



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 28, 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11-01-1B
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

DECEMBER 17, 2010

First Vice Chair Jerome Stocks (Encinitas) called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 9:02 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)**

First Vice Chair Stocks noted there was a request to speak on this item.

Michael Bullock, a member of the public, questioned the accuracy of the minutes from the November 5, 2010, Board Policy meeting regarding Item No. 3, 2050 Regional Transportation Plan: Revenue Constrained Transportation Network Scenarios.

First Vice Chair Stocks noted that staff would listen to the recording and make any changes to the minutes deemed necessary for accuracy purposes.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Desmond (San Marcos), and a second by Mayor Cheryl Cox (Chula Vista), the Board of Directors approved the minutes from the November 5, 2010, Board Policy Meeting and the November 19, 2010, Board Business meeting, subject to clarification of comments.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Kathryn Rhoads, a member of the public, provided a list of suggestions and recommendations presented to the San Diego City Council for the Ad Hoc Committee of the San Diego Redevelopment Agency.

Kendall Tylee, a member of the public, expressed concern about the cost to use public transit for Barrio Logan students on fixed incomes.

Michael Bullock, a member of the public, provided comments on the reduction of greenhouse gases in the environment.

Christian Chaffee, a member of the public, extolled the benefits of historic Class 1 streetcar service.

3. **ACTIONS FROM POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (APPROVE)**

This item summarized the actions taken by the Borders Committee on November 19, the Executive and Regional Planning Committees on December 3, and the Transportation and Public Safety Committees on December 10, 2010.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Carrie Downey (Coronado) and second by Mayor Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach), the Board of Directors approved the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees at the meetings noted above. Yes – 19 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Absent – None.

CONSENT ITEMS (4 through 9)

First Vice Chair Stocks noted that Item No. 12 would be added to the Consent calendar.

4. **EXTENSION REQUESTS FOR FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT AUDITS (APPROVE)**

The Cities of Chula Vista and San Diego, and SANDAG have requested an extension for their FY 2010 Transportation Development Act (TDA) audits. The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve TDA audit extension requests for the Cities of Chula Vista and San Diego, and SANDAG, until March 27, 2011, as permitted by the California Public Utilities Code and the California Code of Regulations.

5. **FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT: REGIONAL eWATCH APPLICATION (APPROVE)**

The Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) has received an additional \$74,366 in federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding to develop a regional eWatch application, which will allow members of the public throughout the county to subscribe to a no-cost service to receive notifications of crimes, arrests, and/or traffic incidents occurring around specific addresses. The Public Safety Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to the FY 2011 Budget (including the Overall Work Program) to accept an additional \$74,366 in UASI funds for the ARJIS Interregional Justice Data-Sharing work element (3400800), which would bring the total funding to \$1,367,368.

6. **REPORT SUMMARIZING DELEGATED ACTIONS TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (INFORMATION)**

In accordance with SANDAG Board Policy Nos. 003 (Investment Policy), 017 (Delegation of Authority), and 024 (Procurement and Contracting-Construction), this report summarized certain delegated actions taken by the Executive Director since the last Board of Directors meeting.

7. **REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF SANDAG (INFORMATION)**

Board members provided brief reports in writing on external meetings and events attended on behalf of SANDAG since the last Board of Directors meeting.

8. ***TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: ANNUAL STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)**

This report presented an update on the implementation of the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program, including the current status of land acquisition for mitigation, funding for regional land management and monitoring, and planning efforts for the current fiscal year.

9. RELEASE OF STATE ROUTE 11 AND OTAY MESA EAST PORT OF ENTRY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (INFORMATION)

This report provided an update on Caltrans' release of the draft environmental document for the State Route 11 and Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project.

12. COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK: PROPOSED GRANT PROGRAM EVALUATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS (APPROVE)

The Regional Planning Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the proposed grant program objectives, eligibility, evaluation criteria, and evaluation process for the Healthy Communities Campaign and Safe Routes to School grant programs, two initiatives under the Communities Putting Prevention to Work program, in substantially the same form as attached to the report.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Wood (Oceanside), and a second by Councilmember Downey, the SANDAG Board approved Consent Items Nos. 4 through 9, and Item No. 12. Yes - 19. No - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 0.

