



BOARD ACTIONS

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APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO AD HOC POLICY COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING MEASURE: The following additional members were appointed by SANDAG Chair and Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Teresa Sessom to the Ad Hoc Policy Committee for the Quality of Life Measure: Chula Vista Mayor Cheryl Cox, La Mesa Councilmember Mark Arapostathis, San Diego Councilmember Ben Hueso, and Oceanside Councilmember Jerry Kern. Additional members were appointed to ensure representation from around the region. The Ad Hoc Policy Committee provides policy direction and will guide efforts to collaborate with regional stakeholders on possible approaches to this regional funding measure. *(Item #12: Staff contact, Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994 or kka@sandag.org)*

I-15 EXPRESS LANES AND FASTRAK UPDATE/INTERIM TOLL APPROVED: Directors were updated on progress underway to complete the Interstate 15 Express Lanes/Bus Rapid Transit (I-15 ML/BRT) project included in the *TransNet* Early Action Program authorized by the SANDAG Board of Directors in January 2005. This project includes construction of four reversible lanes, operational improvements in the corridor, implementation of the region's first BRT service, and expansion of the existing FasTrak® system. A 4.5 mile stretch of the Express Lanes from State Route (SR) 56 to Rancho Bernardo Road will open later this summer. An additional 3.5 miles extending north from Rancho Bernardo Road to Centre City Parkway in Escondido will open this winter. Directors approved an interim tolling price of 50 cents per trip for FasTrak solo drivers who use the new Express Lanes. The variable pricing will continue as it is today for FasTrak solo drivers who use the existing eight-mile Express Lane facility to/from SR 163 and SR 56/Ted Williams Parkway. When the variable pricing technology is deployed to the new eight-mile segment, variable pricing tolls will be implemented for FasTrak users based on the distance traveled between the point they enter and the point they exit the I-15 Express Lanes. *(Item #17: Staff contact: Dan Martin, (619) 699-6987, dma@sandag.org or Gustavo Dallarda, (858) 748-4233, gustavo.dallarda@dot.ca.gov)*

TECHNICAL UPDATE TO THE SMART GROWTH CONCEPT MAP: Directors accepted an updated Smart Growth Concept Map, which illustrates the locations of existing, planned, and potential regional smart growth areas as identified by each jurisdiction, for use in the *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and for ongoing planning purposes. Changes include status updates (from "Potential" to "Existing/Planned" and vice-versa); changes in smart growth opportunity area boundaries; refinements to transit service information; and general edits. Additional information also was presented regarding the Quarry Creek site in the City of Carlsbad. Directors accepted the original Smart Growth Concept Map in June 2006 for planning purposes for the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. SANDAG and the local jurisdictions worked collaboratively to prepare the initial map and the subsequent technical update. *(Item #14: Staff contact: Carolina Gregor, (619) 699-1989 or cgr@sandag.org)*

MOU BETWEEN SANDAG, CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY, AND OTHER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES: Directors approved an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SANDAG, the California High-Speed Rail Authority, and other Southern California transportation agencies, to complete planning and environmental work on the Los Angeles to San Diego – via the Inland Empire – rail corridor. *(Item #16: Staff contact: Linda Culp, (619) 699-6957 or lcu@sandag.org)*

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

*August 8, 2008
Policy Meeting*

- Meeting Cancelled

*August 22, 2008
Business Meeting*

- Meeting Cancelled

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SANDAG ISSUES RESPONSES TO GRAND JURY REPORTS: Directors approved responses to two Grand Jury reports issued May 21, 2008: "SANDAG: How Much Growth is Sustainable?" and "A Warmer World – A Challenge and an Opportunity." The reports included findings and recommendations related to SANDAG regional planning and capital program work activities. State law requires that SANDAG respond to the report findings and recommendations by mid-August 2008. The responses will be forwarded to the Grand Jury by early August. The Grand Jury reports are posted at www.co.sandiego.ca.us/grandjury/report07_08.html and SANDAG responses are included as part of the [agenda report](#). (Item #11: Staff contact: Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994 or kka@sandag.org)

FY 2009 BUDGET AMENDMENT: TRAFFIC LIGHT SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM (TLSP): SANDAG has been awarded Proposition 1B funds under the TLSP to implement several traffic light synchronization improvements throughout the region. Directors approved an amendment to the FY 2009 Capital Improvement Program to add \$6.35 million in additional funding, including \$5.84 million in State Traffic Light Synchronization Program funds, local contributions from CCDC, City of Poway, and City of San Diego, and a \$100,000 transfer of funds from the Centralized Train Control CIP project, as well as an in-kind match. Directors also authorized the Executive Director to execute agreements for receipt of local agency contributions for the TLSP projects. (Item #15: Staff contact, Alex Estrella, (619) 699-1928 or aes@sandag.org)

DRAFT FINAL 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP): Directors adopted the draft final 2008 RTIP, including its air quality conformity determination and the conformity re-determination of the 2030 Revenue Constrained Regional Transportation Plan: Pathways for the Future, and directed staff to submit the final 2008 RTIP to the state for approval. SANDAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is required by state and federal laws to develop and adopt a RTIP, a multiyear program of proposed major highway, arterial, transit, and nonmotorized projects, including the *TransNet* Program of Projects. The 2008 RTIP covers the period of FY 2009 to FY 2013. (Item #14: Staff contact: Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)

MOU BETWEEN SANDAG AND THE CITY OF LA MESA REGARDING *TransNet* COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM: Directors approved the use of the *TransNet* Commercial Paper program by the City of La Mesa. Local jurisdictions may access the SANDAG Commercial Paper program to advance local *TransNet* eligible projects. La Mesa requested access to the program to undertake a major street resurfacing program in FY 2009 to avoid higher future repair costs and take advantage of the current construction bid climate. (Item #13: Staff contact: Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)

UPDATE TO BOARD POLICY NO. 003: INVESTMENT POLICY: Directors approved three amendments to Board Policy No. 003: Investment Policy. Directors also reviewed Board Policy No. 032: The San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission Interest Rate Swap Policy but recommended no changes at this time. (Item #4: Staff contact: Renee Wasmund, (619) 699-1940 or rwa@sandag.org)

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