



BOARD ACTIONS

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FY 2010 BUDGET AND OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT: SANDAG ASSUMING ROLE AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN): Directors approved an amendment to the FY 2010 Budget and Overall Work Program to accept \$669,866 in funding and authorized the Executive Director to execute a memorandum of understanding between SANDAG and the Southern District of California's PSN Task Force. As the PSN fiscal agent, SANDAG will be responsible for participating on the PSN Task Force, entering into contracts with entities selected by the PSN Executive Committee, carrying out portions of the PSN Task Force Strategy, preparing required federal reports, drawing down federal funds as needed, making payments to contractors, and working with federal monitors or auditors as needed. In exchange for completing these tasks, SANDAG will be compensated for all costs incurred up to ten percent of all grant funds awarded. *(Item #5: Staff contact, Cynthia Burke, (619) 699-1910 or cbu@sandag.org)*

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANDAG AND THE CITY OF SANTEE REGARDING *TransNet* EXTENSION ORDINANCE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM AND REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE NO. 16 OF BOARD POLICY NO. 031: Directors approved the use of the *TransNet* Commercial Paper program for the City of Santee to close a funding gap for the Forester Creek Improvement project. Santee will borrow \$3.95 million from the Commercial Paper program. The Forester Creek Improvement project will prevent flooding and minimizes bridge lengths for the State Route 52 projects and two local streets, Olive Lane and Mission Gorge Road. The Board further approved an exception to Rule #16 of Board Policy No. 031 to increase the repayment period from five years to ten years. *(Item #6: Staff contact, Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin, (619) 699-1942 or lko@sandag.org)*

EAST COUNTY BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITY BUDGET CONSOLIDATION: Directors approved budget changes and grant transfers for various East County Bus Maintenance Facility (ECBMF) projects as follows: (1) approved the transfer of the remaining \$686,386 in SANDAG project 1142700 (ECBMF CNG Station) to SANDAG project 1049600 (ECBMF); and (2) accepted the transfer of \$501,600 in dedicated funding, including federal grant E2007-BUSP-0062, from Metropolitan Transit System CIP 11237 (East County Land Acquisition) to SANDAG project 1049600 (ECBMF). This funding will facilitate the construction of site improvements at ECBMF in the near term. *(Item # 8: Staff contact, John Dorow, (619) 699-1915 or jdo@sandag.org)*.

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO *TransNet* ORDINANCE 04-01 REGARDING AUDIT REPORTING FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTCIP): Directors waived the first reading of a proposed *TransNet* Ordinance amendment that will change the audit requirements for the RTCIP, aligning them with the annual fiscal and compliance audit requirements for the *TransNet* program. The current *TransNet* Ordinance requires that all local jurisdictions have their RTCIP financial records available for audit by July 1 of each calendar year. If the amendment is approved, the due date for the financial records would move to December 1 of each calendar year, to align with the fiscal audit process.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

*July 10, 2009
Policy Meeting*

- 2050 Regional Growth Forecast Update

*July 24, 2009
Business Meeting*

- Quality of Life Funding Strategy Update
- Second Reading of Proposed Amendment to the *TransNet* Ordinance Regarding Audit Reporting for the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant Submittals

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Directors also approved a one-time extension of time to September 1, 2009, for jurisdictions to submit financial records pertaining to their RTCIP Funding Programs for review and audit to allow sufficient time for the proposed amendment to be considered. The proposed amendment is scheduled for a second reading and adoption at the July 24, 2009 SANDAG Board of Directors meeting. *(Item #12: Staff contact, Muggs Stoll, (619) 699-6945 or mst@sandag.org)*

SANDAG AWARDS \$7.8 MILLION TO NONMOTORIZED PROJECTS:

Directors allocated \$7.8 million in Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 and *TransNet* funds to support nonmotorized transportation projects in the San Diego region as part of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Neighborhood Safety/Traffic Calming Program. These dollars will fund two bicycle projects, eight pedestrian projects, and eight Class I (shared-use) bike path projects for use by bicycles and pedestrians. In addition, funds were allocated for five bicycle master plans, a pedestrian master plan, a bicycle and pedestrian master plan, three bicycle parking projects, a bicycle and pedestrian safety program for elementary and middle school students, and the SANDAG regional bicycle map. Directors further approved \$105 million in TDA funds – \$75 million to the Metropolitan Transit System and \$35.7 million to the North County Transit District for operations and capital projects, as well \$3.7 million to SANDAG for transit planning. *(Item #13: Staff contacts, Chris Kluth, (619) 699-1952, ckl@sandag.org or Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909, ski@sandag.org)*

TRANSIT IMPEDIMENTS STUDY: Directors considered alternatives identified in the Transit Impediments Study for possible implementation in order to increase and maintain service levels and to increase or maintain funding for transit operational expenses. Directors also encouraged the SANDAG Executive Director to work with Senator Christine Kehoe to pursue district level approaches to future legislative changes. The Transit Impediments Study was drafted in accordance with the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Environmental Impact Report Settlement Agreement and summarizes both financial and ridership impediments to maintaining long-term transit service levels throughout the San Diego region. Further study of these alternatives also will be made as part of the proposed Quality of Life initiative and development of the 2050 RTP. *(Item #14: Staff contact, Dave Schumacher, (619) 699-6906 or dsc@sandag.org)*

SMART GROWTH DESIGN GUIDELINES: Directors approved *Designing for Smart Growth, Creating Great Places in the San Diego Region* for distribution and use as a resource in the SANDAG smart growth toolkit. Because there are many elements to well-designed communities that could not be adequately addressed in the Regional Comprehensive Plan, the development of these smart growth design guidelines became one of the implementation strategies that emerged. The creation of these guidelines has been underway the past 12 months under the guidance of the Regional Planning Committee. The document was developed as a resource for local agency staff, design professionals, and interested citizens to foster good urban design appropriate to its setting. *(Item #15: Staff contact, Stephan Vance, (619) 699-1924 or sva@sandag.org)*

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2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN WORK PROGRAM AND

SCHEDULE: Directors were briefed on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) work program and schedule as SANDAG begins the process for the next RTP update with the goal of adopting it in 2011. SANDAG is the first major metropolitan planning organization that will prepare an RTP according to provisions of Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008). Proposed roles and responsibilities of various working groups and policy advisory committees were outlined. The development of the RTP will be guided by the 2050 Regional Growth Forecast, as well as several studies and planning efforts including the Urban Core Transit Strategy, the Sustainable Communities Strategy, Regional Housing Needs Assessment, Regional Energy Strategy Update, Regional Climate Action Plan, Regional Bicycle Plan, Comprehensive Freight Gateway Forecast, airport multimodal planning, high-speed rail planning, corridor and subregional studies, and collaborative projects with Tribal Nations, as well as interregional and binational strategies. A discussion on new goals and policy objectives for the 2050 RTP will be brought to a future Board of Directors Policy meeting. A public participation plan also will be implemented to secure input and feedback as the RTP is developed. *(Item #16: Staff contact, Heather Werdick, (619) 699-6967 or hwe@sandag.org)*

FINANCIAL MARKET STATUS: SANDAG staff delivered a monthly briefing to the Board on the latest developments in the financial markets, the economy, and revenue forecasts, and the strategies staff is exploring and implementing to minimize possible impacts to SANDAG and the two transit operators. Chief Economist Marney Cox reported that FY 2009 sales tax revenue is estimated to be down approximately nine percent, which is lower than previously expected. The State Board of Equalization (BOE) cites overly optimistic sales tax revenue formulas for the first half of FY 2009 and significantly lower than expected cash receipts from March and April 2009 as two reasons for this unexpected slide. Staff will continue to stay in contact with the BOE and report back in September when more FY 2009 cash receipt information is available. Finance Director Lauren Warrem gave an update on the *TransNet* variable rate debt program, stating that SANDAG continues to pay less than it would have had bonds been issued at fixed rates in April 2008. *(Item #18: Staff contacts, Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930, mco@sandag.org or Lauren Warrem, (619) 699-6931, lwa@sandag.org)*

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