CHAIR'S REPORT (10 through 11)

10. ELECTION OF 2011 SANDAG BOARD OFFICERS (APPROVE)

Mayor Ron Morrison (National City), chair of the Nominating Committee, recommended the slate of candidates for the 2011 SANDAG Board officers: Chair, Encinitas Councilmember Jerome Stocks; First Vice Chair, Santee Councilmember Jack Dale; and Second Vice Chair, Imperial Beach Mayor Jim Janney.

Julie Wiley, General Counsel, explained the process for the election of officers for 2011. The nominated candidates left the room for the vote.

Nominating Committee Chair Morrison asked for additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received.

Nominating Committee Chair Morrison noted that there was one request to speak on this item.

Michael Bullock, a member of the public, provided his opinion on the nomination of First Vice Chair Stocks to the SANDAG Chair position.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Morrison and second by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego), the Board of Directors approved the SANDAG Board officers for calendar year 2011 as follows: Chair, Councilmember Jerome Stocks; First Vice Chair, Councilmember Jack Dale; Second Vice Chair, Mayor Jim Janney. Yes – 16 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Absent – Encinitas, Imperial Beach, and Santee.

REPORTS (12 through 13)

First Vice Chair Stocks moved up Item No. 13 at this time.

13. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: PREFERRED REVENUE CONSTRAINED TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SCENARIO (ACCEPT)

Second Vice Chair and Transportation Committee Chair Dale introduced this item.

Heather Adamson, Senior Planner, provided the staff report. During the past few months, the Board of Directors has reviewed four initial Revenue Constrained Transportation Network Scenarios that were developed for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These Scenarios attempt to build and operate as much of the Unconstrained Transportation Network as possible, given revenue availability and flexibility, and project priorities. In response to direction from the Board, a Hybrid Scenario also was prepared.

Second Vice Chair Dale provided the Transportation Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors accept the Hybrid Scenario as the preferred Revenue Constrained Transportation Network Scenario for development of the Draft 2050 RTP. The Transportation Committee further recommended that the Unconstrained Transportation Network be modified to include Interstate 15 between Centre City Parkway and State Route 78 with a configuration of ten general purpose lanes and four Managed Lanes.

Mayor Mary Sessom (Lemon Grove) asked for clarification on the data for several RTP performance measures.

First Vice Chair Stocks noted there were many public comments on this item and that each person would be allowed two minutes to speak.

Councilmember Sherri Lightner, City of San Diego, urged the Board to take out the 10+4 configuration from the Hybrid Scenario and replace it with the proposal for the 8+4 configuration, and wait until the next revision of the RTP when more data should be available to select an alternative for the Interstate 5 (I-5) North Coast Corridor. She further requested that the Board include east/west transit for the State Route 56 (SR 56) corridor in the 2050 RTP Unconstrained Transportation Network Scenario, as she believed this would help reduce traffic congestion along this corridor.

Duncan McFetridge, representing the Cleveland National Forest Foundation and Save Our Forests and Ranchlands, requested that the Board defer further consideration of the Hybrid Scenario and direct staff to evaluate the merits of a 50-10 Plan. The 50-10 Plan, which envisions completing 50 years of transit within a 10-year period, would include the following components: (1) transit infrastructure and operational service improvements fully built-out prior to any consideration of highway capacity projects; (2) a comprehensively designed and fully integrated transit network; and (3) an initial emphasis on the urban core and the SPRINTER and COASTER lines.

Steve Otto, representing the San Ysidro Transportation Collaborative, supported the Hybrid Scenario. He stated, however, that what is missing is bus rapid transit (BRT) feeder routes and rapid bus service.

Michael Bullock, Chair of the Sierra Club San Diego Transportation Committee, spoke in opposition of the Hybrid Scenario, and requested that the Board work for a true transit-emphasis RTP with no freeway expansions, the best transit possible, and with the best transportation demand management strategies.

