BOARD ACTIONS

April 22, 2011

FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT: PORT OF SAN DIEGO FIBER OPTIC PROJECT: Directors authorized the SANDAG Executive Director to amend the original Memorandum of Understanding with the San Diego Unified Port District for an increase of $671,320 with a total amount not to exceed $970,000, for the actual cost of services and construction for fiber optic cable installation. Directors also approved a budget increase from $42,300,000 to $42,971,320. This action provides for additional funds from the Port for SANDAG to install a portion of the Port’s fiber optic cable as part of the SANDAG light rail rehabilitation project. (Item #4: Staff contact, John Haggerty, (619) 699-6937 or jhag@sandag.org.)

DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) RELEASED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: Directors released the Draft 2050 RTP and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for public review and comment. The action also authorized staff to distribute the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under development for the 2050 RTP as soon as it is available. The $196 billion plan is the blueprint for the development of the San Diego region’s transportation system over the next 40 years. The Draft 2050 RTP maps out a system designed to maximize transit enhancements, integrate biking and walking elements, and promote programs to manage demand and increase efficiency. The SCS will guide the development of the transportation system in such a way that the region reduces per-capita greenhouse gas emissions to state-mandated levels. In June, SANDAG will hold a series of public workshops and public hearings to gather public comment on the RTP, SCS, EIR, and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. For more information, and to review the complete Draft 2050 RTP, the SCS, and Technical Appendices, visit www.sandag.org/2050rtp. The public comment period ends June 30, 2011. (Item #7: Staff contact, Heather Adamson, (619) 699-6967 or had@sandag.org)

REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN: PROPOSED INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION: Directors approved funding for the initial implementation of regional bicycle projects, including the Inland Rail Trail, Coastal Rail Trail, San Diego River Trail, and Bayshore Bikeway. Completion of these segments and others will make an important contribution in moving toward an interconnected Class I network and provide additional facilities that bicyclists and pedestrians can use now.

Directors also approved as amended funding for Data Collection, Evaluation, and Modeling ($700,000); Safe Routes to Transit and Transit Station Bicycle Parking ($200,000); and Regional Way-finding Signage Design Guidelines and Signing Plan ($150,000). Directors asked staff to bring back to a future meeting additional information about Cycling Skills and Safety Education ($500,000) and the Share the Road Public Awareness Campaign ($200,000) for further funding consideration.

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The Regional Bicycle Plan will support both the Regional Comprehensive Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan currently under development. Implementation of the Regional Bicycle Plan will help the region meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving mobility. It also will provide benefits to public health by encouraging more people to adopt a physically active mode of transportation for at least some of their trips. The Plan provides a vision for a diverse regional bicycle system of interconnected bicycle corridors, support facilities, and programs to make bicycling more practical and desirable to a broader range of people in our region. (Item #8: Staff contact, Chris Kluth, (619) 699-1952 or ckl@sandag.org)

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###UPCOMING MEETINGS###

May 13, 2011
Policy meeting

- Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation Methodology

May 27, 2011
Business meeting

- Proposed FY 2012 Budget (including OWP)
- Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation Methodology
- Regional Fair Share Methodology Study
- Certification of Regional Beach Sand Project EIR

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