BOARD ACTIONS

October 24, 2008

SMART GROWTH VISUAL SIMULATIONS: Directors reviewed visualization tools being created as part of the Smart Growth Tool Box that will be used to help implement the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The visualizations show how locations on the Smart Growth Concept Map could be transformed by smart growth development and pedestrian/transit-friendly design. The Tool Box includes three types of visualizations. The first is a series of photo-realistic 2-D visual simulations depicting the transformation of a particular location. The second tool consists of 3-D movie clips and animated fly-through scenarios based on smart growth principles for larger areas (approximately four to six blocks). Those clips are in development. The third tool, also still in development, is a Smart Growth Photo Library to show existing smart growth in the region. The completed simulations are available on the SANDAG Web site at www.sandag.org/rcp. (Item #11: Staff contact, Carolina Gregor, (619) 699-1989; cgr@sandag.org)

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR STATE ROUTE 76: Directors approved the redistribution of funds between SR 76 corridor projects to fully fund the construction phase of SR 76 Middle. A $158 million baseline budget for SR 76 Middle was established in 2004. The current $244 million estimate reflects increased commodity prices, more stringent water quality standards, revisions to grading methodology, and extensive roadway protection adjacent to the San Luis Rey River. Directors approved redistributing $86 million from the SR 76 corridor project to cover the shortfall of funds. (Item #13: Staff contact, Richard Chavez, (619) 699-6989; rch@sandag.org)

FINANCIAL MARKET STATUS: In response to recent market volatility, SANDAG staff presented Directors with a financial market update and reviewed the current debt structure put in place to accelerate the implementation of TransNet funded projects by using interest rate exchange agreements. Staff also reviewed FY 08 TransNet sales tax receipts, which were 1.4% less than the prior year. Additional market updates will be provided to the Board on a monthly basis until further notice. (Item #10: Staff contact, Renee Wasmund, (619) 699-1940; rwa@sandag.org)

SANDAG TO CONDUCT I-5 SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY: Directors approved an amendment to the FY 2009 Budget and Overall Work Program and the execution of a memorandum of understanding between SANDAG and the City of Chula Vista to conduct the I-5 South Multimodal Corridor Study. The City of Chula Vista received Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) discretionary funding for the study which will examine multi-modal improvements along the I-5 corridor between the Main Street Interchange and SR 54. Caltrans, Chula Vista, and SANDAG will work collectively on the study to assure coordination of the various transportation modes in the project study area. The study is included in the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan. (Item #14: Staff contact, Rachel Kennedy (619) 699-1929; rke@sandag.org)

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2008-2012 COORDINATED PLAN: Directors approved the 2008-2012 Coordinated Plan, which is a five-year blueprint for how the Regional Transportation Plan’s transit and social service transportation concepts will be implemented in the region. Approval of the plan consolidates all publicly available transportation services and allows SANDAG to distribute funding aimed at improving transportation options for seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons with limited incomes. (Item #5: Staff contact, Phil Trom, (619) 699-7330; ptr@sandag.org)

FUNDING EXCHANGE FOR SPRINTER PROJECTS: Directors approved a revised funding plan for the SPRINT ER allowing the North County Transit District to draft TransNet funds in anticipation of an amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The RTIP amendment will reflect the revised funding plan. (Item #12: Staff contact, Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO NONDISPOSAL FACILITY ELEMENT: Directors, acting as the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force, approved recommending that the San Diego City Council approve amendments to the City of San Diego Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE). These NDFE amendments would make the City of San Diego’s document more accurately reflect existing and proposed facilities. The SANDAG Board of Directors recommendation is required before the amended document can be presented to the San Diego City Council for action. (Item #4: Staff contact, Rob Rundle, (619) 699-6949; rru@sandag.org)

ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH DIVISION AND CLEARINGHOUSE: The SANDAG Criminal Justice Research Division has maintained regional crime and arrest statistics since the late 1980s and remains the only regional source for historical information. In the past year, in addition to serving on a number of boards and commissions, including the SANDAG Public Safety Committee, Division staff distributed research updates to program partners so they could make informed decisions about resource allocations to prevent, reduce, and control crime. Staff also collaborated with 12 member agencies on grant proposal submissions and/or federally funded grant projects, demonstrating the level of support provided by Division staff to local jurisdictions across the region. In the past year, eight CJ Bulletins and 12 monthly CJ Faxes were distributed across the region. These publications are available on the SANDAG Web site at www.sandag.org/cj. (Item #15: Staff contact, Cynthia Burke, (619) 699-1994; cbu@sandag.org)

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION BEACH SAND MITIGATION FUND: Directors approved a request from the City of Encinitas to submit a proposal to allocate funds from the California Coastal Commission Beach Sand Mitigation Fund. SANDAG administers the funds and must approve and submit the proposal to the Coastal Commission. The City of Encinitas is requesting $133,621 in mitigation funds to place approximately 37,100 cubic yards of sand from the Pacific Station project underground parking structure onto the northernmost section of Batiquitos Beach. (Item #7: Staff contact, Shelby Tucker, (619) 699-1916; stu@sandag.org).

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