



BOARD ACTIONS

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TransNet ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM (EMP) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) AND FY 2008 MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS: Directors approved and authorized execution of the proposed *TransNet* EMP MOA. Directors also approved management and monitoring activities and a budget for FY 2008 totaling \$5.3 million. SANDAG staff will solicit proposals and develop contracts for activities pursuant to the recommendations after execution of the MOA. (Item #15: Staff contact, Keith Greer, (619) 699-7390 or kgr@sandag.org).

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:

Highway Projects: The Tier 1 Environmental Document for SR 11 was released for public review in January, with a public hearing scheduled for February 20 and approval expected by spring 2008. The Presidential Permit application for a new border crossing at East Otay Mesa also was delivered to the U.S. Department of State for a 90-day public review period, and SANDAG submitted a Trade Corridors Improvement Fund application to the California Transportation Committee requesting \$400 million - \$75 million of which would be used for these critical goods movement border facilities....Construction of the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account and *TransNet*-funded I-15 Managed Lanes South project between SR 163 and SR 56 has begun. Completion is scheduled for 2012....The *TransNet*-funded SR 52 widening project between I-15 and Mast Boulevard in Santee was awarded for construction and is scheduled for completion in mid-2009....SANDAG acquired 282 acres of mitigation land north of SR 76 between Olive Hill Road and Via Montellano for \$11.1 million. Approximately 14 acres of the 282 will be used by Caltrans to offset biological impacts from the expansion of SR 76. Completion of the Melrose Drive to Mission Road segment of SR 76 is scheduled for 2011....Caltrans awarded the construction contract for the first phase of the SR 905 freeway project near the Otay Mesa Port of Entry. The project will construct a six-lane freeway from Britannia Boulevard east to Siempre Viva Road near the Mexican border. Completion of this initial phase is scheduled for 2010.

Transit Projects: The SPRINTER is scheduled to begin service on March 9, 2008. The North County Transit District is awaiting California Public Utilities Commission approval to begin revenue service for this *TransNet*-funded 22-mile light rail transit line along the SR 78 corridor.

Traffic and Demand Management: The Freeway Service Patrol assisted approximately 13,380 motorists. Vanpool participation grew from 579 vanpools to 591 vanpools. More information is available at www.sandag.org/progress. (Item #6: Staff contact, Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908 or jnu@sandag.org)

TransNet BOND ISSUE: DOCUMENT REVIEW AND APPROVAL: Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, unanimously approved Resolution No. RTC 2008-01, authorizing the issuance of \$600 million of variable rate demand bonds and the execution and distribution of related documents. (Item #14: Staff contact, Renee Wasmund, (619) 699-1940 or rwa@sandag.org).

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 14, 2008
Policy Meeting

March 28, 2008
Business Meeting

- Draft FY 2009 Budget
(Including Overall Work Program)
- Regional Beach Sand Replenishment Project Funding Recommendations
- Update on Transportation Demand Management Program & Diamond Awards

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WELCOME NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO IN SAN DIEGO:

Directors welcomed Remedios Gomez Arnau as the new Consul General of Mexico in San Diego. Arnau was appointed to her position by Mexico's President Felipe Calderon on December 13, 2007. She told the Board that she would like to meet with each of the cities and county to help collaborate on issues that impact both sides of the border. (Item #10)

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL SANDAG RETREAT:

SANDAG Chair, Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Teresa Sessom provided a summary of the annual Board of Directors retreat. Chair Sessom said the retreat focused on how to address and potentially fund four regional infrastructure areas: Water Quality, Public Transit, Habitat Conservation, and Shoreline Preservation. The Board also heard from a panel on the successful passage of Measure F in Sonoma County and Proposition O in the City of Los Angeles. There was also a productive session with California Senator Christine Kehoe. She discussed the projected state budget deficit for the coming fiscal year. She also highlighted current statewide proposals to address greenhouse gas emissions and implement Assembly Bill 32. The closing keynote session was a presentation from King County Executive Ron Sims who discussed his county's efforts to address climate change, better connect transportation and land use, and planning to the year 2050. SANDAG staff will return to the Board with more information as requested during breakout sessions and recommendations on how we can move forward on the quality of life issues. (Item #12: Staff contact: Colleen Windsor, (619) 699-1960; cwi@sandag.org)

