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# BOARD ACTIONS

September 24, 2010

## MEMBER AGENCIES

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**REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (RCP): 2009 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT:** The RCP, adopted in 2006, established 39 performance indicators used to track progress toward reaching the RCP's goals and objectives. The RCP Monitoring Report evaluates those indicators on an annual basis against benchmarks established in 2006. Among other findings, this year's report concluded that the region moved in the right direction during 2009 in several areas: the share of new housing units built in smart growth opportunity areas increased; transit ridership increased; travel times decreased; and regional crime rates decreased. The report also identified various areas for improvement, including: housing production in the very low-, low-, and moderate-income categories did not keep pace with above-moderate housing production; regionwide, the share of total commutes made by modes other than drive-alone did not increase; and unemployment increased. Directors accepted the report and voted to change its schedule so that in the future the report will come out every two years. *(Item #4 staff contact: Christine Eary, (619) 699-6928, cea@sandag.org)*

**RIDESHARE WEEK – OCTOBER 4-8, 2010:** Directors approved Resolution No. 2011-07 proclaiming the week of October 4-8, 2010, as Rideshare Week 2010 and encouraging member agencies to participate in Rideshare Week activities. Through the San Diego Regional Commuting Assistance Program, known as iCommute, SANDAG supports Rideshare Week annually. The purposes of Rideshare Week 2010 are to increase public awareness of alternatives to driving alone, such as carpooling, vanpooling, riding transit, teleworking, biking, or walking to work; increase awareness of iCommute and its services to both employers and commuters; and create a call to action for commuters to try a sustainable mode of commuting at least once a week. *(Item #5 staff contact: Kimberly Weinstein, (619) 699-0725, kwe@sandag.org)*

**PROPOSED FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT: INTERSTATE 15 FasTrak VALUE PRICING PROGRAM PASS-THROUGH FUNDING:** Directors approved an increase to the FY 2011 Budget for the I-15 FasTrak® Program by \$1,000,000 and authorized the Executive Director to amend the fund transfer agreement with the Metropolitan Transit System to allow the proposed funding transfer and to incorporate future transfer amounts as part of the annual SANDAG budget process. *(Item #7 staff contact: Christopher Burke, (619) 699-1934, cbur@sandag.org)*

**PROPOSED FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT: LOSSAN CORRIDOR PLANNING:** Directors approved a FY 2011 budget amendment to accept additional member agency funds of \$347,089 for OWP #3400600. They also authorized the Executive Director to execute grant agreements and all documents necessary to accept \$200,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act planning funds and further amend OWP #3400600 once these funds are available. *(Item #8 staff contact: Linda Culp, (619) 699-6957, lcu@sandag.org)*

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

*October 8, 2010  
Policy Meeting*

- Draft 2050 RTP:  
Sustainable  
Communities Strategy

*October 22, 2010  
Business Meeting*

- *TransNet* 2010 Bond  
Issuance: Review and  
Approval of Final  
Documents
- Draft 2050 RTP Revenue  
Constrained Scenarios
- 2010-2014 Coordinated  
Public Transit and  
Human Services  
Transportation Plan

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**PROPOSED FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT: INLAND RAIL TRAIL FINAL FUNDING PLAN ADJUSTMENT:** The North County Transit District has completed a final accounting of the Inland Rail Trail expenses. An increase of \$883,100 to the funding plan is required. Per the Transportation Committee's recommendation, Directors approved the final funding plan adjustment, adding \$883,100 in *TransNet* funds for the Inland Rail Trail project to allow payment to NCTD. (*Item #9 staff contact: José Nuncio, (619) 699-1908, jnu@sandag.org*)

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – APRIL TO JUNE 2010:** *Highway Projects:* The draft environmental document for the I-5 HOV/Express Lanes projects was released on July 9, 2010. Caltrans hosted five informational workshops along the I-5 corridor at which the public could view a video and documentation on the proposal, speak with Caltrans staff, and submit their own questions and concerns in writing to Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration....Construction on the SR 76 from Melrose Drive to Mission Road project continued on schedule, with an estimated completion date of fall 2012. The majority of this effort is currently devoted to the foundation construction for the San Luis Rey River Bridge. The draft environmental document for SR 76 widening from Mission Road to I-15 was released to the public for a 60-day public comment period on September 3, 2010. The final environmental document is scheduled to be approved in August 2011.

