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BOARD ACTIONS

April 23, 2010

MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT: DRAFT COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES REPORT AND PROJECT SCOPING:

Directors approved three light rail transit (LRT) alternatives to be carried forward for consideration for scoping in the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Subsequent Environmental Impact Report. Directors also approved a 30-day scoping period from May 3 – June 1, 2010. Five scoping meetings will be held in locations throughout the corridor. The initial step in preparing the DSEIS/SEIR was the development and evaluation of preliminary conceptual project alternatives for consideration during CEQA scoping. The Draft Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report identifies the purpose and need for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project; examines changed conditions since approval of the prior environmental documents for the project; defines and evaluates the alternatives considered; and recommends a set of alternatives for consideration during scoping. The Draft Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report recommends that LRT Alternatives 1 (combines Alternatives 1, 4, and 5), 3, and 6 be carried forward for consideration at scoping for the Draft SEIS/SEIR as these alternatives effectively meet project goals, improve regional mobility, are cost-effective, and are anticipated to be competitive for FTA New Starts funds. The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project will extend transit service from the Old Town Transit Center to University City serving major activity centers such as the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), University Towne Centre (UTC), and downtown San Diego. For information on the Scoping Meetings and the project, visit www.sandag.org/midcoast. (Item #10: Staff contact, Leslie Blanda, (619) 699-6907 or lbl@sandag.org)

2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: PUBLIC OUTREACH: Directors were updated on the public outreach activities underway to support the development of the 2050 RTP. The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) describes SANDAG efforts to secure input on developing project priorities, project selection criteria, transportation networks, funding alternatives, meeting greenhouse gas emissions targets, and other elements of the 2050 RTP. Directors also were updated on the initial round of five RTP Public Workshops to be held in April and May. Participants at the workshops will hear general information on the development of the 2050 RTP and the public input opportunities, provide input on the Urban Area Transit Strategy and transportation networks, and learn about the Notice of Preparation for the 2050 RTP Environmental Impact Report, and hear information on the greenhouse gas target setting process that is a requirement for the Sustainable Communities Strategy in the RTP. The Public Involvement Plan will be updated as needed throughout the process. (Item #11: Staff contact, Anne Steinberger, (619) 699-1937 or ast@sandag.org)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

*May 14, 2010
Policy Meeting*

- 2050 RTP: Draft Evaluation Criteria for Highway Corridors, Connectors, Transit Services, and Goods Movement Projects
- Update on Draft Greenhouse Gas Target Setting Process
- Approach to Preparation of EIR for the 2050 RTP

*May 28, 2010
Business Meeting*

- Proposed FY 2011 Budget (Including Overall Work Program)
- Navy Transportation Demand Management Initiative Update
- San Diego Regional Bicycle Plan

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FY 2011 TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Directors approved the FY 2011 MTS and NCTD capital improvement programs for the San Diego region, and approved the submittal of Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area formula fund and Section 5309 Rail Modernization fund applications for MTS and NCTD capital projects for which SANDAG is the implementing agency in accordance with Senate Bill 1703. These will be the capital projects for planning; design and construction of new infrastructure and facilities; rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and facilities; capital projects involving environmental, engineering, and construction support; and construction right-of-way. Directors also adopted Resolution No. 2010-09 approving Amendment No. 20 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. *(Item #12 Staff contact: Kimberly York, (619) 699-6902, kyo@sandag.org)*

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