



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 22, 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11-07-1A
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

JUNE 10, 2011

Chair Jerome Stocks (Encinitas) called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 10:04 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Laurie Berman, Director, Caltrans District 11, announced that the Interstate 15 (I-15) Express Lanes between State Route 56 (SR 56)/Ted Williams Parkway and SR 163 will be closed June 18-26, 2011. The closure is expected to cause severe congestion during weekday peak commuting hours. When it reopens, this section will have four Express Lanes – two lanes in each direction – operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Ms. Berman also announced that a Caltrans worker was killed recently, and reminded everyone to pay attention and be careful when driving through construction work zones.

John Wotzka, a member of the public, expressed support for public transportation.

Kevin Swanson, representing San Diego 2015, proposed a regional way of celebrating Balboa Park's 100th anniversary. He asked for support for the 2015 Centennial Corporation's efforts.

Susan Lesch, a member of the public, provided comments on banning voice-only cell phone communications on buses. She also asked the Board to consider banning the use of cell phones during meetings.

Pamela Epstein, Attorney for the Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter, asked for a time extension for the public comment and review period of the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (2050 RTP) and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) until August 1, 2011, to correspond with the public comment period for the related Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR).

REPORT (2)

2. **PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, ITS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY, AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DISCUSSION)**

First Vice Chair Jack Dale (Santee) introduced this item.

Heather Adamson, Senior Planner, provided the staff report. The Board of Directors was asked to accept public testimony on the Draft 2050 RTP, its SCS, and the Draft EIR for the 2050 RTP. The public comment period for the Draft 2050 RTP/SCS and the Draft EIR will close on June 30 and August 1, 2011, respectively.

At this point, Chair Stocks convened the public hearing.

Jim Baross, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, said that the Draft 2050 RTP as presented is a significant step forward in the effort to make it easier for people to choose to use a bicycle. However, he would like expenditures for bicycle facilities to be increased and advanced earlier.

Ari Hornick, Sierra Club, was excited there is an SCS, but was disappointed with the lack of treatment for bicycle infrastructure. He stated that the Draft 2050 RTP is missing details about continuity in bicycle infrastructure, and provisions concerning left turns for bicyclists. He also asked why there is no quantitative metric for evaluating bicycle infrastructure.

Ariana Gallardo, Linda Vista Collaborative, spoke favorably about the process that has allowed the Linda Vista community to be included and to provide input in the Draft 2050 RTP. She encouraged this model for public outreach and input be continued in the future.

Daniel Beeman, San Diego Outdoor Enthusiasts, expressed opposition to public transportation improvements in Rose Canyon. He asked the Board to reconsider adding four bicycle racks on the back of buses.

Jay Powell, City Heights Development Corporation, expressed appreciation for the inclusion of Active Transportation and bicycle enhancements in the Draft 2050 RTP. He thought the first priority should be to accelerate Active Transportation projects. He also thanked the Board for not including a major goods movement corridor in the Draft 2050 RTP through the Mid-City community.

Lorraine Leighton, a member of the public, noted that the location of the Draft 2050 RTP workshop in Santee had limited access to public transit, and would have liked to see more discussions related to housing and community development.

Gillian Lancaster, a member of the public, asked for a reinstatement of several bus services, including Route 933, Route 28 from downtown to the Cabrillo National Monument, and evening and weekend service on Route 30. She spoke about timed connections between the San Diego Trolley at Old Town and buses, especially for the elderly or disabled or parents with children. She complimented the bus drivers.

Elyse Lowe, Executive Director, Move San Diego, expressed support for portions of the Draft 2050 RTP; however, she provided comments on what Move San Diego feels are major deficiencies.

Chair Stocks announced that written comments also had been received from the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board; Helene Bourne, Krout & Associates; and TransForm. He closed the public hearing at this time.

Chair Stocks mentioned that Terry Roberts, with the California Air Resources Board, was in attendance.

Chair Stocks asked for discussion on the request for the extension of the public comment period. The required comment period is 55 days, and we are currently providing a 69-day period through June 30, 2011. He requested that the Board weigh in on providing another 7 days, through July 8, 2011.

Supervisor Ron Roberts (County of San Diego) asked staff about an alternative plan for truck traffic on Otay Mesa that is being discussed, in which improvements could be made to La Media Road instead of Britannia Boulevard. This would greatly benefit the businesses and facilitate an enormous amount of truck traffic. He asked if this matter is going to come to the Board at some point. Ms. Adamson said she would look into the issue.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jim Wood (Oceanside) and a second by Mayor Art Madrid (La Mesa) the Board of Directors approved the extension of the public comment period for the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and its Sustainable Communities Strategy to July 8, 2011. Yes – 19 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – None (weighted vote, 0%). Absent - None.

3. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS

No additional public comments were provided.

4. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Board Business meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2011, at 9 a.m. The next Board Policy meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 8, 2011, at 10 a.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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ATTENDANCE
SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 10, 2011

JURISDICTION/ ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING
City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Member)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Steve Castaneda (2nd Alt.)	Yes
City of Coronado	Carrie Downey (Primary)	Yes
City of Del Mar	Carl Hilliard (Primary.)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Mark Lewis (Primary)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Jerome Stocks, Chair (Primary)	Yes
City of Escondido	Sam Abed (Primary)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Jim Janney, 2nd Vice Chair (Primary)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Art Madrid (Member)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	George Gastil (2nd Alt.)	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	Lorie Zapf (1st Alt.)	Yes
City of San Diego - B	Tony Young (Primary)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Jim Desmond (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Jack Dale (1st Vice Chair)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Lesia Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Judy Ritter (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego - A	Bill Horn (Primary, Seat A)	Yes
County of San Diego - B	Ron Roberts (Primary, Seat B)	Yes
Caltrans	Laurie Berman (1st. Alt.	Yes
MTS	Harry Mathis (Primary)	Yes
NCTD	Chris Orlando (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)	No
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)	Yes
	Edwin Romero (Member)	No