TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Friday, April 16, 2010
9 a.m. to 12 noon
SANDAG Board Room
401 B Street, 7th Floor
San Diego

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• INTERSTATE 5 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

• URBAN AREA TRANSIT STRATEGY: DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSIT NETWORKS AND REVISED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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+1. | APPROVAL OF APRIL 2, 2010, MEETING MINUTES

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)

+3. | ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SEGMENTS 4, 5, 7, AND 8A OF THE BAYSHORE BIKEWAY PROJECT (Dean Hiatt)

On May 1, 2009, the Transportation Committee adopted the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Segments 4, 5, 7, and 8A of the Bayshore Bikeway. Through the final design process, adjustments to the alignment of the bike path are proposed. These adjustments have resulted in both construction cost reductions and reduced impacts on the environment. The Transportation Committee is asked to: (1) find that changes to the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study are necessary and that the revised Project would not result in any new significant or more severe environmental effects than those previously identified in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study; and (2) adopt the Addendum to the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study for Segments 4, 5, 7, and 8A of the Bayshore Bikeway Project as detailed in Attachment 1.

REPORTS (4 through 13)

+4. | 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 24 (Sookyung Kim)

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the five-year program of major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period from FY 2009 to FY 2013. The Transportation Committee is asked to approve Amendment No. 24 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.
+5. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 19 (Sookyung Kim)

APPROVE

At its meeting on July 25, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the five-year program of major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period from FY 2009 to FY 2013. SANDAG processes amendments to the RTIP on a quarterly basis based on requests from member agencies. The Transportation Committee is asked to approve Resolution No. 2010-08 approving Amendment No. 19 to the 2008 RTIP.

+6. FY 2011 TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Kim York)

RECOMMEND

The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and the North County Transit District (NCTD) have developed their capital Improvement programs (CIPs) for FY 2011 which are the basis for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area formula fund grant, the Section 5309 Rail Modernization formula fund grant, and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendment for transportation projects. SANDAG is responsible for programming these funds and approving these grants. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the FY 2011 CIPs for the San Diego region (MTS and NCTD); (2) approve the submittal of FTA Sections 5307 and 5309 applications for the San Diego region (SANDAG, MTS, and NCTD); and (3) adopt Resolution No. 2010-09, adopting Amendment No. 20 to the 2008 RTIP (Attachment 5).

7. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR HIGHWAY CORRIDORS, TRANSIT SERVICES, AND CONNECTOR PROJECTS AND GOODS MOVEMENT STRATEGY

+A. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR HIGHWAY CORRIDORS, TRANSIT SERVICES, AND CONNECTOR PROJECTS (Scott Strelecki)

RECOMMEND

SANDAG staff will present the evaluation criteria for highway corridors, transit services, and connector projects. The evaluation criteria will be used to evaluate projects for each of those categories and develop lists of ranked projects. The project ranking lists will be used to develop transportation network alternatives. These network alternatives will be evaluated using plan performance measures that will be presented to the Transportation Committee at a future meeting. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the evaluation criteria for highway corridors, transit services, and connector projects in substantially the same form as attached to the report.
+B. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR GOODS MOVEMENT STRATEGY (Christina Casgar)

SANDAG staff will present the evaluation criteria for freight projects proposed in the 2050 Goods Movement Strategy (GMS). The GMS evaluates and prioritizes freight projects to be incorporated into the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the 2050 San Diego Regional Goods Movement Strategy Project Evaluation Criteria in substantially the same form as attached to the report.

+8. INTERSTATE 5 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION (Rachel Kennedy)

SANDAG, in collaboration with the City of Chula Vista and Caltrans, is conducting an Interstate 5 (I-5) Multimodal Corridor Study (Study) to examine potential transportation improvements between State Route 54 (SR 54) and Main Street in the City of Chula Vista. On September 18, 2009, the Transportation Committee approved three alternatives for further study. Staff will present the results of this analysis. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve I-5 South Multimodal Corridor Study Alternative 2 for inclusion in the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

+9. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT - DRAFT COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES REPORT AND PROJECT SCOPING (Leslie Blanda)

SANDAG and the Federal Transit Administration are preparing a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR) for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project. The Draft Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report identifies the purpose and need for the Mid-Coast Project; defines and evaluates conceptual project alternatives; and recommends a set of alternatives for consideration during the scoping period. An overview of the Draft Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report was presented to the Transportation Committee at its March 19 meeting. The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve light rail transit (LRT) Alternatives 1 (combines LRT Alternatives 1, 4, and 5), 3, and 6 to be carried forward for consideration at scoping for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Draft SEIS/SEIR.

+10. POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TRANSIT OPERATIONS FUNDING (Dave Schumacher)

Following discussions at the January 8 Board Policy Meeting and January 28 Board Summit, staff and the leadership of SANDAG, Metropolitan Transit System, and North County Transit District have further investigated several potential options for providing funding for transit operations. A summary of the options will be presented for discussion and possible action by the Transportation Committee.
11. URBAN AREA TRANSIT STRATEGY: DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSIT NETWORKS AND REVISED PERFORMANCE MEASURES (Carolina Gregor and Dave Schumacher)

As part of the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), staff has developed draft transit networks for the Urban Area Transit Strategy. The draft networks and revised performance measures will be presented to the Transportation Committee for input and discussion. The draft networks also will be presented at the upcoming RTP workshops in late April and early May, providing additional opportunities for public input.

12. UNDERSTANDING TRANSIT’S IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY (Kristen Rohanna)

SANDAG recently completed a study analyzing public transit’s impact on neighborhood safety. The study compared the crime rates between similar neighborhoods with and without a transit station (COASTER or Trolley), as well as crime rates before and after the implementation of the Green Line Trolley extension. Additional analyses were included to determine if station design or features of the surrounding areas were related to the amount of crime found near a station. An overview of this study and the results will be provided.

13. 2010 TransNet PLAN OF FINANCE UPDATE (Kim Kawada)

SANDAG updates the TransNet Plan of Finance (POF) on an annual basis, in conjunction with the development of the annual SANDAG Budget. Staff will update the Transportation Committee on work to date on the POF, including updated cost and revenue projections.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2010, at 9 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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