Noel Spaid, representing I-5 PLAGUE, commented that expanding freeways brings gridlock and more pollution. She requested that the funds earmarked for the I-5 expansion project be used for transit instead.

Deborah Knight, Executive Director, Friends of Rose Canyon, supported comments made by Duncan McFetridge with regard to looking at transit projects and prioritizing them. She also suggested that the University Towne Centre Tunnel project be strongly considered, because it would enable the abandonment of up to eight miles of track rather than spending \$131 million to upgrade them.

Robert Cotton, a member of the public, spoke about his experience observing infrastructure growth in China. He stated his opposition to the expansion of the I-5 freeway.

Marco Gonzalez, representing the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation (CERF), stated that incentives for infill do not work unless you have companion disincentives to sprawl. He requested that the Board revise the funding in the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance to dedicate funding from freeways to transit and build the transit projects first.

Curt Digiacomio, a member of the public, spoke in opposition to the I-5 freeway expansion. He said there is three times the space on the east side of the freeway. He asked the Board to consider the impacts of this expansion on the residents on the west side of the freeway.

Nicole Burgess, a member of the public, spoke in favor of Active Transportation (i.e., bicycle, pedestrian, transit), and asked the Board to include money for those types of projects rather than spending money on projects like the I-5 freeway expansion. She didn't feel the Hybrid Scenario includes sufficient bicycle/pedestrian projects.

Hannah Cohen, representing Sustainable San Diego, requested that the Board include the following recommendations in the final Revenue Constrained Network Strategy: (1) focus discretionary funds on fast, convenient public transit; (2) prioritize projects that support regional goals; (3) increase funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects (Active Transportation); and (4) produce a strong Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Kathy Keehan, Executive Director, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, spoke in favor of building robust, fast transit projects first. She asked that the Board adopt an RTP that creates safe places for everyone to ride bicycles. She thanked staff for including a robust Active Transportation program in the 2050 RTP.

Dillon Minor, Move San Diego, urged the Board to put transit first in the plans. He supported the Hybrid Scenario. He said the public supports more dense development and improved public transit. He supported fully funding Active Transportation.

Elyse Lowe, Executive Director, Move San Diego, expressed support for the Hybrid Scenario, especially the 10-minute frequencies for public transit. However, she expressed concern that certain transit ridership goals in key corridors are not being met, and recommended

implementing projects that help us meet those goals and eliminating projects that increase vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Pamela Epstein, representing Sierra Club San Diego, urged the Board to support the “50-10 people’s plan.” She supported fully building out all transit projects before any highway projects. She opposed the widening of the I-5 freeway.

Brooke Peterson, representing the San Diego Section, American Planning Association, expressed support for Sustainable San Diego’s recommendations, and asked the Board to consider: (1) focusing discretionary funds on fast, convenient public transportation; (2) prioritizing projects that support regional goals; (3) supporting Active Transportation funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects; and (4) selecting a scenario that better meets the Sustainable Communities Strategy targets. She supported the transit projects included in the Hybrid Scenario.

Adriana Gallardo, representing the Linda Vista Collaborative, spoke on the importance of including low-income minorities in the development of the RTP. She asked that SANDAG partner with community-based organizations, and asked the Board to outreach to communities that have not been asked to participate in this process.

Jim Schmidt, a member of the public, said that the East County freeways work better than in North County because there have been many road deletions in North County that now prevent residents from having alternate travel routes to the I-5 freeway. He said he is a transit supporter.

Kathleen Ferrier, representing Walk San Diego, supported Active Transportation improvements. She asked that the Board prioritize projects that support the Sustainable Communities Strategy objectives.

Monica Netherly, representing Justice Overcoming Boundaries, supported the Hybrid Scenario and improved Active Transportation, but opposed highway expansion. She supported increased frequency for public transit.

