TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Friday, April 18, 2008
9 a.m. to 12 noon
SANDAG Board Room
401 B Street, 7th Floor
San Diego

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVIEW OF FUNDING PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY JURISDICTIONS

• 2006 RTIP AMENDMENT FOR PROP 1B TRADE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT FUND PROJECTS

• SORRENTO VALLEY COASTER CONNECTION SERVICES FUNDING UPDATE

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+1. APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Transportation Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers are limited to three minutes each and shall reserve time by completing a “Request to Speak” form and giving it to the Clerk prior to speaking. Committee members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.

CONSENT ITEMS (3 through 4)

+3. CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM QUARTERLY UPDATE (Linda Culp)

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is the state agency responsible for planning, constructing, and operating a high-speed train system serving California’s major metropolitan areas. The proposed system stretches over 800 miles and would connect San Diego, Los Angeles, the Central Valley, San Francisco, and Sacramento using a state-of-the-art, electrified system capable of speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour. SANDAG continues to monitor the work of the CHSRA. This report is the regular quarterly update to the Transportation Committee.

+4. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM AMENDMENT (Sookyung Kim)

At its meeting on June 22, 2007, the SANDAG Board approved the FY 2008 Transportation Development Act (TDA) allocation and claim for Full Access & Coordinated Transportation (FACT) the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA). FACT has requested an additional $10,000 from its TDA reserve to meet its expenditures for FY 2008. The Transportation Committee is asked to adopt Resolution No. 2008-23, approving the amendment to the TDA claim.

CHAIR’S REPORT (5)

5. STATE ROUTE 905 STATUS UPDATE (Vice Chair Jack Dale; Pedro Orso-Delgado, Caltrans)

Chairman Jim Madaffer and Pedro Orso-Delgado will provide the monthly update of what was discussed by the State Route 905 strike team.
RECOMMEND

+6. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - REVIEW OF FUNDING PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY JURISDICTIONS (Charles "Muggs" Stoll; Marney Cox)

The TransNet Extension Ordinance requires that local jurisdictions submit Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) Funding Programs to the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) for consideration by April 1, 2008. On April 9, 2008, the ITOC recommended approval of the submitted programs to the Transportation Committee and the Board of Directors, provided that any changes to those programs still seeking final approval are included in the presentation. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Funding Program submittals from all 19 of the San Diego County jurisdictions to fulfill the RTCIP requirements within the TransNet Extension Ordinance (Commission Ordinance 04-01).

+7. REQUEST BY THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SANDAG TO USE $4.5 MILLION IN SHORT-TERM DEBT THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM (Maryam Babaki, City of National City; Sookyung Kim)

RECOMMEND

The City of National City has a planned $6.5 million street resurfacing program in FY 2009. National City's TransNet revenues amount to approximately $1 million per year, and it is seeking additional debt financing through the SANDAG commercial paper program to keep up its resurfacing program and the integrity of National City's transportation infrastructure. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the use of the TransNet Commercial Paper program for the City of National City and authorize the Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

+8. STATUS OF TransNet MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT AUDITS (Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin)

RECOMMEND

The Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee recommends approval of the City of San Diego MOE base level. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the City of San Diego MOE base level. This will conclude the process of setting the MOE base levels for all the jurisdictions under the TransNet Extension.

+9. 2006 RTIP AMENDMENT FOR PROPOSITION 1B TRADE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT FUND PROJECTS (José A. Nuncio; Sookyung Kim)

RECOMMEND

The California Transportation Commission has recommended a series of projects in San Diego County for funding through the Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund totaling approximately $400 million. As part of a commitment to secure the funding, the region must provide matching funds for several projects. Therefore, the Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors: (1) approve programming of $33.425 million of TransNet funds from the Border Access Improvements and the Interstate 5 Corridor within the TransNet Major Corridor Improvement program; and (2) adopt Resolution No. 2008-24 approving Amendment No. 14 to the 2006 RTIP.

+10. INTERSTATE 15 CORRIDOR UPDATE (Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans)

RECOMMEND
Caltrans and SANDAG are jointly developing the Interstate 15 Managed Lanes/Bus Rapid Transit (I-15 ML/BRT) project included in the TransNet Early Action Program (EAP) authorized by the Board of Directors in January 2005. This project includes construction of four managed lanes, operational improvements, implementation of the region’s first BRT service, and expansion of the existing FasTrak® system. This report provides an overview of project progress and an update of the project budget. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve 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). The total Corridor budget would remain unchanged at $1.3 billion. The transfer of funds will be reflected in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program at the earliest opportunity. However, in the interest of time, by approving this transfer, the Transportation Committee consents to the use of these funds henceforth as described in this report.

+11. **ESCONDIDO RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
   (Linda Culp)  

The Escondido Rapid Bus Project makes improvements to the North County Transit District’s existing Route 350, a six-mile transit corridor between the Escondido Transit Center and Westfield Shoppingtown North County in the City of Escondido. Enhancements include bus stop improvements and consolidations, queue jumpers, and transit signal priority that will result in more frequent, faster, and reliable transit service. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared for the project and circulated for a 30-day public review period. The Transportation Committee is asked to consider the comments received during the public review period and responses for the Draft Environmental Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopt the Final Environmental Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Escondido Rapid Bus Project.

+12. **SORRENTO VALLEY COASTER CONNECTION SERVICES FUNDING UPDATE**  
   (Dave Schumacher)  

The Sorrento Valley COASTER Connection services provide an important link from the Sorrento Valley COASTER station to job sites in Sorrento Mesa and University City. Due to a loss of funding from nontransit sources, these services operated by Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) face a funding deficit of about $750,000 for the FY 2009 budget. SANDAG has been working with MTS and the North County Transit District to identify funding options to bridge this gap, including possible employer contributions. This item presents an update on SANDAG efforts to date.

+13. **SPRINTER PROJECT STATUS REPORT AND SANDAG INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT**  
   (Jim Linthicum)  

This item provides a monthly status report on the SPRINTER rail project, including discussion of implementation and effectiveness of project cost control measures. SANDAG staff will summarize recent progress on the project.

14. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**  

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for May 2, 2008, at 9 a.m.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**
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