



# BOARD ACTIONS

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**ANNUAL REVIEW AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICY NO. 003: INVESTMENT POLICY, AND ANNUAL REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY NO. 032: SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION INTEREST RATE SWAP POLICY:** Directors approved changes to SANDAG Board Policy No. 003: Investment Policy. Changes include additional language to describe new procedures in the event of a credit downgrade and adding flexibility to purchase securities with maturities beyond five years. SANDAG Board Policy No. 032: San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission Interest Rate Swap Policy also underwent an annual review, however no changes were recommended at this time. *(Item #4: Staff contact, Lauren Warrem, (619) 699-6931 or lwa@sandag.org)*

**SANDAG FEDERAL FY 2009-2010 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM GOAL FOR FTA-ASSISTED CONTRACTS AND ANNUAL ANTICIPATED DBE PARTICIPATION LEVEL FOR FHWA-ASSISTED (VIA CALTRANS) PROCUREMENTS:** Directors released the Federal FY 2009-2010 Annual Anticipated DBE Participation Level (AADPL) and Overall Annual DBE Goal for a 45-day public comment period. As a recipient of Department of Transportation federally assisted funds through Caltrans and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), SANDAG has developed the following goals: for FTA-assisted Projects: Overall Annual DBE Goal -- six percent; and (2) For FHWA-assisted Projects: AADPL -- five percent. Upon completion of the public comment period, Directors will be asked to approve the proposed FFY 2009-2010 DBE program goals. *(Item #5: Staff contact, Elaine Richardson, (619) 699-6956 or eri@sandag.org)*

**MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT WORKING GROUP (PWG):** Directors approved the candidates recommended by the Transportation Committee to serve on the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit PWG. Fifty-eight applications were received and 23 participants were selected to serve. SANDAG Board Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler named Supervisor Ron Roberts to serve as the Chair of the PWG. The PWG will be asked to appoint a Vice-Chair from its membership. The first meeting of the PWG is anticipated in September 2009. *(Item #6: Staff contact, Anne Steinberger, (619) 699-1931 or ast@sandag.org)*

**UNIVERSITY TOWNE CENTRE TRANSIT CENTER/SuperLoop PROJECT FUNDING EXCHANGE:** Directors approved the exchange of \$5.7 million in FTA Section 5309 New Starts funds previously approved for use by the UTC Transit Center Project with *TransNet* funds programmed for the *SuperLoop* project. Directors also authorized the Executive Director to initiate all required actions to negotiate and execute one or more agreements between SANDAG and the developer in support of implementation of the UTC Transit Center. *(Item #7: Staff contact, Kim York, (619) 699-6902 or kyo@sandag.org)*

**QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING STRATEGY UPDATE:** Directors approved staff returning to a future Board meeting with an amendment to the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance to extend the deadline to 2012 for acting on additional regional funding measures to meet long-term needs for regional habitat preservation, shoreline management, water quality enhancement, and transit operations in the San Diego region. *(Item #11: Staff contact, Rob Rundle, (619) 699-6949 or rru@sandag.org)*

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

*September 11, 2009  
Policy Meeting*

- 2050 Regional Transportation Plan: Goals and Objectives
- Approval of Regional Stakeholders Working Group

*September 25, 2009  
Business Meeting*

- *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Update
- Annual Update on the Activities of the Criminal Justice Research Division and Clearinghouse
- 2010 SANDAG Board of Directors Summit

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**SECOND READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE *TransNet* EXTENSION ORDINANCE 04-01 REGARDING AUDIT REPORTING FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTCIP):** Directors approved aligning the audit requirements for the RTCIP with the annual fiscal and compliance audit requirements for the *TransNet* program. The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance includes language requiring that all local jurisdictions have their RTCIP financial records available for audit by July 1 of each calendar year. The timing of that deadline created complications and inefficiencies, because it was not aligned with the annual fiscal audit process, which requires that the information be available beginning in September. *(Item #12: Staff contact, Muggs Stoll, (619) 699-6945 or mst@sandag.org)*

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO POLICY NO. 031: *TransNet* EXTENSION ORDINANCE AND EXPENDITURE PLAN RULES:** Directors approved changing rules 17, 18, and 23 in SANDAG Board Policy No. 031: *TransNet* Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Rules. The policy provides administrative requirements for implementing the *TransNet* Ordinance, including requirements for conducting the annual fiscal audits for *TransNet* recipients. Pursuant to the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance, the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee has the overall responsibility to conduct annual fiscal audits beginning with FY 2009. These amendments to Policy No. 031 revised sections of this policy to reflect the change of responsibility as well as provide additional clarification for various audit and RTCIP practices. *(Item #13: Staff contact, Lauren Warrem, (619) 699-6931 or lwa@sandag.org)*

