



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 17, 2010**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10-12-1A
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

NOVEMBER 5, 2010

Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler (Escondido) called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 10:11 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Pfeiler noted that Caltrans District 11, received an Onion award for the Interstate 5 (I-5) North Coast expansion project at the recent Orchids and Onions event, and Laurie Berman, District Director, was presented with the Onion award.

Chair Pfeiler welcomed Carlsbad Mayor Bud Lewis and recognized his 40 years of service. Mayor Jim Wood (Oceanside) asked for a standing ovation to honor Mayor Lewis's years of leadership in North County.

Duncan McFetridge, representing Save Our Forests and Ranchlands (SOFAR), expressed his concern about a public records request made by SOFAR for modeling data and assumptions used by SANDAG for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Mike Bullock, a member of the public, commented about a postcard notification of the I-5 North Coast expansion project. He said that there is nothing on the postcard about widening, expansion, adding lanes, or construction. He discussed several I-5 town hall meetings, and noted that there is no public support for this project.

Sara Honadle, Cleveland National Forest Foundation and Coast Law Group, representing SOFAR, reiterated SOFAR's requests for RTP modeling data and assumptions under the Public Records Act and Senate Bill 375 (SB 375). She acknowledged that there is some conflicting case law whether there might be an argument for withholding the information they are requesting, but stated that this would not apply to the express mandates of SB 375.

Clive Richard, a member of the public, congratulated those elected officials who were reelected.

Elyse Lowe, Executive Director, Move San Diego, said that they made a Public Records Act request for the release of the regional travel model for independent evaluation by their consultant, and they were given many components of the model, but were denied the model as a whole.

Susan Tinsky, Sustainable San Diego, said that it is really difficult in the absence of data to evaluate the RTP alternatives, and hoped the Board would assist with this request to release the modeling data.

Julie Wiley, General Counsel, responded that there have been a number of public records requests for modeling information, and SANDAG has responded with many records. She clarified what records were provided and what is considered proprietary information that would not have to be produced under the Public Records Act. She has reviewed the allegations related the provisions of SB 375, and it is her opinion that it does not require the release of proprietary information. She has requested information from attorneys of other metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in the state about their actions regarding the release of proprietary data.

Councilmember Crystal Crawford (Del Mar) requested that this issue come back to the Board.

REPORTS (2 through 4)

2. 2050 RTP: PUBLIC INPUT QUESTIONNAIRE (INFORMATION)

Anne Steinberger, Communications Manager, stated that as part of the public outreach effort for the 2050 RTP and the Sustainable Communities Strategy, staff developed a questionnaire to secure input on the public's priorities for transportation infrastructure. The public input questionnaire was posted online and distributed at public meetings and community events from June to September 2010. The questions were similar to those asked in the June 2010 telephone public opinion survey.

Kristen Rohanna, Senior Analyst, presented the public input questionnaire results for the Board of Directors.

Chair Pfeiler indicated there was one request to speak on this item.

Michael Bullock, a member of the public, presented a PowerPoint show that was presented at the Carlsbad Citizens I-5 Town Hall meeting. He noted that the San Diego Voter Preference slide indicated that 55 percent supported expanding public transit, including buses and rail; 32 percent supported expanding roads and highways; and 13 percent said both, neither, or don't know.

3. 2050 RTP: REVENUE CONSTRAINED TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SCENARIOS (DISCUSSION)

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

Heather Adamson, Senior Planner, reported that during the past few months, staff presented the initial draft Revenue Constrained Transportation Network Scenarios to the Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees (PACs), various SANDAG working groups, and at other public meetings for input. The four Revenue Constrained Transportation Network Scenarios attempt to build and operate as much of the Unconstrained Transportation Network as possible, given revenue availability and flexibility, and project priorities. Based on feedback from working groups, PACs, and the Board of Directors, staff has refined the Scenarios and continues to evaluate their performance. The Board of Directors will be asked to select a preferred Revenue Constrained Transportation Network Scenario in December for inclusion in the Draft 2050 RTP.

Chair Pfeiler noted there were a number of requests to speak on this item.

Cindy Gompper-Graves, South County Economic Development Corporation, requested that SANDAG explore a bayside option as an alternative to the downtown San Diego trolley tunnel to accommodate more passengers and avoid the bottleneck congestion in downtown San Diego. She voiced support for grade separations along major arterial roads, east-west connections in South County, and planning proactively to connect employees with large job centers. She also asked that SANDAG consider commuter rail south of downtown. She thought SANDAG should rethink some of the performance measures regarding vehicle miles and commute times; she noted that these measurements may encourage investment in outlying areas and discourage smart growth.

Jay Powell, City Heights Community Development Corporation, stated his appreciation for the incorporation of many Mid-City components. He stated his support for I-805 improvements and better connections between the Mid-City area and job centers.

Robert Cotton, representing Citizens Against Freeway Expansion, spoke against the proposed expansion of I-5 and the project alternatives. He asked that SANDAG take public opinion into account when deciding on future projects.

Leigh Plesniak, Residents for Torrey Pines Safety, spoke in favor of the \$2.5 billion proposed for "Active Transportation." She noted that she has been involved in planning efforts to devise a bicycle and pedestrian friendly corridor on Torrey Pines Road.

