



BOARD ACTIONS

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SANDAG APPROVES DISTRIBUTION OF RURAL TRANSIT FUNDS:

Directors approved distribution of \$626,205 in FTA Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula funds. Of this amount, NCTD will receive \$369,461 for procurement of paratransit vehicles. The MTS share of \$256,744 will be used for FY 2009 operations. *(Item #5 staff contact: Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908, jnu@sandag.org)*

SANDAG APPROVES CHANGES TO TRANSIT FARE ORDINANCE:

Directors approved changes to the Regional Comprehensive Fare Ordinance which will delay introduction of the Compass Card until March 1, 2009. The move also clarifies the timing of validation of Rolling Passes and Monthly Passes to be sold at ticket vending machines, the MTS Transit Store, NCTD Customer Service Outlets, or other outlets designated by SANDAG. The Compass Card will support calendar monthly and 30-day rolling passes. The rolling pass is valid for 30 days from the pass purchase. All paper monthly passes will be eliminated and replaced with the Compass Card by July 1, 2009. The Compass Card is the region's new transit smart card technology for transit. Transit riders may load any MTS or NCTD transit pass on the card. The card also can be loaded with cash value (like a gift card); each time the card is tapped on a validator the fare amount is deducted from the card balance. The Compass Card simplifies taking transit in San Diego County by creating an easy, universal way to pay for passes and fares. *(Item #12 staff contact: Dave Schumacher, (619) 699-6906 or dsc@sandag.org)*

ELECTION OF SANDAG BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2009:

SANDAG elected Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler as Chair, Encinitas Councilmember Jerome Stocks as First Vice Chair, and Santee Councilmember Jack Dale as Second Vice Chair, for one-year terms, beginning January 1, 2009. *(Item #8 staff contact: Colleen Windsor, (619) 699-1960, cwi@sandag.org)*

2009 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM:

Directors approved the 2009 SANDAG Legislative Program, which includes policies and proposals for federal and state legislation, as well as local activities. Sponsored items include developing priorities for the next federal surface transportation authorization; pursuing technical clean-up legislation to Senate Bill 375 to align the upcoming cycles of the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment; pursuing economic stimulus funding at the federal and state levels; and pursuing policy and/or legislative changes to enable comprehensive state environmental processes to fulfill federal environmental requirements. Additional information is available at www.sandag.org/legislativeprogram. *(Item #13 staff contact: Genevieve Morelos, (619) 699-1994, gmo@sandag.org)*

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2008 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT:

Directors accepted the *Regional Comprehensive Plan 2008 Annual Performance Monitoring Report*. The report details progress made in implementing the Regional Comprehensive Plan as measured against a series of benchmarks established by the Baseline Report accepted by the Board in October 2006. *(Item #9 staff contact: Christine Eary, (619) 699-6928, cea@sandag.org)*

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

*January 9, 2009
Policy Meeting*

Meeting Cancelled

*January 23, 2009
Business Meeting*

- State-Local Partnership Program
- Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Status Update
- Financial Market Status

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS:

Directors approved amendments to SANDAG Board Policies Nos. 001, 004, 007, 008, 011, 016 - 018, 019, 021 - 025, and 029. Approved amendments to the Bylaws include removing the definition of "Regional Board" because SANDAG prepares the Regional Comprehensive Plan instead of functioning as the Regional Planning and Growth Management Review Board; changing the duties of the Nominating Committee to include more Board candidate review options; and changing the "Administrative Rules and Regulations" to "administrative manuals and policies" because staff no longer uses the aforementioned title. The SANDAG Office of General Counsel reviews suggested changes to the Board Policies and Bylaws each year to determine which updates should be recommended to the Board of Directors. *(Item #11 staff contact: Julie Wiley, (619) 699-6966, jwi@sandag.org)*

NAVY METRO TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE:

Directors listened to an update from the SANDAG Regional Commuting Assistance Program (RideLink) regarding ongoing work with the United States Navy. The Navy, as one of the largest employers in the San Diego region, has partnered with RideLink to provide an analysis of commuter travel activity of naval personnel between the major naval housing areas and the naval bases/facilities in the San Diego metropolitan area. A range of transportation demand management strategies are being developed for the Navy's consideration. *(Item #10 staff contact: Dan Martin, (619) 699-6987, dma@sandag.org)*

SANDAG APPROVES SAN DIEGO REGION ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROPOSAL:

Directors gave initial approval to a comprehensive regional economic stimulus proposal. The nation is currently experiencing an economic downturn and recent actions by the federal government have focused on initiating programs to stimulate the nation's economy. SANDAG staff worked with member agencies, other agencies, and the business community – including the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce – to develop a comprehensive economic stimulus proposal that includes the construction of both transportation and public works projects. *(Item #15 staff contact: Dan Martin, (619) 699-6987, dma@sandag.org)*

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