



BOARD ACTIONS

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RIDESHARE WEEK 2008: Directors approved a Resolution declaring October 6 – 10, 2008 Rideshare Week in San Diego. SANDAG will be promoting a number of activities for Rideshare Week, including an “Express Your Commute” video contest, vanpool promotion, and the new iCommute Web based ridesharing program. *(Item #18: Staff Contact, Tom Bruccoleri, (619) 699-7381, tbr@sandag.org)*

THE PORT OF SAN DIEGO MARINE FREIGHT PRESERVATION AND BAYFRONT REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE: Directors approved opposing the Port of San Diego Marine Freight Preservation and Bayfront Redevelopment Initiative, Proposition B, which is slated for the November 4, 2008 ballot. Both sides of Proposition B were invited to make presentations to the Board. The Port of San Diego provided an opposing position while the proposer of the initiative did not attend the meeting. The Board’s opposition is based on freight policies presented in the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan, the Regional Economic Prosperity Strategy, and other SANDAG approved documents and programs such as the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund. *(Item #18: Staff Contacts, Christina Casgar, (619) 699-1982, cca@sandag.org; or Elisa Arias, (619) 699-1936, ear@sandag.org)*

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – APRIL TO JUNE 2008: *Highway Projects:* A 4.5-mile long section of the I-15 Express Lanes between SR 56 and Rancho Bernardo Road opened ahead of schedule to users in September. The Sabre Springs/Rancho Peñasquitos Direct Access Ramp that leads users and transit vehicles directly to the Express Lanes from the transit station at Sabre Springs also opened. The remaining 3.5 miles of the I-15 Express Lanes between Rancho Bernardo Road and southern Escondido is scheduled to open to users in early 2009. The I-5 widening project between Via de la Valle and the San Elijo Lagoon was completed in June. Two high occupancy vehicle lanes were opened to users prior to the start of the U.S. Open Golf Tournament and the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar, thus helping reduce congestion levels in the area. The reconstruction of the Lomas Santa Fe interchange is scheduled for completion in late 2009.

Transit and Bikeway Projects: The Sabre Springs/Rancho Peñasquitos Transit Station off I-15 opened to users in September concurrent with the opening of the new I-15 Express Lanes. Bus routes 820, 860, and selected trips of the 810 originating in Poway, Rancho Bernardo, and Escondido will be stopping at this station....Construction of a 6.7 mile segment of the Inland Rail Trail currently under construction between the Escondido Transit Center and Pacific Street in San Marcos is scheduled for completion this fall.

Traffic and Demand Management: Caltrans completed the installation of the Closed-Circuit Television Incident Identification System project along I-5 from SR 94 to I-8, and on I-805 from SR 94 to I-8. This equipment will help staff at the Caltrans Traffic Operations Center identify and respond to congestion....The television broadcast element of the 511 system is complete....The Freeway Service Patrol assisted approximately 15,580 motorists, about 20 percent more than last quarter....Average ridership in the region’s 585 vanpools was approximately 8.2 passengers per vanpool, with 4,820 daily passengers participating in the program.....511 reached its millionth call on July 2, 2008. More information is available at www.sandag.org/progress. *(Item #6: Staff contact, Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org)*

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- San Diego Unified Port District
- San Diego County Water Authority
- Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 10, 2008
Policy Meeting

- Meeting Cancelled

October 24, 2008
Business Meeting

- Regional Short-Range Transit Plan & Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan
- Annual Update on the Activities of the Criminal Justice Research Division & Clearinghouse
- FY 2008 Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee Annual Report
- Smart Growth Visual Simulations

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AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ON THE INTERSTATE 5/STATE ROUTE 56 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Directors authorized the Executive Director to sign an agreement with Caltrans giving them permission to use SANDAG on-call engineering consultants for preliminary engineering for the I-5/SR 56 Interchange improvement project. SANDAG *TransNet* funds will be used to cover the estimated costs, which will be reimbursed by Caltrans. (Item #14: Staff contact, Richard Chavez, (619) 699-6989; rch@sandag.org)

FUNDING APPROVED FOR NEW FREEDOM AND *TransNet* SENIOR MINI-GRANT PROJECTS: Directors approved \$1.2 million in funding for New Freedom projects and \$1.26 million in funding *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant projects for FY 2009. New Freedom funds operating, capital, and mobility management projects providing new or expanded transportation services and facilities for persons with disabilities. The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance includes funding for operating and capital projects providing specialized transportation services for seniors. SANDAG coordinates a competitive bid process for each of these funding sources. A committee evaluates potential projects and makes recommendations for which projects should be funded. SANDAG approved six programs to receive New Freedom funding and 13 programs to receive *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant Projects funding. (Item #13: Staff contact, Danielle Kochman, (619) 699-1921; dko@sandag.org)

SENATE BILL 375: Directors took action to support Senate Bill (SB) 375, which is co-authored by Senator Denise Ducheny and Assemblymembers David Jones and Mark DeSaulnier. SB 375 creates new provisions for the preparation of regional transportation plans (RTP) in order to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction goals outlined in Assembly Bill 32. It also aligns the Regional Housing Needs Assessment and RTP processes, although it will require at least a planning cycle to get both planning processes on the same timeline. SB 375 was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 30, 2008. (Item #16: Staff contact, Genevieve Morelos, (619) 699-1994; gmo@sandag.org)

SANDAG BOARD RETREAT: Directors approved the location, topics, and format for the Board of Directors Retreat to be held January 28 – 30, 2009 at Harrah's Rincon Resort in Valley Center. Topics to be addressed include the economy - from a local, state, and national perspective; transportation funding issues; and strategic goals and priorities for the future. Also, California Transportation Commission Chair John Chalker will provide a legislative update for the Board. (Item #9: Staff contact, Colleen Windsor, (619) 699-1960 or cwi@sandag.org)

ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP ON THE SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Directors approved amending the membership provisions of SANDAG Board Policy No. 004. The amendment specified the criteria under which both regular and temporary advisory members may be added to the Board or Policy Advisory Committees (PAC), including a new allowance for providing an agency/group with a temporary advisory "seat" at the Board or one of the PAC when specific agenda items arise. Under the amended policy, an agency/group wishing to obtain a temporary advisory seat must meet selection criteria and submit a written request to the Board chair or advisory committee chair identifying the reasons for its request and the specific agenda item(s) to be considered. (Item #15: Staff contact, Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994; kka@sandag.org)

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***TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM (EMP):**

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS: Directors approved three items related to the EMP, which provides funding to mitigate habitat impacts from regional and local transportation projects, as well as money for regional land management and biological monitoring. The Board approved: (1) the prioritized list of land management grant projects, the funding allotments, and the authorization of staff to enter into grant agreements with the selected grantees; (2) the updated Five-Year Conceptual Funding Strategic Plan, the proposed management and monitoring activities and budget for FY 2009 totaling \$4 million, and the authorization of staff to solicit proposals and enter into contracts accordingly, and adopt the same process and evaluation criteria for land management grants for FY 2009; and (3) the proposed Guidelines for Implementation of the *TransNet* EMP Conservation and Mitigation Strategy, and direction to the Executive Director to utilize these Guidelines in the acquisition and restoration of property for advance mitigation under the *TransNet* EMP, including authorization for the Executive Director or designee to execute all documents necessary to acquire and transfer mitigation property meeting the criteria in the Guidelines. *(Item #12: Staff contact, Keith Greer, (619) 699-7390; kgr@sandag.org)*

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