*Transit Projects:* On July 23, 2010, Directors selected the Locally Preferred Alternative route for the Mid-Coast Light Rail Transit project, which includes direct service to UCSD and UTC. This project is the extension of the existing Blue Line from the Old Town Transit Center to the University City community, serving major activity centers such as UCSD, UTC, Old Town, and downtown San Diego. The environmental phase of this project is estimated to be completed by summer 2011 with an estimated open to the public date of 2015....The *SuperLoop* project recently completed its first year of operations serving the University City community and carried almost 900,000 riders, exceeding both SANDAG and MTS ridership forecasts for this new transit service....At its July 23, 2010, meeting, the Board approved the 2010 *TransNet* Plan of Finance update, which incorporated new projects and budget updates through the revised "Robust" scenario. Various double-tracking projects along the Los Angeles-San Diego- San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor have been updated and added to the *TransNet* Early Action Program, including Eastbrook to Shell, Carlsbad Village, San Dieguito, and Elvira to Morena.

*Arterial and Freeway Interchange Projects:* The final environmental document for the Friars Road/SR 163 Interchange project was completed in June 2010. This project will widen and improve Friars Road and the overcrossing over SR 163 and reconstruct the interchange. It also includes improving ramp intersections and new connector roadways as well as constructing auxiliary lanes along northbound and southbound 163. The first phase of this project is scheduled to open to traffic in spring 2016.

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*Traffic and Demand Management:* During the fourth quarter of FY 2010, the I-15 Express Lanes facility recorded 531,680 FasTrak trips, which was an increase of 8.1 percent from the previous quarter. For FY 2010, the FasTrak program had approximately 1,970,440 total trips and generated approximately \$3.3 million in toll revenues....Participation rate in the vanpool program increased from the last quarter, from 661 vanpools to 667. Average ridership per vanpool was approximately eight passengers, with 5,365 passengers participating. Ninety-five percent of these vanpools have transitioned into the iCommute online tracking system, which will help supply more reliable data for analysis and reporting purposes....The 511 call system received 240,000 calls, raising the cumulative call volume to more than 2.8 million calls....Bike to Work Day was held in May 2010 with approximately 6,000 cyclists participating and a record 65 pit stops, which is an increase of 16 percent over last year. (Item #12 staff contact: José Nuncio, (619) 699-1908, [jnu@sandag.org](mailto:jnu@sandag.org))

**TransNet ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: FY 2010 LAND MANAGEMENT GRANTS:** Directors approved the prioritized list of applicants to receive 2010 land management grants under the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program and authorized the Executive Director to enter into agreements with the proposed grantees. The annual program will distribute approximately \$2.1 million in 2010. The grants are intended to assist land managers in the region to maintain existing habitat and help implement regional habitat conservation planning. A total of ten recipients were selected, with the largest amounts of funding slated to go to the following five projects: \$528,000 to the San Diego River Conservancy for restoration and preservation of river habitat; \$283,000 to the Conservation Biology Institute to evaluate and restore grasslands; \$268,000 to the City of Chula Vista for restoration and invasive plant control; \$226,000 to the Conservation Biology Institute for access control, litter removal, and invasive plant control in Southcrest; and \$201,000 to San Diego County for wildfire recovery work in Lakeside. (Item #16 staff contact: Keith Greer, (619) 699-7390, [kgr@sandag.org](mailto:kgr@sandag.org))

**PROPOSED FINAL 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP):** Directors approved Resolution No. 2011-05 adopting the Final 2010 RTIP, (including its air quality conformity determination and the air quality conformity re-determination of the 2030 Revenue Constrained Regional Transportation Plan: Pathways for the Future) and directed staff to submit the final 2010 RTIP to the state. SANDAG, serving as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization, is required by state and federal laws to develop and adopt an RTIP. This 2010 RTIP is a \$10 billion, multiyear program of proposed highway, arterial, transit, and non-motorized improvements, including *TransNet* program projects. (Item #17 staff contact: Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909, [ski@sandag.org](mailto:ski@sandag.org))

