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Thursday, January 10, 2008

9 to 11 a.m.

SANDAG, 7th Floor Conference Room
 401 B Street, Suite 800
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AGENDA HIGHLIGHT

- **PROPOSITION 1B TRAFFIC LIGHT SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM (TLSP) GUIDELINES UPDATE**

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ITEM #		RECOMMENDATION
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	
+2.	MEETING SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 12, 2007	APPROVE
	SANTEC is asked to review and approve the meeting notes of the December 12, 2007, meeting.	
3.	PUBLIC COMMENTS	
4.	PROPOPOSITION 1B TRAFFIC LIGHT SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM (TLSP) GUIDELINES UPDATE (Alex Estrella, SANDAG)	INFORMATION
	On Thursday, December 20, 2007 and January 3, 2008, Caltrans Headquarters and California Transportation Commission staff held a statewide teleconference to review the proposed TLSP guidelines. SANTEC members will be provided with any new information on the TLSP guidelines including information shared or discussed during the statewide teleconferences.	
5.	TRAFFIC ENGINEERING WORKSHOP FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS – PLANNING UPDATE (Zoubir Ouadah, City of Poway)	UPDATE
	During the December SANTEC meeting, members were presented with a proposed workshop agenda that included an outline of proposed workshop discussion items and proposed workshop dates. SANTEC members will be provided with a progress update on the workshop planned for spring 2008.	
6.	2008 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) ARTERIAL DATA COLLECTION HANDOUT	INFORMATION
	A data collection solicitation package was issued to all CMP participating agencies on November 27, 2007. Staff will provide extra copies to members during the SANTEC meeting and will be available to answer any questions regarding this effort.	
7.	CTAC MEETING BRIEFING	INFORMATION
	The SANTEC will be provided with an overview of the CTAC meeting held on January 3, 2008.	
8.	UPCOMING MEETINGS/AGENDA ITEMS	INFORMATION
	Possible agenda items for future SANTEC meetings will be discussed.	

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9. MATTERS FROM MEMBERS

INFORMATION

SANTEC members are encouraged to discuss additional topics of general interest.

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San Diego Association of Governments

SAN DIEGO REGIONAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERS COUNCIL

January 10, 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 12, 2007

File Number 7000100

1. Introductions

The attendees of the meeting introduced themselves at the request of the Chairman.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary

The motion was made and seconded to approve the SANTEC meeting notes for November 8, 2007. Motion passed.

3. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

4. Draft Proposition 1B Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) Guidelines

Dan Martin (SANDAG) confirmed distribution of the Draft Proposition 1B Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) Guidelines dated November 30, 2007 (attached) under consideration by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Zoubir Ouadah, SANTEC Chair, reviewed and provided a general overview of the guidelines.

Under Proposition 1B a total of \$250 million dollars was set aside for the TLSP. However, only \$100 million is available statewide on a competitive basis (\$150 was allocated to the City of L.A.). Under this program, the focus is to fund projects that improve safety, operations, and mobility (increase capacity/throughput) through the use signal synchronization improvements and related technology-based improvements.

The CTC has deferred guideline approval from December 12, 2007, to January 10, 2008. The project application deadline is February 28, 2008, but may be moved. These TLSP funds are for capital costs only and the project-related useful life for such improvements must be at least 15 years. Staff costs may not be eligible. Hard costs such as capital costs for safety, operations and improving roadways are allowable, but must be focused on traffic signal synchronization and related technology-based improvements.

Dan Martin noted that the CTC deferred action on the Draft guidelines until their January meeting. It was agreed to add this topic as an agenda item for the next SANTEC meeting to clarify the definition of capital costs within the guidelines and receive an update on the due dates for applications.

5. 2008 Congestion Management Program (CMP)

The SANTEC Chair, Zoubir Ouadah, conveyed and reminded SANTEC members that SANDAG staff had issued a CMP Data Collection package to appropriate agencies with listed CMP arterials. Further discussion on this item was deferred to the January 10, 2008, SANTEC meeting.

6. California Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices Workshop Update

Zoubir Ouadah, SANTEC Chair, provided a draft workshop flier for review and initial discussion. The workshop flier included a proposed workshop agenda outline and it listed proposed workshop dates. Robert Johnson (City of Carlsbad) agreed to check on the availability of a facility for the meeting in March or April 2008. SANTEC members agreed to continue discussions on the proposed workshop at its January SANTEC meeting. There was some discussion of dates, topics, speakers, and costs for the meeting. Potential meeting topics include speed control and automated speed enforcement. Zoubir agreed to work with the City of Carlsbad on a proposed workshop date and return to SANTEC to provide a progress update on this and any other workshop planning efforts.

7. CTAC Meeting Briefing

Frank Rivera, City of Chula Vista, provided an overview of the December 6, 2007, CTAC meeting. Highlights of the CTAC meeting included:

- Mike Hix (SANDAG) provided a brief update on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which was approved on November 30, 2007. The RTP includes a plan for Greenhouse Gas Emissions, a corridor study for State Route 78, and a study for I-15 Mid City.
- Victoria Stackwick (SANDAG) provided an overview of the 2009 Federal Transportation Appropriations criteria and submission form. For further detailed information on the FY 2009 appropriations schedule and eligibility criteria, members can contact Victoria Stackwick at vst@sandag.org.
- Erwin Gojuancgo (Caltrans Local Assistance) provided an overview of the emergency assistance through the Caltrans Local Assistance Office as a result of the San Diego wildfires that occurred in October of this year. Erwin indicated that completed damage assessment forms are still pending from some agencies.
- Frank Rivera (Vice Chair) was nominated and voted to serve as Chair of CTAC starting in January 2008.

8. Upcoming Meetings

Staff announced that the next SANTEC meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2008, and will be conducted by Kathy Feilen (City of La Mesa), the new SANTEC Chair. Congratulations were given to Zoubir Ouadah (City of Poway) for his excellent work as Chair.

9. Matters from Members

Mario Sanchez (City of El Cajon) requested feedback from the group regarding video detection. Minjie Mei (City of Santee) had expressed a generally positive experience noting that the reliability of the technology has improved over the last few years. It was noted that location of advanced detection improved performance.

Bob Johnson (City of Carlsbad) requested an update on the status of the recently approved speed limit provisions recommended for the California MUTCD by the CTCDC. Zoubir Ouadah (City of Poway) agreed to follow up on this item and also clarified that the CTCDC is only an advisory body and that changes to the California MUTCD are recommended to Caltrans and only Caltrans as "Department of Transportation" can approve such changes under the California Vehicle Code.

Paul Pace (City of Oceanside) led a discussion on stop bars at enhanced crosswalks. It was noted that most agencies use limit lines at these locations.

Kathy Feilen (City of La Mesa) led a discussion of islands used for traffic calming. It was noted that these islands are typically designed to accommodate large trucks.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.