIP. By approving Resolution No. 2008-10, Directors agree that Amendment No. 9 is in conformance with State Implementation Plans for air quality, pending the receipt of signed local agency resolutions that attest to holding a public meeting regarding projects included in this amendment. On August 2, 2006, the SANDAG Board of Directors adopted the 2006 RTIP and found it in conformance with the 1998 Regional Air Quality Strategy/State Implementation Plan, a federal requirement for transportation plans and programs, and the 2002 Ozone Maintenance Plan. The 2006 RTIP is the five-year program of proposed major highway, arterial, transit, and bikeway projects in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2007 to FY 2011. *(Item #14: Staff contact, Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909; ski@sandag.org)*

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:

Highway Projects: The Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) and *TransNet*-funded I-15 Managed Lanes South corridor, which travel I-15 between SR 163 and SR 56, is moving closer to completion. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated nearly \$105 million for the phase between Mira Mesa Boulevard and SR 56 to begin construction. Other phases of the I-15 Managed Lanes South project are scheduled to be advertised in 2008. Overall completion is scheduled for 2012.

The draft environmental document for the *TransNet*-funded SR 76 Widening project from Melrose Drive in Oceanside to Mission Road in Bonsall was released for public circulation in October. Citizens and agencies may review the document and submit comments to Caltrans. Approval of this document is scheduled for 2008.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

*December 7
Policy Meeting*

- Regional Economic Prosperity Strategy

*December 21
Business Meeting*

- Jobs Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Funding
- Regional Comprehensive Plan: 2007 Annual Performance Monitoring Report
- 2008 Legislative Program
- Election of 2008 SANDAG Board Officers

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California Transportation Ventures and Caltrans opened to traffic the four-lane South Bay Expressway in November. This major accomplishment extends south a third major north-south freeway in the urban area of the San Diego region, connecting Spring Valley through eastern Chula Vista to the Otay Mesa area and the Mexican border. This project combines a *TransNet*-funded section (from SR 54 to San Miguel Road in Bonita) with the first toll facility in the region (from San Miguel Road to SR 905).

Transit Projects: November 2007, Caltrans and the Federal Railroad Administration finalized the Los Angeles to San Diego (LOSSAN) Proposed Rail Corridor Improvement Studies Programmatic Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. This document details proposed rail improvements, consistent with the new 2030 Regional Transportation Plan update for the San Diego coastal rail corridor.

Traffic and Demand Management: The Freeway Service Patrol assisted nearly 15,000 motorists. Vanpool participation grew from 566 vanpools to 579 vanpools with 4,765 daily passengers participating in the program. The 511 system received 162,227 phone calls, 60,000 of which were received in August. The 511 system is averaging 11,500 calls per week. (*Item #6: Staff contact, Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org*)

2008 ANNUAL SANDAG BOARD RETREAT: Directors approved the topics of discussion and the format for the 2008 SANDAG Board retreat. The retreat is scheduled for January 30 through February 1, 2008. After a competitive bid process it was decided to hold the retreat at La Casa del Zorro, in the desert community of Borrego Springs. The retreat will focus on quality of life issues including habitat preservation, water quality, beach sand, and public transit. Break-out sessions will be incorporated during the retreat to afford more detailed discussions and brainstorming opportunities. It also was decided that a forum of our state delegates will be held to discuss climate change and public transit funding. (*Item #11: Staff contact, Colleen Windsor, (619) 699-1960; cwi@sandag.org*)

TRANSIT PROJECT PROGRAMMING AMENDMENT: Directors unanimously approved the transfer of \$4.5 million currently programmed on the Regional Transportation Management System project to a project to extend acquisition of farebox collection equipment to Metropolitan Transit System Contract Buses. The transfer of these funds will help accelerate and extend acquisition of the same fare collection equipment already in place on San Diego Transit buses to contract buses. (*Item #15: Staff contact, Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org*)

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