MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT WORKING GROUP

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit PWG may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

SANDAG Board Room, 7th Floor
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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT FINAL COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES REPORT
- MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

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ITEM # | RECOMMENDATION
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+1. SUMMARY OF THE MAY 5, 2010, MEETING | APPROVE
Review and approve the meeting summary from the May 5, 2010, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT | COMMENT
Members of the public who would like to address the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group (PWG) on a topic not on the agenda should do so at this time. Speakers are limited to three minutes each.

+3. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT FINAL COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES REPORT | RECOMMEND
Staff will present an overview of the Final Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report. The Final Report contains a summary of the comments received during the Scoping Period and responses to those comments. The Final Report presents a recommended Locally Preferred Alternative and alternatives, for evaluation in the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report. The PWG will be asked to consider a recommendation on an alternative(s) included in the Transportation Committee agenda to be posted by 5 p.m., on Friday, July 9, 2010, at www.sandag.org.

+4. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN | RECOMMEND
An overview of comments received and revisions to the final draft Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Public Involvement Plan (PIP) will be presented. The PWG will be asked to recommend to the Transportation Committee that the PIP be accepted for use in ongoing public involvement efforts. The final draft PIP will be included in the Transportation Committee agenda to be posted by 5 p.m., on Friday, July 9, 2010, at www.sandag.org.

5. NEXT STEPS FOR PROJECT WORKING GROUP
The PWG will discuss schedule and next steps for involvement in the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project.

6. ADJOURN

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SUMMARY OF THE MAY 5, 2010, MEETING

Members in Attendance:
Ron Roberts, Supervisor, County of San Diego (Chair)
Anette Blatt, Scripps Health
Robert Emery, Retired MTS Board Member and Poway Councilmember (Vice-Chair)
Greg Fitchitt, Westfield Corporation
Brad Gessner, San Diego Convention Center
Brian Gregory, UCSD
Debra Gutzmer, SAIC
Rob Hutsel, San Diego River Park Foundation
Janay Kruger, University City Planning Group
Joe LaCava, La Jolla Community Planning Group
Barbara Obrzut, La Jolla resident
Andrew Poat, San Diego Regional EDC
David Potter, Clairemont resident
Ann Van Leer, Land Conservation Brokerage, Inc.

SANDAG Staff in Attendance:
Leslie Blanda
Greg Gastelum
Anne Steinberger
Jim Linthicum
John Kirk

Vice-Chairman Robert Emery called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

1. SUMMARY OF APRIL 7, 2010, MEETING

The approval of the April 7, 2010, meeting summary was trailed until later in the meeting due to lack of a quorum.
Once a quorum was reached, the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group (PWG) discussed approval of the April 7, 2010, meeting summary. Andrew Poat, San Diego Regional EDC, suggested a revision to his comment on page 10 of the meeting summary as follows, “Mr. Poat questioned the methodology used by the Mid-Coast PWG to come to a recommendation to vote on a preferred alternative.”

David Potter, Clairemont resident, made a correction to the 9th paragraph on page 11, that BRT would require a transfer at “Old Town” rather than “downtown” as stated.

Anne Steinberger, SANDAG Marketing Manager, referenced two e-mails from other PWG members with revisions:

- Brian Gregory, UCSD, suggested an edit to his comment on page 9, replacing “University City community” with “University community.”
- Daniel Allen, La Jolla resident, corrected his name on page 3, from “David Allen” to “Daniel Allen.”

Mr. Potter made a motion to approve the April 7, 2010, meeting summary, with the corrections. Joe LaCava, La Jolla Community Planning Group, seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Ann Van Leer, Land Conservation Brokerage, asked about the SANDAG Board action at its April 23, 2010, meeting. Chair Roberts explained that the SANDAG Board of Directors approved moving all three LRT alternatives into the scoping period for the project. The consensus is to include all three alternatives in the scoping period, but at the end of that period, there would likely emerge one preferred alternative to move forward into the environmental analysis.

He stated that in addition to the groups Ms. Knight referenced in her comments as opposed to LRT 3 and supportive of LRT 1, there are additional groups, such as the Mormon Church and the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center with that same position. Janay Kruger, University City Planning Group, added that the University City Planning Group supports LRT 1, as does UCSD, SAIC, and Scripps.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Knight, Friends of Rose Canyon, is pleased to hear feedback from the public and community in opposition of LRT 3 and in support of LRT 1. The University City Planning Group unanimously supported LRT 1 and opposed LRT 3. In addition to the planning group, the San Diego Audubon Society, Sierra Club, Friends of Rose Creek, and San Diego Canyonlands all oppose the proposed route through Rose Canyon.

3. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT ALTERNATIVES FOR SCOPING

Leslie Blanda, Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Director, reviewed the action taken by the SANDAG Board of Directors at its April 23, 2010, meeting. The SANDAG Board of Directors recommended that LRT alternatives 1 (combining alternatives 1, 4, and 5), 3, and 6 be carried forward to the scoping period for the draft environmental document. The scoping period is intended to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the scope of the environmental document. It is a 30-day scoping period, which commenced Monday, May 3, 2010, and will end on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.
Ms. Steinberger announced that five scoping meetings are planned in locations throughout the Corridor. Today is the first scoping meeting, with meetings at UCSD, University City, Clairemont, and Caltrans/Old Town to follow. These meetings have been advertised in 12 newspapers throughout the San Diego region, promoted on the Internet and Facebook, promoted to homes and businesses in the corridor via direct mail, as well as media outreach.

Once the scoping period is complete, staff will prepare a Final Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives. This report will contain responses to comments received during scoping and staff’s recommendation to the SANDAG Board of Directors for alternatives to study in the environmental document. As far as the PWG meeting schedule, it is anticipated that the PWG meeting in June would be cancelled. The July meeting would be rescheduled to July 14, 2010, to discuss the recommendation to the Transportation Committee on a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) or alternatives to bring forward through the environmental analysis.

Ms. Blanda reviewed the schedule for the project:

- Summer 2010: SANDAG Board of Directors approval of the alternatives for Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR)
- Summer 2011: Mid-Coast Draft SEIS/SEIR

4. NEXT MEETING

Ms. Steinberger recommended that the PWG cancel the June 2010 meeting and hold the next meeting on July 14, 2010, to coincide with the release of the final Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report.

5. ADJOURN

Chair Roberts adjourned the PWG meeting at 4:02 p.m., and opened up the scoping meeting to the public from 4 - 7 p.m.
Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group
July 14, 2010

The following attachments to this agenda will be part of the July 16, 2010, Transportation Committee agenda. The Transportation Committee agenda to be posted by 5 p.m., on Friday, July 9, 2010, at www.sandag.org.

Agenda Item #3, Attachment 1
The Final Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report will be available on Friday, July 9, 2010, at www.sandag.org/midcoast. A CD may be requested at (619) 595-5620 or via e-mail at midcoast@sandag.org. Copies will be available at the meeting.

Agenda Item #4, Attachment 1
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