MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

CITIES/COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

The CTAC may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Thursday, February 5, 2009

9:30 to 11 a.m.

SANDAG, Conference Room 7
401 B Street, Suite 800
San Diego, CA 92101-4231

Chair: Frank Rivera, City of Chula Vista
Vice Chair: Robert Johnson, City of Carlsbad

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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
- 2008 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE
- SAN DIEGO REGION ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROPOSAL UPDATE

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1. INTRODUCTIONS | 
2. SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 8, 2009, CTAC MEETING (Frank Rivera) | APPROVE
The summary for the January 8, 2009, CTAC meeting is attached. CTAC is asked to review and approve the meeting summary.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS | COMMENTS
Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Working Group during this time.
4. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Muggs Stoll and Marney Cox) | DISCUSSION
During the January 8, 2009, CTAC meeting, CTAC members raised concerns regarding the current economic climate with respect to fees assessed as part of the TransNet Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP). Staff will provide an overview of the RTCIP ordinance requirements and be available for questions from CTAC members. CTAC members will discuss the issues as they relate to the RTCIP.
5. 2008 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE (Heather Werdick) | DISCUSSION
A summary of options for future Congestion Management Program (CMP) updates was distributed via e-mail to CTAC members following the January 8, 2009, meeting. CTAC members were encouraged to discuss these options with city/county management staff within their jurisdiction. Additionally, SANDAG staff has been meeting with staff from the City of San Diego to discuss these options and will be available to answer any questions regarding future options for the CMP.
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<td>SANDAG in conjunction with member agencies has developed a list of potential transportation and public works projects for a draft regional economic stimulus proposal. An update on the status of the effort will be provided.</td>
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<td>An update on various local programs, funding program deadlines, and announcements regarding upcoming conferences will be provided.</td>
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<td>ANNUAL SUBMITALS - FORM 700 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS (Dan Martin, SANDAG)</td>
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<td>FORM 700 Statement of Economic Interest is due for 2008 and CTAC members are requested to complete and submit an original signed copy to SANDAG by March 20, 2009. Copies of the FORM 700 package will be available for distribution at the CTAC meeting.</td>
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<td>CTAC members are encouraged to share items of interest.</td>
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<td>The next CTAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2009, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The meeting will be held in the 7th Floor Conference Room of the SANDAG offices located at 401 B Street in San Diego.</td>
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Introductions
Frank Rivera (CTAC Chair) chaired the meeting. Meeting participants introduced themselves.

Meeting Summaries
CTAC Members reviewed and approved the meeting summary for the December 4, 2008, CTAC meeting.

Public Comments
There were no comments from the public.

Rail Grade Separation Evaluation Criteria
John Dorrow (SANDAG) provided an overview of the existing Rail Grade Separation Evaluation Criteria provided in the agenda report including the portion of the criteria that requires consideration of traffic on streets with signals interconnected to, or adjacent to, railroad crossings. John reported that the criterion does include consideration of traffic at adjacent intersections with respect to the peak period exposure index and peak day total delay exposure index. John further explained that during the development of the applications for the Proposition 1B program, major portions of the evaluation criteria were used, however, traffic volumes for adjacent streets were not used due to time constraints and the level of effort required developing the data to include all evaluation factors.

Frank Rivera (Chula Vista) suggested that additional criteria may consider a mid-block intersection verses the grade crossing intersection. Bob Johnson (Carlsbad) suggested that intersection delays due to back to back train operations be considered. John Dorrow indicated that the existing criterion does consider blocking delays as part of the evaluation. The discussion also included consideration for the proximity of both tracks and stations to intersections.
Linda Marabian (City of San Diego) noted that the existing criterion provides an equal weight on the accident history of a grade crossing compared to other portions of the evaluation. All members expressed that safety should have a higher priority in the evaluation criteria. CTAC members recommended that SANTEC review the existing Rail Grade Separation Evaluation Criteria with respect to delays to adjacent streets. In addition, CTAC members recommended that the criteria be revised to provide a greater weight to accident history at the grade crossings.

2008 Congestion Management Program (CMP) Update

In response to CTAC requests made at the December 4, 2008, CTAC meeting, Heather Werdick (SANDAG) provided additional information with respect to options under consideration for the future CMP. She provided and reviewed the following handouts to CTAC members:

- A List of Jurisdictions with CMP Arterials
- Local Jurisdiction Gas Tax Apportionments for FY 2006 – 2007 with Respect to CMP Deficient Segments
- Comparison of California State CMP Requirements to Federal CMP Requirements
- Assembly Bill No. 2419 which Covers the California CMP Program

Greg Humora (La Mesa) asked if jurisdictions would lose funds if the region decided to opt out of the California CMP program. Heather responded that based on the current requirements we would not lose any funds should the region decide to opt out. Linda Marabian (City of San Diego) commented that there appears to be duplication of efforts with respect to the existing California CMP when compared to the Federal CMP requirements. Linda recommended that the requirements of both CMP's be reviewed to confirm where duplication exists.

CTAC members indicated that a summary which discusses the pros and cons of the future CMP options under consideration would aid in discussions with staff and City Councils. Heather agreed to provide the summary to CTAC members.

San Diego Region Economic Stimulus Update

Dan Martin (SANDAG) provided an update on the efforts to develop an economic stimulus proposal for the San Diego region. On December 19, 2008, staff presented the Final Draft of the San Diego Region Economic Stimulus Proposal to the SANDAG Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD voted to accept the final draft as a starting point in the development of a list of regional projects. Dan further discussed current efforts in Congress. It is anticipated that the House of Representatives will vote on a stimulus bill that includes infrastructure in January.

Caltrans Updates

Luis Medina (Caltrans) announced the following:

VTA Applications
Fourteen applications were received for this program. The applications are currently being evaluated.
**South Tehachapi Meeting**
The South Tehachapi Meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2009, and will be hosted by District 11 San Diego.

**Federal Highway Administration Audit**
Federal Highway Administration plans to audit the National Environmental Policy Act delegation provided to the State of California.

Luis Medina also introduced two new members to the Caltrans District 11 Local Assistance staff, Wishing Lima and Nadine Martin.

**Announcements**

Maryam Babaki (National City) requested that February’s CTAC agenda include an item to discuss the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program fees as they relate to the current economic climate.

There were no other announcements.

**Next Meeting**

The next planned meeting of the CTAC will be Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. It will be held at the SANDAG offices in Conference Room 7.