MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

CITIES/COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)
The CTAC may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Thursday, April 2, 2009
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
SANDAG, Conference Room 7
401 B Street, Suite 800
San Diego, CA  92101-4231

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Vice Chair:  Robert Johnson, City of Carlsbad

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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• TransNet SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM
• FUTURE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROCESS
• SAN DIEGO REGION AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) 2009 UPDATE

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ITEM # | RECOMMENDATION
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1. | INTRODUCTIONS

+2. | SUMMARY OF MARCH 5, 2009, CTAC MEETING  
Approve  
The summary for the March 5, 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. | TransNet SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
INFORMATION  
(Stephan Vance)  
Forty-three project applications were received by SANDAG for the TransNet Smart Growth incentive Program. Twenty-six capital projects and seventeen planning projects were submitted by fourteen agencies. The projects are being evaluated based on the application criteria. A list of recommended projects will be presented at the meeting. These recommendations will go to the Regional Planning Committee for approval in May.

5. | FUTURE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
INFORMATION  
PROCESS (Heather Werdick)  
SANDAG staff evaluated two options for future direction of the CMP which have been discussed at previous CTAC meetings. These two options were initially scheduled to be presented to the Transportation Committee in March 2009. The County of San Diego requested more time to evaluate these options. The CMP item is now scheduled to be presented at the April 17, 2009, Transportation Committee meeting. Staff will be available at the CTAC meeting to answer any questions regarding future options for the CMP.
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<td>SAN DIEGO REGION AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) 2009 UPDATE (Dan Martin)</td>
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<td>The ARRA of 2009 was enacted on February 17, 2009. Staff will provide an update on recent actions taken by the SANDAG Board in support of this program.</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>CTAC members are encouraged to share items of interest.</td>
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<td>The next CTAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2009, from 9:30 to 11:00 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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SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 5, 2009, CTAC MEETING

Introductions

Frank Rivera (CTAC Chair) chaired the meeting. Meeting participants introduced themselves.

Meeting Summary

CTAC Members reviewed the meeting summary for the February 5, 2009, CTAC meeting. Frank Rivera (Chula Vista) noted a correction to the first sentence of the second paragraph on page 5 regarding his jurisdiction. That sentence should read:

“Frank Rivera (Chula Vista) asked if a local agency could perform their own Nexus study to demonstrate that funds in support of the program have been collected. Muggs answered that the jurisdictions have this option.”

After reviewing the meeting summary, CTAC members approved the meeting summary for the February 5, 2009, CTAC meeting.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Smart Growth Design Guidelines

Stephan Vance (SANDAG) provided an introduction of the purpose and use of the Smart Growth Design Guidelines. Stephan introduced David Early with Design Community & Environment (DC&E). David presented the project challenges, public outreach, and topics addressed in the design guidelines. David also reviewed examples from the design guidelines and provided an overview of the Smart Growth Scorecard which is proposed for use in evaluating proposed projects. The next steps presented included the public review through April 2, 2009, with a recommendation to the Regional Planning Committee in May 2009.

Maryam Babaki (National City) asked how scorecards submitted as part of the Smart Growth Incentive Program compared to the scorecard included in the Design Guidelines. Stephan responded that the incentive program scorecard is much broader with respect to the network and that the design guidelines scorecard is a subset.
Zoubir Ouadah (Poway) asked about the vision of how these guidelines would be implemented twenty years from now. Stephan explained that jurisdictions would likely have developed guidelines specific to their entity in that timeframe and that these are intended as a tool to assist that effort. Zoubir also asked why an agency would change from their existing standards to those proposed in the smart growth guidelines. David Early responded that the smart growth design guidelines improve walkability and public transit access. David added that the guidelines would assist in helping jurisdictions meet the legislative requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 32 and Senate Bill (SB) 375.

San Diego Region Economic Stimulus Update

Dan Martin (SANDAG) introduced Jose Nuncio (SANDAG) who provided surface transportation funding scenarios for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 based on the existing California State law and proposed draft California legislation. The presentation provided an estimate of funding that the local agencies might expect based on the two scenarios. It was explained that the funding could range from $7.9 million to $51.8 million. Handouts that showed the estimated amounts for each jurisdiction were distributed.

Kim Kawada (SANDAG) explained that currently there has been no formal introduction of the draft California legislation, but that a spot bill (SB 165) could potentially carry this forward. Jose mentioned that further discussion is anticipated at the California Transportation Commission’s meeting scheduled for next week. Jose further explained that next steps include going to the SANDAG Transportation Committee later this month to present options for programming the funds to projects. One of the proposed options could be to program the funds on a large TransNet project that is ready to go and potentially exchange the local jurisdiction’s ARRA funds with TransNet funds. All options will require Board approval. Jose also reviewed the Board’s policy regarding new funding to the region. Currently that policy requires that 94 percent of new funds be allocated to the TransNet program and that the remaining 6 percent go to local agencies. Jack Boda (SANDAG) stated that some of the large TransNet projects that are ready to go include State Route 76 and Interstate 805 at Carroll Canyon.

There was general discussion among CTAC members regarding the benefits of programming the funds to a large project to meet the 120-day obligation requirements included in ARRA for the region. In addition, CTAC members were supportive of exchanging ARRA funds with TransNet funds to relieve the additional administrative requirements that are included with the federal funding.

Caltrans Updates

Erwin Gojuangco announced the following:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009
Apportionment for the ARRA funds occurred on March 2, 2009. Obligation of the first 50 percent is needed by June 30, 2009, or else funding will be subject to re-apportionment. Obligation of the funds requires the submittal and approval of the FHWA’s E-76 form.
Notification of a Change to the DBE Program
A letter was distributed to CTAC members regarding the FHWA change from a race neutral to a mandatory race conscious Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. Local agencies have until June 2, 2009, to transition to the newly approved race conscious program. Contracts awarded after June 2, 2009, shall include the new requirements. Erwin confirmed that a District 11 Local Assistance would be hosting a workshop on the changes.

Safe Routes to School
A reminder was provided for the call for projects for the Safe Routes to School program.

Luis Medina (Caltrans) announced that training opportunities through Local Assistance are anticipated this spring and said that information would be forthcoming.

Announcements
There were no announcements.

Next Meeting
The next planned meeting of the CTAC will be Thursday April 2, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. It will be held at the SANDAG offices in Conference Room 7.