Dan Allen, a member of the public, criticized the proposed transportation network design. He urged the Board to back off on freeway widening. He stated that the problem with I-5 is that there is an infinite supply of cars and a finite supply of lanes. He wondered if adding more freeway lanes is the right response.

Marion Dodson, a member of the public, expressed opposition to the proposed I-5 freeway widening. She noted Caltrans had previously promised that the I-5 widening would not take any private property. She asked Caltrans to keep that promise. She suggested placing restrictions on trucks in the future and to obtain more input on the Hybrid Scenario.

Elizabeth Rudee, San Diego Audubon Society, expressed her opposition to the I-5 North Coast widening and recommended using the funding for public transit. She stated her support for the No Build alternative for the I-5 North Coast corridor.

Nancy Lytle, Vice President of Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, stated that equity was not well factored into the 2050 RTP in the following ways: (1) household income was not considered, and (2) disinvested areas that make some of the best transit-oriented

development opportunities were not evaluated. She supported the Hybrid Scenario and asked that more funding be added to the Active Transportation program.

Board discussion ensued.

Motion: Mayor Heebner moved to accept the Hybrid Scenario with the exception of 10+4 lanes on Interstate 5. Supervisor Slater-Price seconded the motion.

Substitute Motion: Mayor Jerry Sanders (City of San Diego) moved approval of the staff recommendation; Councilmember Downey seconded the motion.

Board discussion continued.

Action on the Substitute Motion: Upon a substitute motion by Mayor Sanders and second by Councilmember Downey, the Board of Directors accepted the Hybrid Scenario as the preferred Revenue Constrained Transportation Network Scenario for development of the Draft 2050 RTP; and modified the Unconstrained Transportation Network to include Interstate 15 between Centre City Parkway and State Route 78 with a configuration of ten general purpose lanes and four Managed Lanes. Yes – 16 (weighted vote, 96%). No – Del Mar, La Mesa, and Solana Beach (weighted vote, 4%). Abstain – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Absent - None.

CHAIR'S REPORT (10 through 11) (Continued)

11. UPDATE ON 2011 ANNUAL SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMIT (INFORMATION)

Colleen Windsor, Communications Director, stated that the Board of Directors Annual Summit is scheduled to start on Wednesday, February 2, and conclude on Friday morning, February 4, 2011. She provided an update on the preliminary Summit agenda for information.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Board Policy meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2011, at 10 a.m. The next Board Business meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2011, at 9 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

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ATTENDANCE SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2010

JURISDICTION/ ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING
City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Member)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Cheryl Cox (Primary)	Yes
City of Coronado	Carrie Downey (Primary)	Yes
City of Del Mar	Carl Hilliard (1st Alt.)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Mark Lewis (Primary)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Jerome Stocks, 1st Vice Chair (Primary)	Yes
City of Escondido	Sam Abed (Alternate)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Jim Janney (Primary)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Art Madrid (Member)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mary Sessom (Primary)	Yes
City of National City	Ron Morrison (Member)	Yes
City of Oceanside	James Wood (Member)	Yes
City of Poway	Don Higginson (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego – A	Jerry Sanders (Primary, Seat A)	Yes
City of San Diego - B	Anthony Young	Yes
City of San Marcos	Jim Desmond (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Jack Dale (2nd Vice Chair)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Lesia Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Judy Ritter (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego - A	Pam Slater-Price (Primary, Seat A)	Yes
County of San Diego - B	Bill Horn (Primary, Seat B)	Yes
Caltrans	Laurie Berman (1st. Alt.)	Yes
MTS	Harry Mathis (Member)	Yes
NCTD	Dave Roberts (2nd Alt.)	Yes
Imperial County	Sup. Louis Fuentes (Primary)	No
US Dept. of Defense	CAPT Keith Hamilton (Member)	Yes
SD Unified Port District	Scott Peters (Member)	Yes
SD County Water Authority	Mark Muir (Primary)	Yes
Baja California/Mexico	Lydia Antonio (Alternate)	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Allen Lawson (Member)	Yes
	Edwin Romero (Member)	No