TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Friday, September 18, 2009
9 a.m. to 12 noon
SANDAG Board Room
401 B Street, 7th Floor
San Diego

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- PROPOSED FUND EXCHANGE WITH NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE OPERATING SUPPORT
- INTERSTATE 15 CORRIDOR LANES: SR 78 - NORDAHL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
- STATUS REPORT: SR 11/OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY FINANCIAL STRATEGY

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ITEM #                              RECOMMENDATION
+1. APPROVAL OF JULY 31, 2009 MEETING MINUTES       APPROVE

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Transportation Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on this agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes each and shall reserve time by completing a “Request to Speak” form and giving it to the Clerk prior to speaking. Committee members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.

CONSENT (3 through 4)

+3. PROPOSED NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT SERVICE CHANGES FOR JANUARY 2010 (Dan Levy)       INFORMATION

North County Transit District (NCTD) is proposing a number of route and service changes for January 2010. The proposed changes result in a net reduction of $1.84 million. None of the changes are regionally significant, as defined in Board Policy No. 018, Regional Transit Service Planning and Implementation.

+4. SPRINTER PROJECT STATUS REPORT (Jim Linthicum)       INFORMATION

This item provides a monthly status report on the SPRINTER rail project, including discussion of implementation and effectiveness of project cost control measures. SANDAG staff will summarize recent progress on the project.

REPORTS (5 through 13)

+5. ENCINITAS GRADE SEPARATION PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FY 2010 BUDGET AMENDMENT (Alex Estrella)       APPROVE

SANDAG and City of Encinitas are cooperatively working on the Encinitas Grade Separated Pedestrian Crossing project that includes the design, engineering, and environmental documentation for four grade separated pedestrian crossings along the Encinitas rail corridor. Funding for this project was approved by the California Transportation Commission under the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) totaling $1,248,000. Phase 1 (environmental document, design permit, and project study report) was completed in FY 2009 for a total cost of approximately $798,000. The Transportation Committee is asked to approve a budget amendment for the FY 2010 Capital Improvement Program to add $450,000 in Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds for Phase 2 of the Encinitas Grade Separation Pedestrian Crossing Project as reflected in Attachment 1. Phase 2 of the Project will include the completion of the Final Plans and Specifications.
+6. **INTERSTATE 5 SOUTH MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY: SCREENING OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES** (Rachel Kennedy)

The Interstate 5 (I-5) South Multimodal Corridor Study is examining potential transportation improvements along the I-5 corridor in the City of Chula Vista. The study, which is a collaborative effort between Caltrans, the City of Chula Vista, and SANDAG, has examined seven initial alternatives. Utilizing criteria developed in conjunction with the study’s Ad Hoc Technical Working Group three alternatives have been selected for further, more detailed study. Staff will present the three alternatives and ask the Transportation Committee to approve the three recommended transportation alternatives for additional study.

+7. **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM AMENDMENTS** (Sookyung Kim)

In Fiscal Years 2001 to 2003, the Board of Directors approved three Transportation Development Act (TDA) claims for several capital rural projects. These capital projects have been completed and a balance of $530,481 remains. At its August 20, 2009, meeting, the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors approved to use the balance to fund FY 2010 operations. The Transportation Committee is asked to approve Resolution No. 2010-02, in substantially the same form as Attachment 1, revising TDA claims.

+8. **AMENDMENT 4 TO ADDENDUM 2 TO THE MASTER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE SPRINTER RAIL PROJECT** (Jim Linthicum)

North County Transit District (NCTD) has requested additional staff support to complete outstanding engineering and construction services associated with the SPRINTER Project. The Transportation Committee is asked to authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment 4 to Addendum 2 to the Master MOU with NCTD in the amount of $25,000 in substantially the same form as Attachment 1 and to add the SPRINTER Project Manager Assistance Project (1115200) into the FY 2010 Program Budget.

+9. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET TRANSFERS** (John Haggerty)

This item approves budget changes to the Substation Improvement Project. The project budget would be increased to complete rehabilitation work at an existing traction power substation near the Grossmont Trolley Station. Funds would be moved into the project from the MTS capital budget with the approval of an MOU and by allocating available funds in SANDAG grants to the project budget. The Transportation Committee is asked to: (1) authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), in substantially the same form as attached, allowing the transfer of $195,000 from MTS Substation Transformer Rehabilitation project to SANDAG Substation Standardization project; and (2) approve the transfer of an additional $195,000 from completed capital projects to the Substation Standardization as shown in Table 1; and (3) approve an increase of $390,000 to the Substation Standardization project budget.
+10. **PROPOSED FUND EXCHANGE WITH NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE OPERATING SUPPORT** (Sookyoung Kim)

At its April 29, 2009, meeting, the Board of Directors received a report that discussed possible short-term alternatives that could provide “bridge funding” for public transit operators to meet operating shortfalls. North County Transit District (NCTD) proposes to exchange approximately $1.3 million of its Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds with SANDAG for a like amount of TransNet. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the request by the NCTD Board of Directors for an exchange of FTA Section 5307 funding in the amount of $1,313,000 with a like amount of TransNet funds.

+11. **INTERSTATE 15 CORRIDOR Lanes: State Route 78 - Nordahl Road Bridge Replacement** (Gustavo Dallarda and Richard Chavez)

The Nordahl Road Bridge over State Route 78 (SR 78), located just west of the SR 78 interchange with Interstate 15 (I-15), ultimately requires full reconstruction in order to bring it to full design standards. The cities of Escondido and San Marcos have agreed to contribute to the construction of the new bridge as part of a development agreement that requires the addition of capacity to the structure. To avoid widening a bridge that ultimately needs to be replaced, the Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to: (1) execute an agreement with the cities of Escondido and San Marcos that provides that the cities will collectively commit to a $10 million contribution to the Nordahl Road bridge project, and that SANDAG will transfer $2 million in savings from favorable bids received on the I-15 North segment to the design of the proposed Nordahl Road bridge replacement project; and (2) execute a transfer with Caltrans for an additional $1 million in TransNet funds under a separate existing agreement from the I-15 North segment budget to fund the design of a westbound auxiliary lane on SR 78 between I-15 and Nordahl Road.

+12. **STATUS REPORT: State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Financial Strategy** (Marney Cox, Mario Orso, Christina Casgar)

SANDAG, in cooperation with Caltrans, the U.S. General Services Administration, and other stakeholders, is proposing to develop the new Otay Mesa East Port of Entry and associated transportation network, including State Route 11. The improvements on the U.S. side of the border are expected to cost between $615 and $715 million and will be funded through tolls, fees, and other revenues. This information item focuses on a review of findings and options that will help shape the project’s ultimate financial strategy.

+13. **COMPASS CARD Status Update** (James Dreisbach-Towle)

Staff will provide the Transportation Committee with an update on recent Compass Card project activities and the status of the planned launch.
**DESTINATION LINDBERGH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (Dave Schumacher and Tim Watson)**

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is moving ahead with advanced planning for the consolidated rental car facility (CONRAC) and other on-airport improvements for Phase 1 of the Destination Lindbergh Plan. It is important for SANDAG to start advanced planning work for the Phase 1 Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) to ensure the coordination of the development of the ITC and CONRAC facilities. Developing detailed capital cost estimates for the freeway connecting ramps also is being proposed. Staff will present estimates to complete these work efforts and possible funding sources for Transportation Committee discussion.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2009, at 9 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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