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT: TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM SUBMITTALS:** Directors approved a list of regional project submittals for the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program for consideration by the Department of Transportation. Projects include the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street/Vesta Street project, which would improve goods movement between the Port of San Diego and the regional highway system (estimated grant request \$60 million); construction of the SR 905/I-805 Interchange, which would complete the six-lane freeway and provide more efficient transportation from the international border, through Otay Mesa, to points north (estimated grant request \$20 million); and the I-15 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Structures/Park and Ride project, which would construct 500-space parking structures at two BRT stations located in Sabre Springs and Rancho Bernardo (estimated grant request \$50 million). Directors also authorized the SANDAG Executive Director to provide support letters for other local agency projects that are consistent with SANDAG policies and programs. *(Item #14: Staff contact, Victoria Stackwick, (619) 699-6926 or vst@sandag.org)*

**SAN DIEGO INTERSTATE 5 CORRIDOR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN – LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO-SAN LUIS OBISPO (LOSSAN) RAIL CORRIDOR PRIORITIZATION ANALYSIS AND FEDERAL RAIL STIMULUS FUNDS:** Directors accepted the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Prioritization Analysis for the purpose of submitting rail projects to the Federal Railroad Administration for federal stimulus fund consideration. The 2030 Regional Transportation Plan calls for double tracking the entire LOSSAN corridor in the San Diego region, improving stations, and increasing commuter rail service over the next 20+ years in order to improve travel times and carrying capacity in the corridor, and increase ridership. In support of these transportation goals, the prioritization analysis of 40 individual rail improvement projects along the corridor recently was completed by SANDAG, Caltrans, NCTD, Amtrak, and BNSF Railway. The 40 rail improvement projects include double tracking, bridge replacements, and station improvements. Projects were prioritized to serve as a guide when applying for future funding opportunities. *(Item #15: Staff contacts, Linda Culp, (619) 699-6957 or lcu@sandag.org)*

**PROPOSED ADDITION OF DESIGN PROJECTS TO THE *TransNet* CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:** Directors approved \$70 million in local *TransNet* half-cent sales tax money to begin final design work on a set of major projects – with the goal of putting the agency in a position to quickly capture any federal or state funding that becomes available. By moving projects into the design phase, SANDAG will expand its list of shovel-ready projects that have been depleted with more than \$1 billion of projects moving into construction. The projects that have been approved for this design work include segments on the coastal rail corridor, HOV lanes on I-5 in North County, and South Bay Bus Rapid Transit. *(Item #16: Staff contacts, Richard Chavez, (619) 6989 or rch@sandag.org; or Muggs Stoll (619) 699-6945 or mst@sandag.org)*

**MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT (MLPA) INITIATIVE COMMENT LETTER:** Directors approved submitting a comment letter on the MLPA Initiative, which was signed into law in 1999 and was designed to assemble a network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) along California's 1,100-mile coast. The MLPA Initiative efforts in Southern California began in 2008 and have the potential to limit the types of restoration and maintenance activities called for in the Shoreline Preservation Strategy (adopted in 1993) and the recently adopted San Diego Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan. The approved letter focuses on the designation of state marine reserves because they are the most restrictive. This, and potentially other designations, may limit the locations where SANDAG would be able to take beach compatible material from the ocean floor and place it on regional beaches. Additionally, the letter addresses potential restrictions on restoration and maintenance activities that take place in the region's lagoons. SANDAG staff will continue to follow the MLPA Initiative and keep the region informed. *(Item #17: Staff contacts, Rob Rundle, (619) 699-6949 or rru@sandag.org)*

**FINANCIAL MARKET STATUS:** The monthly financial briefing was given. Marney Cox reported that the local unemployment rate is now past 10%. Some of this increase is due to seasonal trends. A decrease is expected in the third quarter. Lauren Warrem gave a debt program update. SANDAG is paying less on its variable rate bonds, issued in April 2008, than had the agency issued fixed rate bonds. SANDAG is paying more than originally expected due to the higher than expected cost of the JP Morgan liquidity facility, which was renewed at 105 basis points from 20 basis points previously. SANDAG is working with its financial advisors and investment bankers to follow the market so that SANDAG is ready to act if a more favorable opportunity arises. *(Item #19: Staff contacts, Lauren Warrem, (619) 699-6931 or lwa@sandag.org or Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930 or mco@sandag.org)*

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