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# BOARD ACTIONS

February 26, 2010

**MEMBER AGENCIES**

- Cities of
  - Carlsbad
  - Chula Vista
  - Coronado
  - Del Mar
  - El Cajon
  - Encinitas
  - Escondido
  - Imperial Beach
  - La Mesa
  - Lemon Grove
  - National City
  - Oceanside
  - Poway
  - San Diego
  - San Marcos
  - Santee
  - Solana Beach
  - Vista
  - and
  - County of San Diego

**ADVISORY MEMBERS**

- Imperial County
- California Department of Transportation
- Metropolitan Transit System
- North County Transit District
- United States Department of Defense
- San Diego Unified Port District
- San Diego County Water Authority
- Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association
- Mexico

**2010 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP): REVISED PROPOSAL:** Directors approved submitting a revised 2010 STIP to the California Transportation Commission in order to increase planning, programming, and monitoring funds from one percent to three percent for FY 2011. This funding increase is needed to pay for costs associated with Senate Bill 375 (SB 375). SANDAG will be the first major metropolitan planning organization to prepare a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in compliance with the provisions of SB 375, an unfunded mandate. Additional work required for the 2050 RTP as a result of SB 375 includes initiating an economic analysis of alternative transportation investment scenarios, conducting additional SB 375 modeling, performing stakeholder outreach, and preparing the environmental impact report, including a legal analysis. The 2050 RTP is estimated to cost in excess of \$4.5 million over a three-year period, which would require approximately \$1.5 to \$2 million more in resources than previous RTP efforts. *(Item #6: Staff contact, José A. Nuncio, (619) 699-1908, jnu@sandag.org)*

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2009:** *Highway Projects:* On January 25, 2010, construction began on the widening of SR 76 between Melrose Drive to South Mission Road project. This project, which is funded by *TransNet* and federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act monies, will widen the highway to two lanes in each direction between the City of Oceanside and Bonsall. The project is scheduled to open to users by December 2012. The work to complete the environmental document for the SR 76 between Mission Road and I-15 also is continuing. This effort is scheduled to finish in spring 2011.

*Traffic and Demand Management:* Participation rate in the vanpool program increased from the last quarter, from 648 vanpools to 662. Average ridership per vanpool was approximately 8.2 passengers, with 5,411 passengers participating....The 511 call system received approximately 211,000 calls, raising the cumulative call volume to more than 2.1 million calls. *(Item #8: Staff contact, José A. Nuncio, (619) 699-1908, jnu@sandag.org)*

**APPOINTMENT OF POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Directors received an information item summarizing the voting and advisory members appointed to the SANDAG Executive, Transportation, Regional Planning, Borders, and Public Safety Committees, as well as the Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs appointed by the SANDAG Chair. Escondido Mayor and SANDAG Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler will serve as Chair of the Executive Committee, Santee Councilmember and SANDAG Second Vice Chair Jack Dale will chair the Transportation Committee, Imperial Beach Mayor Jim Janney will chair the Regional Planning Committee, Imperial Beach Mayor Pro Tem Patricia McCoy will chair the Borders Committee, and El Cajon Mayor Mark Lewis will chair the Public Safety Committee. *(Item #11: Staff contact, Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994, kka@sandag.org)*

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

*March 12, 2010*

*Policy Meeting*

- Overview of California Air Resources Board Activities Related to Senate Bill 375

*March 26, 2010*

*Business Meeting*

- 2010 Diamond Awards Recognizing Local Leaders in Transportation Demand Management Programs
- Final Climate Action Strategy
- Draft FY 2011 Budget (Including the Overall Work Program)

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The latest issue of the SANDAG electronic newsletter is available by visiting [www.sandag.org/region](http://www.sandag.org/region).

