



BOARD ACTIONS

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ADVISORY MEMBERS

- Imperial County
- California Department of Transportation
- Metropolitan Transit System
- North County Transit District
- United States Department of Defense
- San Diego Unified Port District
- San Diego County Water Authority
- Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association
- Mexico

SIX ORGANIZATIONS HONORED WITH DIAMOND AWARDS: Directors recognized six firms for their outstanding efforts in reducing traffic congestion and improving mobility at the sixth annual Diamond Awards. Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. was honored for Best New Program. Amylin provides employees with a number of options including a transit subsidy; free COASTER shuttle; and support for bike riders through on-site bike racks, showers, and lockers. Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino was honored for Program Excellence. Barona offers a free shuttle service to the Resort and Casino for visitors and employees. In 2007, more than half a million people were transported to and from the Resort & Casino located in the Barona Valley near Lakeside. EDAW was honored for Innovation. EDAW provides reimbursement for COASTER, Trolley, and bus passes, and promotes the use of non-vehicle commute options. Naval Base Coronado (NBC) was honored for Program Excellence. For more than 20 years, NBC has worked on reducing traffic to and from the Naval Base. The Navy's Transportation Incentive Program provides a benefit to those using alternative transportation options. In 2007, the program consisted of 780 vanpoolers riding in 82 vanpools, 48 COASTER riders, and 560 bus and Trolley pass holders. Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP was honored for Ongoing Commitment. In addition to subsidizing bus, Trolley, and COASTER passes for employees, the firm also offers carpoolers a transportation allowance to offset the cost of commuting. University of California San Diego (UCSD) was honored for Ongoing Commitment. UCSD has an extensive transportation program that includes a transit subsidy, vanpool program, campus shuttle service, and incentives for biking to work. The Free Bus Zone provides unlimited free rides to faculty, staff, and students on all bus routes that serve the university. The campus shuttle service carries more than four million passengers each year. *(Item #13: Staff contact, Thomas Bruccolerri, (619) 699-7381; tbr@sandag.org)*

2008 SAN DIEGO REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROSPERITY STRATEGY: The Board of Directors unanimously accepted the 2008 San Diego Regional Economic Prosperity Strategy for planning purposes, including for use in the next update of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Board also authorized the distribution of the Prosperity Strategy to interested agencies and organizations. *(Item #8A: Staff contact, Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930; mco@sandag.org)*

MAY 16 IS BIKE TO WORK DAY: SANDAG proclaimed May 16, 2008 Bike to Work Day and asked all member jurisdictions to support Bike to Work Day 2008 with their own proclamations. Bike to Work Day is a nationally recognized event that creates public awareness about the benefits and opportunities of bicycling to work rather than driving. SANDAG is partnering with local jurisdictions to host pit stops throughout the region and offer water and refreshments to bicycle commuters on that day. RideLink will have bicycle maps and additional commute information available at the pit stops. *(Item #5: Staff contact, Kimberly Weinstein, (619) 699-0725; kwe@sandag.org)*

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

*April 11, 2008
Policy Meeting*

- Methodology for State Fund Match for Regional Beach Sand Replenishment Project
- Analysis of Proposed Transmission Projects

*April 25, 2008
Business Meeting*

- I-15 Managed Lanes Project and Budget Update
- *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program: FY 2008 Land Management Grant Criteria
- Report on Completion of the Original *TransNet* Program

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EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT AND ELECTION TO PRE-FUND POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA EMPLOYER'S RETIREE BENEFIT FUND:

Directors approved the pre-funding of post employment benefits through the adopting of Resolution No. 2008-16, calling for participation in the California Employer's Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) beginning this current fiscal year. Governmental Accounting Standards now requires governmental agencies to recognize the cost of current and future post employment benefits other than pension plans. The actual funding of the cost (i.e., deposit of cash) is at the Board's discretion. Accordingly, SANDAG obtained actuarial services which determined the annual funding amount to be \$510,000, assuming that SANDAG were to fully fund the post-retirement healthcare benefit each year. Directors agreed that this amount should be deposited in CERBT this fiscal year and authorized the Executive Director to execute all necessary documents. *(Item #11: Staff contact, Laura Cote, (619) 699-6947; lco@sandag.org)*

TransNet MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (MOE) AUDITS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICY NO. 031: TransNet ORDINANCE AND EXPENDITURE PLAN RULES:

As required by the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance, Directors approved the MOE update for three cities: Encinitas, Oceanside, and Carlsbad. 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. In addition, Directors approved an amendment to Board Policy No. 31 to provide clarification to the implementation of the Ordinance relating to the MOE levels. *(Item #9: Staff contact, Renee Wasmund, (619) 699-1940; rwe@sandag.org)*

SANDAG DISTRIBUTES DRAFT FY09 BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM:

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Directors approved the distribution of the draft budget and overall work program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 to member and funding agencies for review and comment. The work program details the jobs SANDAG plans to accomplish during the year with the associated budgets denoted with each job. The preliminary FY09 budget is estimated at \$54.7 million. The current year budget is \$50.2 million. Final SANDAG approval of the budget and work program is scheduled for the May 23, 2008 business meeting. *(Item #10: Staff contact, Tim Watson, (619) 699-1966; twa@sandag.org)*

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET TRANSFERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:

Directors approved a capital project budget transfer of \$2.3 million from the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) East County Bus Maintenance Facility Compressed Natural Gas Station project to the MTS South Bay Maintenance Facility (SBMF) project and accepted the necessary environmental documents for the SBMF project. Recent studies by MTS for the full SBMF expansion plan support acquisition of these two parcels as the best option to build out the facility. This transfer does not change the total amount of the SANDAG Capital Improvement Program and was approved by the MTS Board on March 13, 2008. *(Item #12: Staff contact, John Haggerty, (619) 699-6937; jha@sandag.org)*

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