APPROVAL OF TRANSIT REVENUE APPORTIONMENTS AND PROJECTIONS:

SANDAG is responsible for annually allocating various federal, state, and local revenues to support both ongoing transit operations and capital projects. Each year SANDAG also provides an estimate for the upcoming fiscal year as well as a projection for the next four fiscal years to allow the transit and local agencies to plan for capital projects and determine operating subsidies. Due to the current downward trend in sales tax revenues, Directors unanimously approved a revision of the FY 2008 estimate for both *TransNet* and Transportation Development Act funding programs. Directors also adopted the FY 2009 apportionments and approved the revenue projections for FY 2010 to FY 2013 for these programs. (Item #18: Staff contact: Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909; ski@sandag.org)

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED:

SANDAG Chair Mary Teresa Sessom is responsible for selecting chairs and vice chairs for the agency's five policy advisory committees. The following individuals have been appointed: Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler – Vice Chair, Executive Committee; San Diego Councilmember Jim Madaffer – Chair, Transportation Committee; Santee Councilmember Jack Dale – Vice Chair, Transportation Committee; Lemon Grove Councilmember Jerry Jones – Chair, Regional Planning Committee; Imperial Beach Mayor Jim Janney – Vice Chair, Regional Planning Committee; Imperial Beach Councilmember Patricia McCoy – Chair, Borders Committee; San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox – Vice Chair, Borders Committee; El Cajon Mayor Mark Lewis – Chair, Public Safety Committee; Carlsbad Police Chief Tom Zoll – Vice Chair, Public Safety Committee. (Item #13: Staff contact: Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994; kka@sandag.org)

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STATUS OF *TransNet* MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (MOE) AUDITS: As required by the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance, Directors approved new MOE base levels for jurisdictions that have completed their audits, with the exception of the Cities of Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, and San Diego. The new levels are based on the level of discretionary funds expended for street and road purposes on average over the fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02, and 2002-03. It is anticipated that the audits for the remaining cities will be brought to the Board for approval in March. *(Item #19: Staff contact, Renee Wasmund, (619) 699-1940 or rwa@sandag.org).*

FUNDS APPROVED FOR TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP): Directors approved \$133 million for the FY 2009 CIP. After funding preventive maintenance and regional planning studies there is \$91 million in funding for Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and North County Transit District (NCTD) capital improvement projects for FY 2009. MTS will receive \$73 million that will be allocated for new buses, Blue Line rehabilitation, transit center improvements, grade crossing improvements, and other projects. NCTD will receive nearly \$18 million that will be allocated to new buses, transit center upgrades, grade crossing improvements, and other projects. Directors also authorized submittal for Federal Transit Administration discretionary 5307 and 5309 dollars to help fund the CIP projects. And, Directors adopted Amendment No. 13 to the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to include these CIP projects in the RTIP. *(Item #4: Staff contact, Kim York (619) 699-6902 or kyo@sandag.org)*

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATION APPROVED: Directors approved Rule 21 of Board Policy No. 031 to provide guidelines for accommodating bicycle and pedestrian travel on transportation system projects funded with *TransNet* dollars. The guidelines cover urban highway, transit, major urban streets, urban local streets, rural highways, and rural roads. The guidelines were developed with extensive input from the Bicycle-Pedestrian Working Group and the Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee. The draft guidelines also were reviewed by the Transportation and Executive Committees. *(Item #16: Staff contact, Stephan Vance, (619) 699-1924 or sva@sandag.org)*

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