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL SANDAG SUMMIT:** Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler briefed members on the Board Summit which was held January 28 and 29. The discussion, input, and sessions at the Summit focused on planning the region's future transportation system through the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan; connecting to California's high-speed rail system; and considering options for improving the region's quality of life. Other sessions included a panel discussion that included California Transportation Commissioner John Chalker and SCAG President Jon Edney who teamed up with San Marcos Mayor Jim Desmond to talk about "speaking with one voice" as a greater Southern California region to secure funding for high-speed and interregional rail connections and to maximize our airport access. Summit participants also were updated on efforts underway on the Ad-hoc Steering Committee for the Quality of Life Measure and the newly created Stakeholders Working Group. Participants also were updated on short-term and long-term transit funding options. A dialogue with California State Senators Denise Ducheny and Christine Kehoe and Assemblymember Martin Block focused on state-level issues and how local and state officials can work together to address and meet budget challenges. In another session, participants were updated on efforts underway to bring to the ballot measures to reform state government and how public dollars are spent. The input and direction at the Summit helps the Board identify budget priorities, guides the development of the SANDAG overall work program, and sets the stage for further discussion on regional initiatives at the Committees and Board. *(Item #12: Staff contact, Anne Steinberger, (619) 699-1937, ast@sandag.org)*

**NEW MASTER AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS:** Directors approved authorization for the Executive Director to sign a new Master Agreement with Caltrans for the implementation of transportation improvements outlined in the *TransNet* extension and other non-*TransNet* funded transportation improvements. This new Master Agreement between Caltrans and SANDAG will cover both *TransNet*-funded and non-*TransNet*-funded projects on which SANDAG will use Caltrans services. The new Master Agreement documents the roles and responsibilities of both parties with regard to future SANDAG projects. *(Item #14: Staff contact: Richard Chavez, (619) 699-6989, rch@sandag.org)*

**2050 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST:** Acting on a recommendation from the Regional Planning Committee, the Board accepted the 2050 Regional Growth Forecast for use in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and other planning efforts. The 2050 projections reflect more than a year of collaborative effort between SANDAG staff and representatives and elected officials from each of the San Diego region's 19 jurisdictions to develop a long-range growth forecast for the San Diego region and its neighborhoods. *(Item #16: Staff contact, Beth Jarosz, (619) 699-6997, bja@sandag.org)*

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**DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY:** Directors discussed the revised draft Climate Action Strategy, which incorporates earlier input from the Board and other stakeholders. Directors asked that a policy measure supporting a lower speed limit be deleted from the strategy. The strategy serves as a guide to help policymakers address climate change, with a focus on helping SANDAG identify policy measures that will help it reduce greenhouse gas emissions from passenger cars and light-duty trucks and comply with Senate Bill 375. The strategy identifies available measures to help the region integrate climate change considerations into existing planning processes affecting our transportation system, land-use patterns, building stock, and energy infrastructure. The Board will consider the final strategy at its March 26, 2010, meeting. *(Item #17: Staff contact, Andrew Martin, (619) 699-7319, ama@sandag.org)*

**STATUS REPORT ON URBAN AREA TRANSIT STRATEGY:** Staff presented a status report on the Urban Area Transit Strategy, the overarching goal of which is to create a world-class transit system for the San Diego region in 2050. The Strategy will develop and test three regional transit network alternatives, with the objective of incorporating one of the networks (or a combination or variation thereof) into the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and its Sustainable Communities Strategy. In mid-January, a team of international transportation and land-use experts convened in San Diego to provide strategic and technical expertise during the creation and evaluation of these alternative transit networks. Staff presented highlights from this visit and outlined next steps. *(Item #18: Staff contact, Carolina Gregor, (619) 699-1989, cgr@sandag.org)*

**COMPASS CARD UPDATE:** The Compass Card implementation effort continues. As of February 20, 2010, 61 third-party outlets are selling and reloading Compass Cards. These outlets are augmented by ticket vending machines at all rail stations, transit agency-operated customer service centers, as well as sales via the Internet and the 511 Compass Card call center. Since last month's report, SANDAG, MTS, and NCTD have increased the total distribution of Compass Cards to approximately 48,000 active monthly pass holders, or roughly 53 percent of total pass holders. SANDAG, working with NCTD, is planning the conversion of SPRINTER/BREEZE pass holders in April 2010. SPRINTER/BREEZE monthly pass holders will be the last group of pass holders to be converted from paper passes to Compass Cards. SANDAG, NCTD, and MTS launched the online Compass Card account management system last month, which gives patrons the ability to buy, reload, and self-manage their Compass Card accounts. *(Item #19: Staff contact, James Dreisbach-Towle, (619) 699-1914, jdr@sandag.org)*

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