CITIES/COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

The CTAC may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Thursday, December 6, 2007

SPECIAL TIME: 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

SPECIAL LOCATION: CALTRANS District 11 Office, Garcia Room
4050 Taylor Street
San Diego, CA  92110

Chair: Greg Humora, City of La Mesa
Vice Chair: Frank Rivera, City of Chula Vista

Staff Contact: Charles “Muggs” Stoll
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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NEW CTAC COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTCIP) WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL JURISDICTION FINANCIAL STAFF

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The summary for the October 4, 2007, CTAC meeting is attached. CTAC is asked to review and approve the meeting summary.

| 3.    | PUBLIC COMMENTS | COMMENTS |

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Working Group during this time.

| 4.    | 2007 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) (Mike Hix/Heather Werdick) | INFORMATION |

Staff will report on final actions taken at the November 30, 2007, Board of Directors meeting on the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Environmental Impact Report.

| +5.   | SANDAG FY 2009 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS CRITERIA AND SUBMISSION FORM (Victoria Stackwick) | INFORMATION |

Staff will give a brief summary of the federal transportation appropriations process and will be available to respond to questions from CTAC members. The original notification letter and project submittal form are attached for reference.

| 6.    | CALTRANS UPDATES (ERWIN GOJUANGGO) | INFORMATION |

The updates will include an overview of the federal emergency assistance funds process in the aftermath of the October 2007 wildfires in San Diego County, other funding program deadlines, and announcements regarding upcoming conferences.

| 7.    | NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NEW CTAC COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (GREG HUMORA) | NOMINATION/ELECTION |

In accordance with the CTAC Charter, nominations will be accepted and an election will be held for the new two-year term for Chair and Vice Chair from January 2008 to December 2009.
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SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2007, CTAC MEETING

Introductions

Greg Humora chaired the meeting. Meeting participants introduced themselves.

Meeting Summary

CTAC approved the meeting summaries from the September 6, 2007, CTAC meeting. Charles “Muggs” Stoll agreed to poll the CTAC members on the idea of holding a workshop for financial planning staff on the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) required by the new TransNet extension.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Highway Noise Barrier Program - Follow up and Evaluation of 2002 Approved List of Projects

Mr. Stoll gave an overview of the item as a follow up to the September 6, 2007, CTAC meeting. The list was developed and approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors in 2002.

Jose Nuncio also gave an update on the current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) discussions at the California Transportation Commission in order to provide a context for the potential availability of STIP funds for the Noise Barrier Retrofit Program in the future.

Maryam Babaki (National City) asked about how the 1 percent of STIP funds are affected by the issuance of GARVEE bonds. Mr. Nuncio responded that they reduce our annual target by the amount of debt service (P&I) we have to pay back. The annual amount is about $16 million. When we pursued GARVEEs, we were aware and told the Board that this was simply a way of advancing future funds, and that they would reduce the amount of STIP funds we’d get in future years. At the time, we did not know what the amount of future targets was going to be, but by advancing future funds, we were able to implement the I-15 corridor project much sooner.

Linda Marabian (City of San Diego) asked for clarification on the consequences of the current STIP process. Mr. Nuncio responded that the STIP program has changed dramatically over the past several years. The only reason we had funds to allocate from it to the project considered at the last CTAC meeting was due to the STIP augmentation included in the State Infrastructure Bonds. It appears there will not be any additional programming capacity in the upcoming STIP cycle.
Grade Separation Priority List Nominations

John Darrow introduced this item and explained the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) process that SANDAG was preparing to submit for.

Mark Thomsen (MTS) asked about the feasibility of being successful in securing funding through the program. John Haggerty responded that it was a very small statewide pot of money and that it would only provide a small portion of any project it would be applied to. However, in order to compete, he felt it was important to get good candidate projects on the list.

Minjie Mei (Santee) inquired about a grade separation at Mission Gorge Road and the Trolley. Mr. Haggerty responded that it would not qualify due to the requirement for freight service on the railroad.

Bob Johnson (Carlsbad) inquired about the status of a SANDAG program for grade separations. Mr. Haggerty responded that there was $200 million included in the proposed 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for grade separations, as many are very high cost projects.

Larry Pierce (Vista) brought up the issue of existing versus future projects in relation to the pending opening of the Sprinter. Mr. Haggerty responded that the Sprinter line is too early for this round of CPUC funding, and the minimal freight service could make it hard to compete.

The CTAC unanimously recommended approval of the proposed list of four projects for submission to the CPUC.

Announcements

Mr. Stoll announced that he has taken on the responsibility as TransNet Program Manager subsequent to the recent retirement of Craig Scott from SANDAG.

