



BOARD ACTIONS

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REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

In order to present more recent data in a more timely way, Directors amended the schedule for release of the annual Regional Comprehensive Plan Performance Monitoring Report. In prior years, the report on the previous year's progress has typically been presented as a draft to the Regional Planning Committee in August, authorized for a 30-day public comment period, and subsequently presented to Directors in October for acceptance. Under the new schedule, a draft will be reviewed by the Regional Planning Committee each May and presented to the Board of Directors in June. *(Item #5 staff contact: Christine Eary, (619) 699-6928 or cea@sandag.org)*

RECOGNITION OF HIRE-A-YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:

SANDAG recognized the San Diego Workforce Partnership for its efforts to coordinate the Hire-A-Youth program that was funded as part of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Supervisor Ron Roberts, a member of the Workforce Partnership Policy Board, accepted the award. Through this program, more than 70 youth interns assisted SANDAG, MTS, and NCTD with Compass Card and other transit outreach during the summer. These interns came from workforce preparation programs from throughout the county, including: Escondido Compact, South Bay Community Services, METRO Urban Ministries, YMCA in North County, ACCESS, Inc., Comprehensive Training Systems, and San Diego Unified School District. *(Item #10 staff contact: Anne Steinberger, (619) 699-1937 or ast@sandag.org)*

FIRST READING OF AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 04-01 (SAN DIEGO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ORDINANCE AND EXPENDITURE PLAN) TO REVISE ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM PRINCIPLE NO. 10:

Directors, acting as the San Diego Regional Transportation Commission, conducted the first reading of an amendment to the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan to extend the deadline for acting on additional regional funding measures to meet long-term requirements for implementing habitat conservation plans in the San Diego region by two additional years to 2012. The current ordinance, passed by voters in 2004, requires action on these measures by 2010. Directors will conduct a second reading of the amendment and vote to amend the ordinance during their Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 meeting. *(Item #11 staff contact: Rob Rundle, (619) 699-6949 or rru@sandag.org)*

PROPOSED STATE ROUTE 11/OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY FINANCIAL STRATEGY:

Directors approved the engagement of a financial team who will work with Caltrans and SANDAG staffs to develop and implement a financial strategy for the new Otay Mesa East Port of Entry (POE) and SR 11. The proposed strategy was developed through research and recognizes that the early engagement of a financial team is a key ingredient to minimizing risk and delivering a successful toll road project. The financial team will be comprised of a financial advisor, investment banker(s), legal counsel, investment-grade traffic and revenue study consultant, and SANDAG staff. The new Otay Mesa East POE and SR 11 project is estimated to cost between \$615 million and \$715 million and will be funded through tolls, fees, and other revenues. *(Item #12 staff contact: Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930 or mco@sandag.org)*

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

*November 13, 2009
Policy Meeting*

This meeting has
been cancelled

*November 20, 2009
Business Meeting*

- Annual Report from the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee
- Blue and Orange Trolley Line Corridor Update
- Local Government Partnership Award with San Diego Gas & Electric
- Annual Update on Criminal Justice Research and Clearinghouse

Region

The latest issue of the SANDAG electronic newsletter is available by visiting www.sandag.org/region.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2009 BINATIONAL SEMINAR "CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CROSSBORDER CLIMATE CHANGE COLLABORATIONS": Directors approved recommendations from the 2009 Binational Seminar, which was held June 2 in San Diego. The recommendations include: recognizing the importance of encouraging all levels of agencies and stakeholders in our San Diego-Baja California region to mutually agree on priority aspects of climate change collaboration, including mitigation, adaptation, and education strategies; encouraging the inclusion of strategies for collaboration and sharing information on regional climate change action plans in San Diego and Baja California; directing that the fiscal year 2010 binational event follow up on topics related to climate change planning; and producing a progress report in fiscal year 2010 on developments and actions taken in climate change planning as a result of the 2009 seminar recommendations. *(Item #13 staff contact: Hector Vanegas, (619) 699-1972 or hva@sandag.org)*

FINANCIAL MARKET STATUS: Staff gave a debt program update summarizing the performance of the \$600 million in variable rate bonds issued in March 2008. Overall, SANDAG is paying less on these bonds than had fixed rate bonds been issued, realizing a cost savings of over \$8.5 million. Staff also reported that *TransNet* sales tax revenues are down about 17 percent year over year. This seems to contrast with the most recent report from the state comptroller that cash receipts from sales tax transactions for September 2009, measured against the same month for the previous year, were up 1 percent. However, when the 20 percent sales tax rate increase implemented last April is taken into consideration, sales tax cash receipts are down about 19 percent. Staff also has begun to correct the SANDAG sales tax forecasting model to reflect a structural change in the economy, relying more on current and future trends in jobs to guide sales tax forecasts. Staff's initial estimates show that *TransNet* sales tax revenues could decline 6 to 8 percent during FY 2010. *(Item #14 staff contacts: Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930 or mco@sandag.org; Lauren Warrem (619) 699-6931 or lwa@sandag.org)*

COMPASS CARD STATUS UPDATE: Staff presented a report on the continued roll out of Compass Card. As of Oct. 20, ten Vons stores are selling Compass Cards, in addition to the MTS Transit Store and NCTD Customer Service Centers. Staff was asked for an update on providing additional sales locations in San Diego City Council District 4, National City, and Lemon Grove. Staff is working to identify additional locations to expand the availability of Compass Cards in those communities. Staff will report back with an update on these efforts. *(Item #15 staff contact: James Dreisbach-Towle, (619) 699-1914 or jdr@sandag.org)*

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