Chair Mary Sessom (East County) called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair Jerome Stocks (North County Coastal) and a second by First Vice Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler (North County Inland), the minutes of the October 10, 2008, Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS**

   Chuck Lungerhausen, a member of the public, asked what mode of travel makes the most efficient use of energy resources. He thought that high-speed rail makes sense and the time has come. It will cost us money but he thinks we need it. With the downturn in the economy and the amount of people losing jobs, we may need a project that will put people to work.

   Clive Richard, a member of the public, expressed best wishes for those Board members who will not be returning next year, and said he looked forward to continuing to work with all of you who will be returning. With the economic downturn we will need to do some serious thinking about how we will pay for things. We have to have a sustainable, reliable way of funding transit operations.

3. **REPORTS (3 through 8)**

   **FY 2009 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND SPECIAL STUDY GRANTS (APPROVE)**

   Daniel Veeh, Regional Planner, said that this fall Caltrans awarded four transportation planning grants and a special study grant. The grants are intended for projects and studies that lead to implementation of projects that improve mobility in the region. Caltrans provides these funds on an annual basis. In January 2008 we applied for 13 grants and received funding for 4 totaling more than $700,000. The special study grants are for issues of particular interest to Caltrans. We successfully applied for a $250,000 grant to study the supply of aggregate in San Diego County. All of these grants have local match components. We will use Transportation Development Act (TDA) monies for the local match. He outlined the funding for each of the projects. These grants will require certain amendments to the FY 2009 Budget and Overall Work Program (OWP), and other matching funds will be provided during the development of the FY 2010 Budget and OWP.
Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego), and a second by Second Vice Chair Stocks, the Executive Committee voted to adopt Resolution No. 2009-08 to amend the FY 2009 Budget and Overall Work Program to accept Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant funds totaling $738,728 and Transportation Planning Special Studies funds totaling $250,000, and to provide the required matching funds; and to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Caltrans for the San Diego Region Aggregate Supply Study.

4. COMPASS CARD CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT (APPROVE)

James Dreisbach-Towle, Principal Technology Program Analyst, reported that the Compass Card is being prepared for launch to the general public in January 2009 and will eliminate all paper monthly passes by July 1, 2009. The final capital improvement still under construction is the installation of remaining rail platform Compass Card validators. These validators will serve as a “virtual gate” for the Trolley, COASTER, and SPRINTER systems. Completion of this work and the reprogramming of the Trolley Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) to support the Comprehensive Fare Ordinance require an amendment to the capital budget. To date, validators have been installed on the COASTER, SPRINTER, and the Trolley Green Line with remaining work to be performed on the Trolley Orange and Blue Lines.

Due to unforeseen conditions, we have had to update the budget estimate. He reviewed the actions that have already been taken on the project budget. This request is for the use of SANDAG contingency reserve funds in the amount of $70,000. The use of SANDAG contingency reserve funds is governed by Board Policy No. 030. This request meets the conditions cited in that policy.

Mayor Cheryl Cox (South Bay) asked if this funding request will be sufficient to complete this project. Mr. Dreisbach-Towle replied affirmatively.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Cox and second by Supervisor Cox, the Executive Committee voted to: (1) authorize the use of $70,000 of SANDAG contingency reserve funds; and (2) increase the budget of the Automated Fare Collection Project (CIP No. 1145700) for the installation of rail station Compass Card validators. Additional actions taken by the Executive Director totaling $100,000 and by the Transportation Committee totaling $327,904 will result in an aggregate budget increase of $497,904.

5. DRAFT 2009 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Genevieve Morelos, Senior Legislative Analyst, reported that the draft 2009 Legislative Program is Attachment 1 to the agenda report. This program serves as a road map for Board and staff to follow as legislation is introduced during the state and federal legislative sessions. The program is organized into three distinct sections that relate to the level of effort needed to support corresponding legislative activities: (1) Sponsor, (2) Support/Oppose, and (3) Monitor. Within each section, individual goals are assigned a priority level. Staff has modified the 2008 program as a starting point for the Executive Committee’s discussion on the 2009 program.

Ms. Morelos reviewed proposed deletions, proposed modifications, and proposed new goals. Work was completed on Goal Nos. 2A, 3A, and 8B from the 2008 Legislative program,
so these goals would be deleted. Proposed modifications were reviewed for Goal Nos. 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A. There is one new goal, No. 4B. The concept of protecting transportation funding is included in several goals in the 2008 program; however staff feels it is important include protecting transit funding as a separate, distinct goal, given the state’s recent history of diverting spillover funding and other transit revenues to programs historically funded by the General Fund.

She noted that the Public Safety Committee (PSC) will be reviewing the public safety related legislative goals at its December 12 meeting. If the PSC makes no changes to these goals, this item could go directly to the Board in December. If significant changes are proposed by the Executive Committee today or by the PSC in December, staff would bring the revised 2009 program back to the Executive Committee and the Board in January 2009.

Mayor Cox suggested an additional legislative goal. The Chula Vista City Council recently approved extending producer responsibility for products at the end of their life cycles. She has information about this new city requirement available for review. She recommended that since SANDAG acts as the Integrated Waste Management Task Force and has a technical committee, this could be added as a support component to the legislative program.

