**BOARD ACTIONS**

November 21, 2008

**REVISION TO FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) AND TransNet REVENUE ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL MARKET STATUS:** Directors approved a revision to reduce the FY 2009 revenue estimates for TDA and TransNet. The revised funding estimates for FY 2009 are $113.8 million in Transportation Development Act allocations and $234.63 million for the TransNet allocation. There is a growing consensus nationwide that the current economic slowdown will significantly impact the third and fourth quarters of 2008 and all of 2009. In light of these expected trends, SANDAG is projecting a four percent decline in sales tax revenues during FY 2009, with much of the weakness occurring during the last quarter of 2008 and the first two quarters of 2009. (Item #18: Staff contacts: Renee Wasmund, (619) 699-1940 or rwa@sandag.org; Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)

**UNIVERSITY TOWNE CENTRE (UTC) TRANSIT CENTER FUNDING:** SANDAG directed staff to take the necessary programming actions, including obtaining approval from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to utilize approximately $5.7 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds toward construction of the new UTC bus transit center. The proposed Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Light Rail Transit (LRT) station would be located adjacent to the new transit center and was designed at the conceptual level to ensure that once constructed, the LRT station would function as an integral part of the transit center. Westfield, the developer, and the City of San Diego have each committed to funding a portion of the $22 million cost of the bus transit center. The SANDAG funds currently are programmed for the Nobel Drive COASTER Station – a project that has been put on hold. If approved by the FTA, using the Nobel Drive COASTER Station funds for this UTC Transit Center would help protect these federal funds and put them to work. (Item #7: Staff contact, Susan Brown, (619) 699-1913 or sbr@sandag.org)

**REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE ON SLATE OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2009:** The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of nominees for SANDAG 2009 Board officers: Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler as Chair, Encinitas Mayor Jerome Stocks as First Vice Chair, and Santee Councilmember Jack Dale as Second Vice Chair. The election of officers is scheduled for the December 19, 2008, Board meeting. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at that meeting. (Item #13: Staff contact, Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994; kka@sandag.org)

**THIRD ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TransNet INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** Directors heard the third annual report from the ITOC, which covered activities through FY 2008 and showed in detail the involvement of the ITOC in carrying out the voters’ mandate on the TransNet Extension, including the procurement process and current activities involved in the first triennial performance audit for the TransNet Program required by the TransNet Ordinance. The role of the ITOC is to ensure that the voter-approved mandates of the new ordinance are carried out and to recommend improvements and enhancements to the financial integrity and performance of the TransNet program over time. (Item #15: Staff contact, Muggs Stoll, (619) 699-6945; mst@sandag.org)
ANNUAL REVIEW OF, AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO, BOARD POLICY NO. 033: IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR SANDAG REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT MEMORANDUM: Directors approved amendments to SANDAG Board Policy No. 033, including the method of awarding incentive points under the program; the elimination of a requirement that jurisdictions have a housing element that has been found in compliance with state law in order to be eligible; and the elimination (due to the subjectivity of evaluating compliance) of the requirement that jurisdictions demonstrate progress toward implementing any rezoning programs required in their housing elements. (Item #16: Staff contact, Susan Baldwin, (619) 699-1943; sba@sandag.org)

TransNet SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Directors approved the project selection criteria for capital and planning grants for use in the first two-year funding cycle of the TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program. Directors also authorized a call for projects for the program. The action will allow the first funding cycle for the program to be initiated in December 2008 and projects selected for funding by April 2009. (Item #17: Staff contact, Stephan Vance, (619) 699-1924; sva@sandag.org)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2008 BINATIONAL SEMINAR: Directors approved recommendations from the 2008 Binational Seminar, “Smart Growth and Sustainability on the Border: Opportunities for Collaboration Among Strategic Partners.” These recommendations include exploring the feasibility of developing maps of the regional transportation infrastructure and existing and planned water, sewer, energy, natural gas, and electrical infrastructure in the San Diego/Tijuana region; investigating and gathering existing baseline data on greenhouse gas emissions and corresponding target reductions; proceeding with arrangements for SANDAG to consider accepting the IMPlan invitation to become a permanent advisory member on its Governing Board; incorporating coordination of Smart Growth and Climate Change planning efforts between the San Diego region and Baja California into the next update of the Otay Mesa-Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Strategic Plan; and exploring opportunities for COBRO members to invite practitioners to discuss best practices at borders around the world to evaluate San Diego/Tijuana border crossings. Staff will explore resources for implementation of these activities in conjunction with preparation of the FY 2010 Budget and Overall Work Program, and will evaluate how they could be integrated into a follow-up binational seminar. (Item #19: Staff contact, Hector Vanegas, (619) 699-1972; hva@sandag.org)

