FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5311 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS REVISION: Directors approved the apportionment of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area formula funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2011. The 5311 program provides funding for capital and operating assistance to transit agencies that provide rural transportation services. (Item #4: Staff contact, Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)

FY 2012 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS PROPOSALS: Directors approved a list of proposed project funding requests for the FY 2012 federal transportation appropriations cycle, which may be provided to Members of Congress for consideration during the annual federal appropriations process. (Item #5: Staff contact, Victoria Stackwick, (619) 699-6926 or vst@sandag.org)

FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR NEW SECURITY FIBER OPTIC CABLE CAPITAL PROJECT: The Board authorized the Executive Director to execute the Security Fiber Optic Cable Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) in an amount not to exceed $5,960,445, contingent on MTS Board approval of the MOU. The project will install fiber optic cable on sections of the San Diego Trolley’s Green and Orange lines – and at other locations on the Trolley system – to close gaps between existing MTS fiber optic cable runs. The project will help complete a high-capacity communications network on the Trolley system and upgrade security, including improving closed-circuit television and other vital communications. (Item #6: Staff contact, John Haggerty, (619) 699-6937 or jhag@sandag.org)

FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT: ENCINITAS PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS FUNDING EXCHANGE: Directors approved a funding exchange that will allow this project to proceed to advertisement of the construction contract. The Board approved the exchange of $2.752 million in Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds from the Encinitas Pedestrian Crossings project for a like amount of TransNet funds from the Elvira to Morena Double Track project; and approved amendments to the Capital Improvement Program budgets for both projects. The action was taken because TCRP funds previously programmed for the Encinitas project are not available at this time. (Item #7: Staff contact, Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)
BAYSHORE BIKEWAY FUNDING: Directors authorized a $2.5 million grant application from the California State Coastal Conservancy for additional work toward completing the Bayshore Bikeway. The funding will support design and construction of a bike path from Marina Way in National City to 32nd Street in the City of San Diego. In addition, the Board allocated an additional $1.06 million in federal Transportation Enhancement funds for the project. The Bayshore Bikeway is a 24-mile route that circles San Diego Bay through the cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, National City, and San Diego. (Item #8: Staff contact, Stephan Vance, (619) 699-1924 or sva@sandag.org)

TransNet ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: FIVE-YEAR FUNDING STRATEGY UPDATE, FY 2011 FUNDING ALLOCATION, AND FY 2011 LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT CRITERIA: Directors approved the updated Five-Year Conceptual Funding Strategic Plan for the TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP), which included minor updates to the previous funding strategy. The Board also approved the management and monitoring activities and budget for FY 2011, totaling $4 million. In addition, the Board approved modifications to the eligibility and evaluation criteria for FY 2011 land management grants. The EMP is a unique component of the TransNet Extension Ordinance in that it goes beyond traditional mitigation for transportation projects by including a funding allocation for habitat acquisition, management, and monitoring activities to help implement the regional habitat conservation plans. (Item #16: Staff contact, Keith Greer, (619) 699-7390 or kgr@sandag.org)

2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: DRAFT PHASING OF PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES: Directors received a staff report on the draft phasing of projects, programs, and services to be included in the preferred Revenue Constrained Transportation Network Scenario for the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The report included feedback received at previous meetings of the Transportation and Regional Planning Committees, as well as from the Regional Planning Stakeholders Working Group. Staff will use the input to develop the phasing for the Draft 2050 RTP and the development of its Draft Environmental Impact Report. (Item #17: Staff contacts, Heather Adamson, (619) 699-6967 or had@sandag.org; Dave Schumacher, (619) 699-6906 or dsc@sandag.org)