Chair Sessom suggested that this item be referred to the Integrated Waste Management technical advisory committee for its review.

Supervisor Cox stated that one of the things that could really expedite projects is to focus on a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) equivalent to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). He suggested seeking assistance at the federal level for this, so that projects did not have to go through two separate environmental processes at the state and federal levels.

Mr. Gallegos agreed with Supervisor Cox. He stated that the key is not to lower the environmental standards, but rather to focus on streamlining the processes. To put some perspective on this, Caltrans is typically able to get CEQA documents completed in a couple of years, while similar projects at the federal level take as many as five years. There are a lot of redundant reviews that happen at the federal transportation agencies.

Second Vice Chair Stocks clarified that we are not looking for CEQA reform but for NEPA reform.

Supervisor Cox agreed with that statement. He is looking for more of a federal review that would allow every state to say this is our process for environmental review of projects and have it pass an environmental equivalency test.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler asked if this is possible. Mr. Gallegos responded that there currently is a federal pilot program where NEPA authority has been delegated to several states, and California is one of these states with delegated authority. In light of the current economic situation, this environment may be one in which we can begin a discussion about this kind of process streamlining issue.

Second Vice Chair Stocks agreed this is worthy of the effort. He suggested we solicit support from other metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).
Mr. Gallegos stated that Caltrans Director Will Kempton and others have been working on principles for the next federal authorization. Streamlining the permit process both for the next transportation measure as well as for any possible economic stimulus measure has been one of the issues raised. Additional avenues to explore this goal are with the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).

National City Mayor Ron Morrison (South Bay) noted that the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) also can be contacted on the national level.

Ms. Morelos asked if this should be included in an existing goal or as a separate goal. Mr. Gallegos suggested that we look at this issue separately.

Second Vice Chair Stocks noted his preference that this be a separate goal.

Chair Sessom stated that she and Mayor Morrison attended a recent Urban Land Institute dinner. The speaker at that event noted that Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) is beginning to be looked at on a national level as a possible planning model. We need to continue to work on how we implement this bill.

Mr. Gallegos stated that Mayor Pfeiler has asked that we expand the invitation list for the Board Policy meeting on December 5 to include all elected officials. The topic for the December 5 Board Policy meeting would be SB 375 implementation and would include a policy discussion about where we are on these issues.

Action: Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Pfeiler, and a second by Second Vice Chair Stocks, the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the SANDAG Board of Directors approve the 2009 Legislative Program, as amended.

6. ANNUAL REVIEW OF AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICY NO. 033: IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR SANDAG REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT MEMORANDUM (RECOMMEND)

Susan Baldwin, Senior Planner, reported that Policy No. 033 sets forth guidelines for incentives related to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for the 2005-2010 housing element cycle for the San Diego region. As part of the approval of the final RHNA, the Board approved a memorandum that included certain financial incentives to jurisdictions based on housing element compliance and lower-income housing production. The policy requires an annual review. This review is being undertaken in anticipation of the TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP). A call for projects for this program is scheduled to be issued in November or December this year.

Ms. Baldwin stated that several amendments are being proposed. The Regional Planning Technical Working Group (TWG) and the Regional Housing Working Group (RHWG) discussed amendments during a number of meetings over the past several months. A report was presented to the Regional Planning Committee at its November 7 meeting. She noted that this is the first time amendments are being proposed to this policy. Six major issues have been addressed in this annual review. Two major issues that are most significant are housing element compliance and the award of incentive points. We are no longer requiring
that jurisdictions have a housing element in order for them to apply for funds under Policy No. 033. Instead, we have proposed incorporating the housing element compliance into incentive points to be awarded.

Ms. Baldwin said that the Board-approved memorandum states that 25 percent of the total points for each funding program are subject to Board Policy No. 033. The TWG recommends a significant change be made as to how these points are awarded. Instead of calculating lower-income housing production now based only on one factor (affordable housing produced), the TWG proposes that affordable housing performance be assessed using five factors. Each factor would be worth one-fifth of the total points. The five factors are: (1) Housing Element Compliance, (2) Greater RHNA Share Taken, (3) Regional Share of Cumulative Total of Lower-Income Units Produced, (4) Percent of Cumulative Alternate 3 Lower-Income RHNA Goal Met, and (5) Percent of Lower-Income Households. She noted that the SGIP capital project criteria total 300 points, which means that 75 points (25 percent) would be awarded consistent with Policy No. 033. What we are doing in creating this proposal is to broaden the factor to award points to include planning for affordable housing, producing affordable housing, and recognizing what kind of affordable housing is currently on the ground.

Mayor Morrison asked if Factor No. 3 is based on the percentage of housing produced compared to the total regional goal. He said that the City of San Diego would automatically receive all of the points in this category because of its size and share of housing numbers. The City of Del Mar could put in 90 percent of its affordable housing goal and receive fewer points.

Mr. Gallegos stated that the City of San Diego would produce more total units and would receive higher points in that category.

Ms. Baldwin said the purpose of that factor was to give credit to jurisdictions that are producing higher total numbers of affordable housing in the region.