Joseph Asuncion (Caltrans) reminded the CTAC of the upcoming South Tehachapi Meeting to be held at the District 11 Office and that the meeting would focus on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Delegation and bond funding for the original seismic retrofit program. He also noted that there was a Caltrans/Local Agency team-building meeting planned for October 10, 2007.
TO: City Managers, Transit Agencies, and CTAC Members

FROM: SANDAG Staff

SUBJECT: SANDAG FY 2009 Federal Transportation Appropriations Criteria and Submission Form

On October 5, 2007, the SANDAG Transportation Committee approved criteria for selecting local transportation projects for consideration in the FY 2009 Federal Transportation Appropriations cycle. A local project must meet all of the three following eligibility criteria before it will be considered for the FY 2009 federal funding cycle. The intent of the eligibility criteria is to ensure that a proposed project is included in our adopted Regional Transportation Plan, has at least a minimum commitment of local funding, and can use the requested funding in a timely manner.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Project is in the adopted Regional Transportation Plan
2. Project has the minimum non-federal match (e.g., 20 percent local/state match)
3. Requested federal funds can be obligated in FY 2009

Based on information submitted to SANDAG using the attached form, staff will review the project using the following evaluation criteria. Projects that meet a greater number of the criteria will be recommended for inclusion in the comprehensive list of transportation projects for the FY 2009 federal appropriations process.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Project is in construction and requires additional funding
2. Project is ready to advertise
3. Project is environmentally cleared
4. Project improves security and safety in the region

5. Project protects the region’s investment in infrastructure, including rolling stock

6. Project includes a mitigation measure required by an approved federal environmental document

7. Project achieves federal environmental justice objectives

Please return completed forms no later than Monday, December 17, 2007, in order to ensure timely submittal of project requests to Congress. The completed forms should be accompanied by a transmittal letter signed by your city manager/county administrative officer or executive director. Please contact Victoria Stackwick at (619) 699-6926 or vst@sandag.org, if you have any questions. The form also is available online at www.sandag.org/fy09apps.

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c: SANDAG Board Members and Alternates
      Transportation Committee Members and Alternates

Attachment
FISCAL YEAR 2009
FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS FORM

COMPLETED FORMS ARE DUE TO SANDAG BY 5 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007.
PLEASE SUBMIT (3) COPIES TO:

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SANDAG
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San Diego, CA 92101-4231

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PROJECT BACKGROUND: (Briefly cover any prior project history that will help others understand the project. Discuss previous commitments and support or opposition to the project. Discuss coordination efforts with Caltrans, other affected agencies, community groups, business groups, etc.)

IS THE PROJECT INCLUDED IN THE SANDAG APPROVED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)? (If YES, please cite RTP page number and project description. If NO, then project is ineligible to compete for FY 2009 federal appropriations funding.) www.sandag.org/programs/transportation/comprehensive_transportation_projects/2004rtip/bod_072304.pdf

HAS THE PROJECT BEEN AUTHORIZED IN A PREVIOUS FEDERAL BILL? (If so, when?)

SECTION 3: FUNDING

WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT? (Year of Expenditure)

Preliminary Engineering:

*Right-of-Way:

*Construction:

TOTAL:

* Right-of-Way and Construction costs include support and capital costs
**TOTAL FEDERAL SHARE:** (Please specify federal funds previously identified for the project.)

**EXAMPLE:**
- Approved in a prior federal bill: $5 million
- Current proposal: $2 million
- Total: $7 million

**TOTAL NON-FEDERAL SHARE:**

**WHAT STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS ARE CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED TO THE PROJECT, IF ANY?** (List each type of non-federal funding source and year(s) available.)

**HAS THIS PROJECT RECEIVED ANY PREVIOUS DISCRETIONARY FUNDING IN AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL?**

**PLEASE PROVIDE ALL DETAILS OF PRIOR FEDERAL FUNDING INCLUDING DATES AND SOURCES.**
**CAN THE FUNDS REQUESTED BE OBLIGATED IN FY 2009?**

**THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE APPROVED SPECIFIC CRITERIA AT ITS OCTOBER 5, 2007, MEETING AS OUTLINED IN THE COVER LETTER. TO ASSIST US IN THE EVALUATION REVIEW, PLEASE RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED ABOVE.**

1. **IS THE PROJECT ALREADY IN CONSTRUCTION, BUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS REQUIRED?** (Please explain.)

2. **IS THE PROJECT READY TO ADVERTISE?** (Please provide dates.)

3. **HAS THE PROJECT RECEIVED FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE?** (Please provide dates and type of clearance (i.e., categorical exclusion, environmental impact statement.)

4. **DOES THE PROJECT IMPROVE SECURITY AND SAFETY IN THE REGION?** (Please explain.)

5. **DOES THE PROJECT PROTECT THE REGION’S INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING ROLLING STOCK?** (Please explain.)
6. DOES THIS PROJECT INCLUDE A MITIGATION MEASURE REQUIRED BY A FEDERALLY APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT? (Please explain.)

7. DOES THIS PROJECT ACHIEVE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OBJECTIVES? (Please explain.)