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2008: Highway Projects: The California Transportation Commission allocated $91.6 million from the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund for construction capital and management for the SR 905 freeway between Britannia Boulevard and I-805. Construction of this project should start in mid-spring 2009, with completion scheduled for 2012. The segment between Britannia Boulevard and Siempre Viva Road, currently under construction, is scheduled to open by late 2010.

Transit and Bikeway Projects: Construction started on the Salt Works phase of the Bayshore Bikeway. This regional bikeway project will add a safer, more scenic 1.1 mile section between Main Street in Chula Vista and the Silver Strand path at 13th Street in Imperial Beach. Construction is scheduled to be finished by February 2009.

Arterial and Freeway Interchange Projects: The City of San Diego completed the Genesee Avenue widening project, which widened Genesee Avenue from four to six lanes between Campus Point Drive and I-5 in the University City area.
Traffic and Demand Management: The Freeway Service Patrol assisted approximately 16,430 motorists, about 5.5 percent more than last quarter. The vanpool participation rate increased by 9.6 percent in the last quarter, from 585 vanpools to 641 vanpools. Average ridership per vanpool was approximately 8.3 passengers, with 5,326 daily passengers participating in the program. The 511 call system received 191,947 calls, up nearly five percent from the previous quarter and raising the cumulative call volume to just under 1.2 million calls. More information is available at www.sandag.org/progress. (Item #9: Staff contact, Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org)

DESTINATION LINDBERGH AD HOC AIRPORT REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE: SANDAG Chair Mary Teresa Sessom provided an update on Destination Lindbergh, the cooperative planning effort with the City of San Diego, the Airport Authority, and SANDAG. The study effort began in March of this year in an attempt to address three key questions: What is the ultimate build out of the airport? What is the best option for integration of a ground access Intermodal Transportation Center? How can traffic on local streets surrounding the airport be mitigated? Guiding the study has been an Ad Hoc Policy Committee which has met approximately every three weeks. To date, work has included: forecasting future air travel demand; reviewing the constraints and opportunities of adjacent rail, freeway, and local streets and roads as well as airside passenger options; and development of a series of airport-intermodal alternatives. The Committee has screened down the alternatives to four basic concepts. All alternatives utilize an Intermodal Transportation Center. Next steps include developing options for phased development and reviewing financial feasibility and revenue sources. Based on the MOU with the City of San Diego, the Airport Authority, and SANDAG, there is a February deadline for deciding on future actions. (Item #12: Staff contact, Dave Schumacher, (619) 699-6906, dsc@sandag.org)

RECOGNITION OF WORKPLACE EXCELLENCE AWARD: Directors commended the SANDAG Human Resources Department, management, and staff for earning a prestigious Crystal Award from the San Diego Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management for its “Relational Onboarding Program,” a six-month process in which new hires are oriented and then integrated into the workforce. SANDAG, which has approximately 200 employees, won the award in the mid-sized company category. (Item #14: Staff contact, Laura Cote, (619) 699-6947; lco@sandag.org)

PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS: Directors endorsed the “Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in the San Diego Region” (Plan) after hearing a presentation by the United Way of San Diego regarding this report. To address the issue of chronic homelessness in San Diego, the Plan focuses on two key elements: a housing first/housing plus model that develops permanent supportive housing; and a prevention plan that gives the individual or family who enters the system viable options to maintain permanent housing. The Plan is a joint effort between the United Way of San Diego, the County of San Diego, and the City of San Diego. (Item #20)

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