REPORT ON TransNet PROGRAM 1988 – 2008: In 1987, voters approved a 20-year, half-cent sales tax for transportation projects in the San Diego region. The original TransNet sales tax provided $3.3 billion for highway, transit, local streets, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. Staff presented a report on the specific projects and initiatives that TransNet has brought to the region during the past 20 years, and discussed those improvements in the context of the tremendous demographic and societal changes that took place over the same time period. The $3.3 billion built and upgraded 75 miles of highways, added more than 200 lane-miles of highway, added more than 80 trolley and commuter rail miles, expanded transit services, provided transit pass discounts, improved and maintained more than 800 local road projects, funded regional bicycle projects, and created walkable communities. In 2004, voters approved an extension of the TransNet half-cent sales tax from 2008 to 2048 to continue funding transportation infrastructure as well as provide $850 million for environmental mitigation efforts. For more information, SANDAG has produced a brochure on the projects and progress from the first 20 years of TransNet. (Item #14: Staff contact, Charles “Muggs” Stoll, (619) 699-6945; mst@sandag.org)

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - REVIEW OF FUNDING PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY JURISDICTIONS: Directors unanimously approved the Funding Program submittals from all 19 jurisdictions in the San Diego region. The Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program requires that each jurisdiction contribute $2,000 in exactions from the private sector for each newly constructed residential housing unit in that jurisdiction. Funding Program submittals were reviewed at the April 9, 2008 Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee as well as the April 18, 2008 meeting of the Transportation Committee. (Item #11: Staff contact, Charles “Muggs” Stoll, (619) 699-6945; mst@sandag.org)

SANDAG APPROVES MATCHING FUNDS FOR GOODS MOVEMENT PROJECTS: Directors approved programming $33.425 million of TransNet funds to match funding recently allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for several projects in the San Diego region. The CTC approved $400 million in Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund funding for the SR 905 Freeway; SR 11 and East Otay Mesa Border Crossing; Port of San Diego Access Improvements; Port of San Diego Wharf Extension; San Ysidro Intermodal Yard and Mainline; and Sorrento - Miramar Double Track Phase I. The TransNet funds will match the SR 905, San Ysidro, and double track projects. The $33.425 million plus the $400 million leverage planned goods movement infrastructure improvements valued at over $1.2 billion. The Board action also authorized an amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program to add the TransNet-funded projects. (Item #8: Staff contact, Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org)
INTERSTATE 15 CORRIDOR UPDATE: Directors approved a transfer of funds in the amount of $1.9 million from the I-15 North Segment (CIP No. 1201503) to the I-15 Middle Segment (CIP No. 1201502) for the purpose of advancing work. The total I-15 Corridor budget remains unchanged at $1.3 billion. (Item #9: Staff contact, Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans Corridor Project Director, gustavo.dallarda@dot.ca.gov)

TransNet MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (MOE) AUDIT APPROVED FOR CITY OF SAN DIEGO: As required by the TransNet Extension Ordinance, Directors approved the MOE base level for the City of 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. The Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee and the Transportation Committee had recommended approval of this item. (Item #10: Staff contact, Renee Wasmund, (619) 699-1940; rwa@sandag.org)

TransNet ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR FY 2008 LAND MANAGEMENT GRANTS: Directors approved the process for allocating FY 2008 TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) land management funds, as well as the process for eligible land management activities and rating criteria for considering grant proposals. On February 22, 2008, Directors approved $2.9 million in TransNet EMP funding for land management activities related to improving the regional habitat conservation plan preserve areas. (Item #7: Staff contact, Keith Greer, (619) 699-7390; kgr@sandag.org)

FIRST READING OF AN AMENDMENT TO TransNet EXTENSION ORDINANCE TO REVISE ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM PRINCIPLE NO.10: Passed by voters in November 2004, the TransNet Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Environmental Mitigation Program requires the Board of Directors to act on additional funding measures to meet the long-term requirements for implementing regional habitat conservation plans no later than four years after its passage. Due to economic conditions and tasks necessary to successfully meet that obligation, Directors conducted a first reading of an amendment to extend that deadline by two years. Directors will be asked to approve this amendment at their May 23, 2008, meeting. (Item #13, Staff contact: Rob Rundle, (619) 699-6949; rru@sandag.org)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SANDAG AND NATIONAL CITY REGARDING TransNet COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM: Directors approved the use of the TransNet Commercial Paper (CP) Program to allow National City to undertake a major road resurfacing program in FY 2009 and authorized the Executive Director to execute a memorandum of understanding documenting National City’s understanding of the requirements for using the TransNet CP Program. (Item #8, Staff contact: Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909; ski@sandag.org)