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

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• STATE ROUTE 52 CORRIDOR UPDATE AND PROPOSED SCOPE INCREASE

• PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT FINAL 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

• INTERSTATE 15 CORRIDOR UPDATE

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ITEM #

+1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

   A. JUNE 13, 2008, MEETING MINUTES (meeting held jointly with Board of Directors)
   B. JUNE 20, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

+2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

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CONSENT ITEMS (3)

+3. 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.

CHAIR’S REPORT (4)

4. STATE ROUTE 905 STATUS UPDATE (Chairman Madaffer, Pedro Orso-Delgado, Caltrans)

Chairman Madaffer and Pedro Orso-Delgado will provide the monthly update of what was discussed by the State Route 905 Strike Team.

REPORTS (5 through 12)

+5. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SANDAG AND CITY OF LA MESA REGARDING TransNet COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM (Greg Humora, City of La Mesa)

The La Mesa City Council has authorized borrowing of $2.5 million based on the TransNet revenue projections provided by SANDAG. Participation at this level will allow a significant amount of street improvements to occur now, while continuing the other projects that utilize TransNet funds including: traffic signal upgrades, sidewalk repairs, curb ramp installations, roadway drainage repairs, traffic calming, and installing new street lights in underground utility districts. 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 La Mesa and authorize the Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Understanding in substantially the same form as attached to the report.
-6. **STATE ROUTE 52 CORRIDOR UPDATE AND PROPOSED SCOPE INCREASE**  
   (Joel Haven, Corridor Project Director; Richard Chavez)  

   Construction has begun on the extension of State Route (SR) 52 from SR 125 to SR 67 in the City of Santee. Construction of the Operational Improvements project continues between I-15 and Mast Boulevard. Favorable bid prices have resulted in an expected cost savings for all planned SR 52 corridor improvements. Caltrans and SANDAG staffs are recommending that preliminary engineering begin to widening SR 52 between Mast Boulevard and SR 125. The Transportation Committee is asked to expand the scope of the Operational Improvement project and authorize up to $500,000 to prepare a cost estimate and conduct preliminary engineering for SR 52 widening between Mast Boulevard and SR 125. Operational Improvements project savings would be used for this cost.

-7. **PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT FINAL 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
   (Sookyung Kim)  

   SANDAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is required by state and federal laws to develop and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), a multiyear program of proposed major highway, arterial, transit, and nonmotorized projects, including the TransNet Program of Projects. This public hearing is to accept public testimony on the draft 2008 RTIP, including the draft air quality conformity analysis. Upon the conclusion of the public hearing, the Transportation Committee is asked to: (1) hold a public hearing for the 2008 RTIP including its Air Quality Conformity Analysis and the Air Quality redetermination of the 2030 Revenue Constrained Regional Transportation Plan: Pathways for the Future (2030 RTP); (2) direct staff to finalize the 2008 RTIP, including any significant public comments received during the public hearing; and (3) recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 2009-01 adopting the 2008 RTIP, including its Air Quality Conformity Analysis and the Air Quality redetermination of the 2030 RTP.

-8. **TRAFFIC LIGHT SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM FY 2009 BUDGET AMENDMENT**  
   (Alex Estrella)  

   SANDAG has been awarded Prop 1B funds to implement and maintain a regional traffic light synchronization program. The program provides for the implementation of new timing plans along three major corridors and the development and implementation of a regional Transit Signal Priority (TSP) system. The program also includes and a comprehensive signal study along with implementation of new Trolley signal coordination system in the Centre City area. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the programming of $6,350,000 to the Capital Improvement Program budget including $5,840,000 in State Traffic Light Synchronization Program funds, $210,000 contribution from CCDC, $100,000 contribution from City of Poway, $100,000 contribution from City of San Diego, and $100,000 transfer of funds from the Centralized Train Control project. In addition, SANDAG will be providing $2,446,360 of in-kind match by leveraging work efforts on existing projects (Attachment 1); and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements with CCDC and the Cities of San Diego and Poway for receipt of the stated matching funds.
A. INTERSTATE 15 CORRIDOR UPDATE (Gustavo Dallarda, Corridor Project Director; Dan Martin)

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 SANDAG 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 on the opening of the facility.

B. INTERSTATE 15 CORRIDOR: FASTRAK UPDATE (Gustavo Dallarda, Corridor Project Director; Dan Martin)

The Interstate 15 (I-15) FasTrak project includes expansion of the existing FasTrak system to the I-15 Managed Lanes/Bus Rapid project located between State Route (SR) 163 and SR 78. This report provides an overview of project progress, including an interim tolling strategy recommended for implementation when the first 4.5 miles of the I-15 Middle Segment facility from SR 56 to Rancho Bernardo Road. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the use of an interim tolling strategy as outlined in the report.

C. I-15 CORRIDOR MANAGED LANES OPERATIONS: STATE ROUTE 78 – NORDAHL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (Gustavo Dallarda, Corridor Project Director; Dan Martin)

The Interstate 15 Managed Lanes/Bus Rapid Transit (I-15 ML/BRT) segment between Centre City Parkway and State Route (SR) 78 is under construction and is expected to be open to traffic by December 2011. The Cities of Escondido and San Marcos and Caltrans have been cooperatively developing a strategy to replace the Nordahl Road bridge over SR 78 which would improve access to and from the I-15 ML/BRT. Escondido, San Marcos, and Caltrans have asked SANDAG to partner with them on an effort to replace the Nordahl Road bridge. The Transportation Committee is asked to authorize staff to work with the City of Escondido, the City of San Marcos, and Caltrans to develop a strategy to replace the Nordahl Road bridge over SR 78 and improve access to and from the I-15 ML/BRT. For a project location map, see Attachment 1.

10. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SANDAG, CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY, AND OTHER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES (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. SANDAG and other southern California transportation agencies have been working with the CHSRA on planning for the Los Angeles to San Diego via Inland Empire high-speed train corridor and wish to formalize this working arrangement in order to complete planning, environmental, design, and implementation. The Transportation Committee is asked to (1) review and provide comments on the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and (2) recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to execute the revised MOU in substantially the same form as attached at its July 25, 2008, meeting.
11. AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT AND CALTRANS CONCERNING ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
   (Richard Chavez)

The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Executive Director be given the authorization to enter into agreements with the San Diego Unified Port District (Port) and Caltrans for the purpose of facilitating the development of the Port Access Improvement projects as defined by the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund program. The agreement with the Port would be in substantially the same form as attached. The agreement with Caltrans would be similar to the current agreement in place with Caltrans for the TransNet Early Action Program. The agreements would result in no net cost to SANDAG.

12. FY 2009 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT: INTEGRATED CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT USING INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (Alex Estrella)

SANDAG has been awarded a Phase II grant from the Federal Highway Administration to continue efforts towards developing an Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) system for Interstate 15 (I-15). The anticipated benefit of the ICM Project is that it establishes a platform for managing and operating multiple and individual transportation systems as a single/unified system for better management of traffic conditions along the I-15 corridor. The Transportation Committee is asked to approve an amendment to the FY 2009 Overall Work Program budget to add $300,000, from federal and state funds, to continue the implementation of the Integrated Corridor Management Project along I-15, OWP element #5001800 (Attachment 1).

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, August 1, 2008, at 9 a.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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