Councilmember Matt Hall (North County Coastal) asked if the percentage is off the region’s total or the individual jurisdiction’s number. Ms. Baldwin replied that it is taken from the total number of affordable housing units in the region. She noted that Carlsbad’s specific share was 19 percent of total in the region.

Coleen Clementson, Principal Planner, stated that what staff originally presented to the RPC was a straight percentage. If your share was 19 percent your jurisdiction would receive 19 percent of the points allotted in that category. The RPC consensus was to maintain the five factors, but allow for individual jurisdictions to get 100 percent of the points in any given category. This proposal is the recommendation from the planning directors.

Ms. Baldwin reviewed how the percentage points would be calculated. She stated that these numbers are preliminary, because we would need to collect additional data from the local jurisdictions about acquired and rehabilitated units, not just new affordable units produced.

Second Vice Chair Stocks asked about how the percent of lower-income households would be calculated (Factor No. 5). Ms. Baldwin said that 40 percent of the households in the region fall in very low or low income categories. This percentage figure is based on the census data for each jurisdiction.
Ms. Baldwin reviewed how the points would be assigned for each jurisdiction under this factor.

Chair Sessom commented that Factor No. 3 provides the percent share of the cumulative total for each jurisdiction in the region, and Factor No. 4 shows the progress by individual jurisdictions that get us to the regional goal. She asked how units that are acquired/rehabilitated and rent restricted at affordable levels would be counted. Ms. Baldwin said these types of units would be counted in the total, either at full credit or half credit, depending on whether they were included in a jurisdiction’s housing element. However, they would not be counted if they are already rent restricted.

Second Vice Chair Stocks asked about mobile homes. Ms. Baldwin answered that if they are new or become restricted during the time period they are counted.

Mayor Cox mentioned that the City of Chula Vista took over a motel and is completely rehabilitating it, and will get credit for that.

Councilmember Hall said that one thing we haven’t discussed is our Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs). This should be considered in the award of incentive points.

Mr. Gallegos said that Board Policy No. 033 focuses solely on these five factors related to the production of affordable housing. There are other criteria in the Smart Growth Incentive Program that deal with other policy areas.

Ms. Baldwin clarified that the RHNA numbers were based on developable vacant land, or land not constrained by habitat plans. The RHNA numbers were based on the SANDAG growth forecast, which does not assume housing will be built on HCP lands.

Councilmember Hall noted that 30-40 percent of Carlsbad’s land area is dedicated to HCPs.

Mayor Cox indicated that the City of Chula Vista is in the same situation with regard to habitat. She spent time with city staff reviewing this proposal and they can support it. It is so much better for Chula Vista than the previous policy.

Second Vice Chair Stocks complimented staff on this report. This proposal represents a tremendous improvement over the previous system. Many cities don’t have an approved housing element but are putting affordable housing units on the ground.

Supervisor Cox said that he has not been involved in this process; however, the biggest question on these five components is why each factor is valued equally. He felt that some could be more significant than others. The goal should be to encourage production of more affordable housing. He mentioned that the County is about two years away from having an approved housing element.

Mr. Gallegos explained that this proposal deals with how you handle discretionary funds and how you provide an incentive. This is a precursor to a much larger debate, which is how to accommodate housing needs for the region’s population.

Councilmember Hall suggested a workshop be held on how the next RHNA numbers will be developed.
Second Vice Chair Stocks thought this could be discussed at a future Board Policy meeting.

First Vice Chair Pfeiler stated that we will have a lot of workshops on RHNA. In prior discussions, the Board was split on their feelings about RHNA. This Board Policy was a compromise solution to apply to discretionary funds. We have reduced the housing element compliance in this proposal. We want to reward affordable housing production.

**Action:** Upon a motion by First Vice Chair Pfeiler, and a second by Mayor Cox, the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the SANDAG Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to Board Policy No. 033.

7. **ANNUAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS (DISCUSSION)**

Chair Sessom said that this item was postponed to the next Executive Committee meeting. In the essence of time, Committee members should review the proposed amendments before that meeting and be prepared to quickly review the amendments at that time.

8. **REVIEW OF DRAFT BOARD AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2008 (APPROVE)**

Kim Kawada, Policy and Legislative Affairs Program Manager, reviewed the draft agenda for the November 21 Board meeting.

Second Vice Chair Stocks suggested that Item No. 21, University Towne Centre Transit Center Funding, be placed on the Consent Calendar. Committee members agreed with this suggestion.

Chair Sessom noted that in the agenda paragraph for Item No. 13, Destination Lindbergh Ad Hoc Airport Regional Policy Committee Update, it states that a final concept is scheduled to be developed and presented to all stakeholders by February 2009. She asked staff to verify that timing.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Supervisor Cox, and a second by First Vice Chair Pfeiler, the Executive Committee voted to approve the agenda for the SANDAG Board of Directors meeting on Friday, November 21, 2008, as amended.

10. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 5, 2008.

Ms. Kawada noted that we are trying to schedule all SANDAG Board/Committee meetings on that date to be held at Caltrans District 11 offices.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Sessom adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet
## CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
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