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POLICY BOARD AGENDA

Friday, December 6, 2002

10:15 a.m.

SANDAG

**401 B Street, 7th Floor Board Room
San Diego, CA 92101**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

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SANDAG POLICY BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING ON MOBILITY 2030: DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Introduction

Recommendation

The SANDAG Board is asked to accept public testimony on the Draft 2030 RTP and Draft EIR. The close of the public comment period is December 30, 2002.

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a public policy blueprint for how people and goods will move around the San Diego region over the next three decades. Entitled MOBILITY 2030, the Draft 2030 RTP contains an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to maintain, manage, and improve the surface transportation system and better coordinate land use and transportation in the San Diego region through the year 2030.

On October 25, 2002, the SANDAG Board of Directors accepted MOBILITY 2030 for public distribution and comment. On November 14, 2002, the Transportation Committee accepted the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for distribution and comment. Public workshops are being scheduled in the North County, East County, and South County areas in mid-December to facilitate public comment on MOBILITY 2030 and the Draft EIR.

Discussion

Draft 2030 RTP – MOBILITY 2030 is based on the Reasonably Expected Revenue scenario, which includes \$42 billion of projected revenues to fund the recommended improvements and services. This assumes both

current sources of transportation revenue as well as future revenue sources – such as an extension of the local *TransNet* transportation sales tax measure set to expire in 2008, attracting additional federal funds for major capital projects, and increases in state and federal gas taxes or equivalent revenue sources based on historical trends.

MOBILITY 2030 also includes the Revenue Constrained plan required by federal law, which is based upon current transportation revenue sources totaling \$30 billion. A third plan, the Unconstrained Revenue scenario, is currently under development and is scheduled for Transportation Committee review on December 12, 2002. This third scenario will identify the funding needed to fully implement all of the programs, projects, and services envisioned for 2030, and will be incorporated into the Final 2030 RTP.

Draft EIR – Prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Draft EIR evaluates the impacts of the MOBILITY 2030 (the project) on the physical environment at the program level. It provides the framework for subsequent environmental analysis on specific projects, in which individual project impacts will be evaluated separately as project alignments and features are defined. Eleven issue areas are analyzed in the document as well as the cumulative impacts of the project, and other projects.

The Draft EIR evaluates several alternatives to the project, which include alternative land use assumptions and alternative transportation networks. The network alternatives include the

No Project, Revenue Constrained, Transit Emphasis, and Highway Emphasis. All these alternatives assume a smart growth land use scenario as does the Plan. In addition to these alternatives, the EIR analyzes an additional Highway Emphasis scenario that assumes existing land use plans and policies.

Draft 2030 RTP/EIR Distribution

The Draft 2030 RTP was circulated to local jurisdictions, MTDB, NCTD, Caltrans, the 2030 RTP Working Group, and other interested parties. The Draft EIR was distributed to individuals, agencies, and organizations interested in the RTP and to all individuals who provided comments on the Notice of Preparation of the EIR that was published on July 12, 2002. A notice of availability of the Draft RTP/EIR was published in area newspapers and sent to interested individuals, agencies, and organizations generated from SANDAG's mailing lists. Displays ads in area newspapers announcing the December 6, 2002 public hearing and the mid-December subregional workshops also were published.

Copies of both the Draft 2030 RTP and Draft EIR were distributed to local libraries throughout the region and are available on SANDAG's Web site at www.sandag.org.

Keep San Diego Moving Campaign

Public outreach is a vital component of MOBILITY 2030. In June 2002, an aggressive campaign under the overall theme – *Keep San Diego Moving* – was launched to raise awareness and solicit feedback on MOBILITY 2030. (See Appendix B of the draft Plan.) The outreach effort will continue through the end of 2002 to invite public comments and participation in completing the final Plan.

Next Steps

The major RTP/EIR milestones are summarized below:

- **December 6, 2002:** *Public hearing on Draft 2030 RTP/EIR*
- **Week of December 8-14, 2002:** *Public workshops on Draft 2030 RTP/EIR in North County, East County, and South County areas*
- **December 30, 2002:** *Close of public comment period for Draft 2030 RTP/EIR*
- **January 2003:** *Transportation Committee reviews RTP/EIR comments*
- **January/February 2003:** *SANDAG Board reviews changes to RTP/EIR*
- **February/March 2003:** *SANDAG Board certifies Final EIR, approves air quality conformity finding, and adopts Final 2030 RTP*

NOTE: Hard copies of the Draft 2030 RTP (MOBILITY 2030) and the Draft EIR were previously distributed to SANDAG Board Members and Alternates, Transportation Committee members, City Managers, the 2030 RTP Working Group, key staff, and interested individuals. If you would like a copy of the Draft 2030 RTP and/or Draft EIR, please visit SANDAG's Web site at www.sandag.org or call the Public Information Office at (619) 595-5347.



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