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# BOARD ACTIONS

June 25, 2010

## **SANDAG PROPOSED ANNUAL ANTICIPATED DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PARTICIPATION LEVEL FOR FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION-ASSISTED CONTRACTS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011:**

Directors approved the FFY 2011 Proposed Annual DBE Participation Level of 5.70 percent for Federal Highway Administration-assisted (FHWA) contracts. SANDAG receives federal financial assistance from the FHWA, and as a condition of receiving this assistance the agency is required to sign an assurance that it will comply with DBE regulations. SANDAG is committed to providing contracting opportunities for small and emerging businesses such as DBEs and is currently implementing a number of race- and gender-neutral remedies and continues to partner with other organizations serving small businesses in the San Diego region to meet its overall DBE goals and objectives. *(Item #4 staff contact: Elaine Richardson, (619) 699-6956 or eri@sandag.org)*

## **SMART GROWTH TRIP GENERATION STUDY AND PARKING STRATEGIES:**

Directors accepted the Trip Generation for Smart Growth: Planning Tools for the San Diego Region for inclusion in the San Diego Traffic Generators Manual as an appendix. Parking Strategies for Smart Growth: Planning Tools for the San Diego Region also was accepted as an appendix to Designing for Smart Growth, and as a resource in the SANDAG Smart Growth Toolbox. These studies are called for as a strategic initiative of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. They are intended as resources for local agencies as they implement smart growth development – offering guidelines on trip generation and parking needs of smart growth developments, as opposed to conventional, single-use development projects in suburban settings, which typically require more parking and generate more trips. *(Item #8 staff contact: Christine Eary, (619) 699-6928 or cea@sandag.org)*

## **FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ALLOCATIONS:**

Directors approved the allocation of FY 2011 TDA funds to the region's 18 cities, the County of San Diego, and the transit operators. SANDAG, as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for the allocation of these funds. Directors also approved deferral of Article 3 (bicycle and pedestrian projects) TDA claims, with placement of the associated funds in reserves. The TDA provides one-quarter percent of the state sales tax for operating and capital support of public transportation systems and non-motorized transportation projects. At their February 26, 2010, meeting, Directors adopted the San Diego County Auditor's estimate of \$97,182,395 for the region's FY 2011 TDA apportionment, including Article 4 (general public transit services), Article 4.5 (community transit services), Article 8 (specialized services), and Planning and Administration claims. The Article 3 claims were deferred to allow TDA and *TransNet* funding to be considered in relation to the financing plan for the Regional Bicycle Plan and the overall Active Transportation Program. *(Item #9 staff contact: Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)*

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

*July 9, 2010  
Policy Meeting*

- SB 375 Implementation: Draft Greenhouse Gas Targets from CARB
- FY 2010 State Transit Assistance Allocation
- RHNA and the Upcoming Housing Element Cycle

*July 23, 2010  
Business Meeting*

- Draft 2010 RTIP
- Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project – Final Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report
- 2010 *TransNet* Plan of Finance Update
- 2050 RTP: Draft Unconstrained Transportation Network and Draft Plan Performance Measures

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**COMPREHENSIVE FREIGHT GATEWAY STUDY: FINAL REPORT:** Directors accepted the Comprehensive Freight Gateway Study, which provides a forecast of regional freight traffic in San Diego and Imperial counties through 2050. The Gateway Study gives SANDAG, the Imperial County Transportation Commission, and other regional stakeholders access to timely and thorough freight flow information as an estimation tool to better plan and manage a sustainable freight network. The study also will help with the identification and analysis of policy and intermodal system issues impacting regional goods movement (including commercial border crossings, maritime and air cargo facilities, pipelines, rail, truck, and warehousing flows) and inform the update of the Goods Movement Strategy, a component of the SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan currently under development. *(Item #10 staff contact: Tina Casgar, (619) 699-1982 or [cca@sandag.org](mailto:cca@sandag.org))*

**FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT: LOSSAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS:** Directors authorized the SANDAG Executive Director to enter into agreements with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command to fully fund the project development and reconstruction of LOSSAN bridges 208.6 at Green Beach and 218 at Red Beach and to amend the FY 2011 budget accordingly. The recommendation for approval came from the Transportation Committee. Staff also was directed to evaluate whether the bridge replacements could include accommodating for double tracking. *(Item #11 staff contact: Bruce Smith (619) 699-1907 or [bsm@sandag.org](mailto:bsm@sandag.org))*

**COMPASS CARD STATUS UPDATE AND BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE TICKET VENDING MACHINES FOR METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM:** Directors authorized the SANDAG Executive Director to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) to transfer up to \$2 million in funds for the procurement of additional ticket vending machines, subject to MTS Board approval, and to amend the FY 2011 budget accordingly. Directors also heard an update on the Compass Card program. SANDAG, MTS, and the North County Transit District (NCTD) have completed the roll out of Compass Card throughout the region, concluding in May with SPRINTER and BREEZE pass holders. Compass Card has been in operation for more than a year, and Compass Cards are now available at more than 60 third-party outlets, MTS, and NCTD customer service centers, via phone orders, and online. MTS, NCTD, and SANDAG are now working to expand the system, improve operations, and enhance the customer experience. *(Item #12 staff contact: James Dreisbach-Towle, (619) 699-1914 or [jdr@sandag.org](mailto:jdr@sandag.org))*

**ENERGY ROADMAP PROGRAM:** Directors were briefed on the Energy Roadmap Program, a partnership between SANDAG and San Diego Gas & Electric under which the two organizations will coordinate a program to offer energy planning assistance to local governments. By saving energy, local jurisdictions can lower their utility bills and free up taxpayer dollars for important government services, while at the same time contributing to state and regional goals for saving energy and reducing emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. SANDAG will host a program kick-off for local jurisdiction staff members and stakeholders from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2010. *(Item #13 staff contact: Susan Freedman, (619) 699-7387 or [sfr@sandag.org](mailto:sfr@sandag.org))*

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**FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ACCEPT STATE RAIL PLANNING**

**FUNDS:** Directors authorized the SANDAG Executive Director to execute grant agreements and all documents necessary to accept \$150,000 in state rail planning funds and amend the FY 2011 Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Planning project budget accordingly. The major tasks of this project are to complete a business case for future rail service improvements in the LOSSAN corridor that could include express passenger rail service and customer improvements. Rail operations modeling and forecasts also will be completed as part of this project. *(Item #14 staff contact: Linda Culp, (619) 699-6957 or lcu@sandag.org)*

**FINANCIAL MARKET STATUS:** Staff reported on sales tax revenue for the SANDAG *TransNet* Program. There was an expected ten percent decrease in sales tax revenue for FY 2010, however data from the Board of Equalization showed that the actual decline was eight percent. Economic growth during the second half of FY 2010 led to the improvement in sales tax revenue. This moderate rate of improvement is expected to continue. The forecast for 2011 still stands with a projected increase in sales tax revenue of slightly less than two percent. It was further reported that the performance of \$600 million in variable-rate debt has resulted in cost savings of \$11.7 million as compared to issuing fixed-rate bonds. *(Item # 15 staff contacts: Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930 or mco@sandag.org; Lauren Warrem (619) 699-6931 or lwa@sandag.org)*

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