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BOARD ACTIONS

December 20, 2002

GLORIA MCCLELLAN AWARD: Directors presented Carlsbad's Ron Packard with the first annual Gloria McClellan Public Service Award. U.S. Congressman Darrell Issa (R-Vista), who nominated Packard for the award, attended the SANDAG ceremony to help make the presentation. During his 30 years of public service, Mr. Packard was an advocate of regional approaches and programs from transportation to economic development to public safety. As a Congressman, he served the people of San Diego, Orange, and Riverside Counties for 18 years. And as mayor of the City of Carlsbad, he served on the SANDAG Board of Directors in 1980 and 1981. The Gloria McClellan Public Service Award will be made annually to honor the memory of Vista Mayor McClellan. *(Item #10: Staff Contact: Garry Bonelli, (619) 595-5360 or gbo@sandag.org)*

2003 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM: Directors approved the 2003 legislative program which helps guide staff and legislative advocates in developing and responding to state and federal actions during the upcoming year. The highest priority is to support legislation that would authorize local sales taxes or other new revenue sources for transportation projects and purposes to be approved by a majority vote. Other high priority legislative items are to oppose appropriation of or cuts in city/county revenues by the State of California for purposes of balancing or enhancing the state budget; support ongoing implementation of federal TEA-21 funding for SR 905 and I-5, SR 11, Virginia Avenue, Clean Fuel Bus Program, and other regional transportation projects; and, in cooperation with MTDB and NCTD, seek to obtain the annual appropriation levels needed to meet federal funding commitments identified in the Full Funding Grant Agreements for the Mission Valley East and Oceanside-Escondido projects. The legislative priorities also include promoting additional funding for low and moderate income housing and facilitating an increase in the supply of housing for all income levels. *(Item #16: Staff Contact Debra Greenfield (619) 595-5366 or dgr@sandag.org)*

CENTRAL INTERSTATE 5 CORRIDOR STUDY: Directors approved the Central I-5 Corridor Study that identifies a recommended plan for improvements to the I-5 corridor from Sea World Drive to State Route 54. Among the improvements outlined in the study for inclusion in the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) are widening I-5 and adding 2 high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes; adding new I-5 auxiliary lanes; and adding new I-5 on/off ramps to improve access to Old Town Transit Center, Lindbergh Field, and the 10th Avenue Marine Terminal. The Directors did not include the proposed Centre City Collector Distributor (CD) ramp system in the RTP. Further study is required for the CD system or alternatives and the feasibility of HOVs in Centre City. The recommended plan for improvements totals \$1.14 billion. The study identifies which projects are to be included in the RTP Revenue Constrained Plan, the Reasonably Expected Revenue Scenario, and the Unconstrained Revenue Scenario. *(Item #17: Staff Contact: Michael Hix, (619) 595-5377 or mhi@sandag.org)*

PROPOSED STATE BUDGET CUTS – POTENTIAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IMPACTS: Directors were informed about potential transportation impacts because of shortfalls in the State General Fund. The Governor has proposed \$10.2 billion in spending reductions through FY 2003-04. Of this total, \$1.8 billion in

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Upcoming Board Meetings

January 10, 2003

- New Transit Responsibilities
- Operating Procedures for Consolidated Agency

January 24, 2003

- Regional Energy Strategy
- Congestion Management Program Update
- Caltrans California Transportation Plan

Regional Comprehensive Plan Subregional Roundtables

Residents are invited to participate in these roundtable sessions to help lay the foundation for the region's future.

January event:
Escondido City Hall – Mitchell Room
Thursday, January 23
from 6-8:30 p.m.

for a complete schedule of workshops visit
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Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) spending reductions are proposed from transportation revenue sources. Additionally, decreasing revenues from the State Transportation Improvement Program are expected to result in a \$4 billion shortfall through FY 2006-07. Potential action strategies to proposed cuts include: revisiting all funding decisions for on-going projects and reprogramming unexpended funding to the highest priority projects; pursuing greater use of the Grant Anticipated Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bonds to advance future federal funds for transportation improvements; and, working with the San Diego delegation in Sacramento to develop viable strategies to address funding cuts. Additionally, staff reported that a dramatic reduction of state funding for transportation could increase the pressure to address the 2/3 vote threshold required to pass the *TransNet* sales tax extension. Staff also discussed the possibility of the Legislature considering a gas tax increase or an alternative transportation revenue increase. (Item #19: Staff contact, Craig Scott, (619) 595-5326 or csc@sandag.org)

TRANSPORTATION PROGRESS: Caltrans opened bids for the I-15 widening between Miramar Way and Mira Mesa Boulevard. Construction is scheduled to be completed in late 2004. Public Review for NCTD's Oceanside Station parking structure draft environmental document was completed. This project is scheduled to be open in December 2005. MTDB certified the environmental document for the Sabre Springs Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Station. Completion of the environmental document for the Rancho Bernardo and Del Lago BRT stations is scheduled for June 2003. Right of way acquisitions are now underway, and project completion is scheduled for August 2003 ... Chula Vista opened bids for the Palomar Street widening project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in late 2003 ... Since July 1, 2002, the Freeway Service Patrol has assisted over 24,000 motorists. This represents a 12 percent increase over the same six-month period in 2001. (Item #7: Staff contact, Richard Chavez, (619) 595-5604 or rch@sandag.org)

ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS FOR REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Hon. Lori Holt Pfeiler, Escondido Mayor and Chair of the Regional Planning Committee, briefed Directors on the upcoming Subregional Roundtable Sessions to be held in six locations throughout the region in January and February. As part of the public involvement program for the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP), this first session of roundtables will engage residents, community and business leaders, and elected officials in the early planning process to develop the RCP. All local elected officials are invited to attend the roundtables. Two other subregional roundtable sessions will be held during the 18-month RCP development process. Additional information on the roundtable schedule and the RCP is available at www.sandag.org/rcp. (Item #18: Staff contact, Carolina Gregor, (619) 595-5399 or cgr@sandag.org)

OTHER ACTIONS: SANDAG Chairman Ron Morrison recognized outgoing Board members Betty Harding, Dennis Holz, Shirley Horton, Chuck Marks, and Julianne Nygaard for their service and contributions to the region and SANDAG ... Chairman Morrison appointed Solana Beach Councilmember Joe Kellejian to serve as Chair of the Transportation Committee and San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy as Vice Chair ... And, Chula Vista Councilmember Mary Salas was appointed to represent South County cities, and Vista Mayor Morris Vance was appointed to represent North County Inland cities on the San Diego Regional Energy Office Regional Energy Policy Advisory Council.

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