**2011 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMIT:** Directors approved the topics for discussion at the 2010 SANDAG Board of Directors Summit which will be held February 2 – 4, 2011. The topics that will be included in the final agenda are sessions on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan including the Sustainable Communities Strategy, an update on the Quality of Life funding strategy, and an item on the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The 2011 Summit will be held at the Barona Resort in Lakeside. (Item #18 staff contact: Colleen Windsor, (619) 699-1960, [cwi@sandag.org](mailto:cwi@sandag.org))

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**TransNet PROPOSED 2010 BOND ISSUANCE: REVIEW OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS:** Staff provided Directors with an update and draft documents detailing plans to take advantage of market opportunities and issue up to \$360 million in bonds. The funds would be used to continue the implementation of the *TransNet* Early Action Program, and to offer SANDAG member agencies the opportunity to participate in the debt issuance for *TransNet* eligible capital projects. The proposal also will go for additional reviews before the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Board for final approval on October 22, 2010. (Item #19 staff contacts: Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994, [kka@sandag.org](mailto:kka@sandag.org), and Lauren Warrem, (619) 699-6931, [lwa@sandag.org](mailto:lwa@sandag.org))

**2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP): INITIAL REVENUE CONSTRAINED NETWORK/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY SCENARIOS:** Staff presented an information item on the development of the draft 2050 RTP Revenue Constrained Network Scenarios. At its July 23, 2010, meeting the Board accepted the draft Unconstrained Transportation Network for use in the development of the draft 2050 RTP. The Unconstrained Transportation Network is the starting point for the development of the Revenue Constrained Network. Based on revenue projections through 2050, various initial Revenue Constrained Network Scenarios have been developed using prioritized project lists and other factors. The Revenue Constrained Network Scenarios will attempt to build and operate as much of the Unconstrained Transportation Network as possible, given revenue availability and flexibility, and project priorities. Initial revenue estimates indicate that approximately \$100 billion to \$110 billion would be available for the Revenue Constrained Network through 2050.

Staff presented four initial 2050 Revenue Constrained Network Scenarios that propose various mixes and levels of Transportation Demand Management/Transportation System Management programs and projects, Smart Growth Incentive Program funding, and Regional Bicycle Plan improvements be implemented in each of the scenarios. Additionally, local street and road improvements are included in each scenario. The four scenarios under consideration are: 1. Transit Emphasis Scenario – This scenario would focus on expansion of the regional transit system, given flexible funding availability; 2. Rail/Freight Scenario – This scenario would focus on expansion of the regional transit system with an emphasis on rail projects and also highway improvements to support freight, given flexible funding availability; 3. Highway Emphasis Scenario – This scenario would focus on expansion of highway system improvements that provide system-wide congestion relief for people and freight, given flexible funding availability; and, 4. Fusion Scenario – This scenario would focus on implementing projects and programs considering the preferred choices identified in the recent public opinion telephone survey. These include: new public transit services (rail and bus), highway improvements (bottleneck relief and new lanes), and increased frequencies to existing transit routes.

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The Sustainable Communities Strategy will be an integral part of the 2050 RTP. It will demonstrate how development patterns and the transportation network, policies, and programs can work together to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for cars and light trucks. In the coming months, SANDAG will be evaluating the various Revenue Constrained Network Scenarios based upon Board-approved plan performance measures, including GHG emissions. Based on feedback from SANDAG working groups, policy advisory committees, and the Board, staff will refine the Revenue Constrained Network Scenarios and continue to evaluate their performance. Revised Revenue Constrained Network Scenarios and initial performance of these scenarios will be presented to SANDAG working groups, policy advisory committees, and the Board in October. *(Item #20 staff contact: Heather Werdick, (619) 699-6967, hwe@sandag.org)*

**ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE *TransNet* INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ITOC):** Carolyn Lee, ITOC Chair, presented the annual ITOC report to the Board, including the FY 2009 audit process. The ITOC took over responsibility for the annual *TransNet* fiscal and compliance audits beginning with the FY 2009 cycle. The role of the ITOC is to ensure that voter-approved mandates of the *TransNet* Extension are carried out and to recommend improvements and enhancements to the financial integrity and performance of the 40-year *TransNet* program. *(Item #21 staff contact: Ariana zur Nieden, (619) 699-6961, azu@sandag.org)*

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