Dori Robbins, Residents for Torrey Pines Safety, pointed out that San Diego spends only 33 cents per capita per year on pedestrian safety. This is our main concern—pedestrian and bicycle safety, especially on Torrey Pines Road. Any collaboration you can give to the City of San Diego Department of Engineering for the Torrey Pines Road project would be appreciated.

Sherry Nooravi, Residents for Torrey Pines Safety, received an e-mail from Walk San Diego about the possibility that the City of San Diego could get \$2.5 billion to create more walkable and safe communities. She urged the Board to vote for improved pedestrian/bicycling safety throughout San Diego.

Mike Bullock, San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club, said that the Transit Emphasis Scenario has extensive freeway widenings, and the Sierra Club is opposed to that. He stated the California Transportation Commission RTP Guidelines indicate that MPOs "must consider congestion pricing, toll roads, and parking strategies." He said that newly priced lanes should come from existing freeway lanes, not expanded freeways. He asked that SANDAG seek state legislation that will unbundle the cost of driving and parking. He noted that Sierra Club policy calls for the elimination of all subsidies to driving and parking.

Kathy Keehan, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, thanked SANDAG for its commitment to include funding in the 2050 RTP for Active Transportation. The Active Transportation piece includes regional bike plans, local bike plans, safe routes to schools, safe routes to transit, and pedestrian improvements. The Coalition supports the staff recommendation to include the Active Transportation piece in all four Scenarios, and expressed support for the issues contained in the Move San Diego and Sustainable San Diego platforms.

Myles Pomeroy, Sustainable San Diego and San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, also thanked SANDAG for including funding for pedestrian/bicycling improvements in the 2050 RTP. He urged the Board to adopt this as a provision of the RTP, evaluate all projects for consistency with the objectives of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and to defer those projects that are inconsistent with those SCS objectives. He encouraged the Board to place greater alliance on bus rapid transit (BRT) projects versus light rail transit (LRT) because BRT is less expensive and more flexible. He also asked that the Board look at an innovative parking policy to incentivize alternative transportation modes.

Susan Tinsky, Sustainable San Diego, stated their belief that the only way to achieve a sustainable future is to create a transit centric funding model, which focuses uncommitted funds to building transportation infrastructure that connects dense residential populations with key employment. Sustainable San Diego also supports the investment in local pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure that allows residents to safely travel within their communities and provides connectivity between communities. They generally support the proposed Transit Emphasis Scenario in concept. She said that we have creative opportunities to work with federal and state government to dramatically shift our funding priorities. She voiced support for shifting highway funding to transit.

Elyse Lowe, Executive Director of Move San Diego, expressed concern that this discussion is completely lacking the greenhouse gas component, which is required by SB 375. She congratulated staff on including the Active Transportation element in all four Scenarios. In order to have a true Sustainable Communities Strategy, she supported putting more money into the smart growth incentive program and ensuring the region meets its transit mode share goals.

Kathleen Ferrier, representing Walk San Diego, expressed her pleasure at seeing funding included for bicycle/pedestrian projects. She urged the Board to support the funding for Active Transportation.

Nicole Burgess, a member of the public, voiced support for alternative transportation and bike routes.

Board discussion ensued.

First Vice Chair Jerome Stocks (Encinitas) requested that staff be directed to come back with a SANDAG letter supporting a preferred alternative for the I-5 North Coast Corridor, which would include eight general purpose, plus four Managed Lanes, would be built within existing right-of-way, and would be constructed in phases.

Councilmember Crawford thought that the letter also should include language to preserve coastal views, minimize impacts to coastal lagoons, and improve air quality as well as talk about regional goals and objectives.

4. 2050 RTP: DRAFT POLICY OPTIONS TO SUPPORT THE TRANSIT NETWORK (DISCUSSION)

This item was postponed to next Board meeting.

Renée Wasmund, Chief Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on the recent *TransNet* bond sale efforts.

5. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Board Business meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 19, 2010, at 9 a.m. **(third Friday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday schedule)**. The next Board Policy meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2010, at 10 a.m. **(first Friday of the month due to the Christmas holiday schedule)**.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE
SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2010

JURISDICTION/ ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING
City of Carlsbad	Bud Lewis (1st Alt.)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Cheryl Cox (Primary)	Yes
City of Coronado	Carrie Downey (Primary)	Yes
City of Del Mar	Crystal Crawford (Primary)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Jillian Hanson-Cox (Alternate)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Jerome Stocks, 1st Vice Chair (Primary)	Yes
City of Escondido	Lori Holt Pfeiler, Chair (Primary)	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	Anthony Young (1st Alt.)	Yes
City of San Diego - B	Marti Emerald (1st Alt.)	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 B)	Yes
County of San Diego - B	Bill Horn (Primary, Seat A)	Yes
Caltrans	Laurie Berman (1st. Alt.)	Yes
MTS	Harry Mathis (Member)	Yes
NCTD	Bob Campbell (Primary)	Yes
Imperial County	Sup. Louis Fuentes (Primary)	No
US Dept. of Defense	CAPT Keith Hamilton (Member)	No
SD Unified Port District	Scott Peters (Member)	Yes
SD County Water Authority	Mark Muir (Primary)	Yes
Baja California/Mexico	Remedios Gómez-Arnau (Member)	No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Allen Lawson (Member)	No
	Edwin Romero (Member)	No