BOARD ACTIONS

July 22, 2011

iCOMMUTE EVENTS: RIDESHARE WEEK AND WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY: Directors adopted resolutions proclaiming the week of October 3 – 7, 2011, as Rideshare Week and October 5, 2011, as Walk and Bike to School Day. Directors also were asked to encourage member agencies to adopt similar proclamations. Rideshare Week is a nationally recognized event held during the first week of October to promote sustainable commuting choices. iCommute will coordinate month-long challenges, both corporate and commuter, that provide incentives to those who are willing to take action. iCommute also will sponsor the first regional Walk and Bike to School Day through its SchoolPool program and the Walk, Ride, and Roll to School Campaign on October 5, 2011. This corresponds with International Walk to School Day, an annual event encouraging children to walk and bike to school, while promoting walkable communities, healthier habits, and cleaner air. (Item #5: Staff contact, Antoinette Meier, (619) 699-7381 or amei@sandag.org)

2011 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TransNet INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ITOC): Jim Ryan, ITOC Chair, presented the FY 2011 ITOC annual report to the Board of Directors. In accordance with the TransNet Extension Ordinance, this annual report presents the results of the annual fiscal and compliance audit process, including findings and recommendations. To view the ITOC annual report visit www.sandag.org/itoc. (Item #10: Staff contact, Ariana zur Nieden, (619) 699-6961 or azu@sandag.org)

SANDAG RECOMMENDS PHASING AND FUNDING MODIFICATIONS TO DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP): Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration have selected the Locally Preferred Alternative for I-5 in the North Coast Corridor. The Express Lanes Only option will add four Express or Managed Lanes from La Jolla Village Drive to Vandegrift Boulevard. The selection of this alternative for I-5 freed up $800 million in the Draft 2050 RTP in the 2030 – 2035 timeframe. All major North County transportation projects including COASTER/LOSSAN double tracking, bridge replacement, express lanes, HOV (high occupancy vehicle) and missing freeway connectors are scheduled to be completed by 2035 (with the approved phasing modification of the I-5/SR 78 connectors). SANDG approved the following phasing and funding modifications for the $800 million to be considered in the Final RTP: rail grade separations, transit enhancements, and the smart growth incentive program. Additionally, funding was recommended to be advanced for all I-5/SR 78 connectors and for the conversion of Phase 1 of the Mid-City Rapid Bus to a trolley line (Mid-City to downtown San Diego). (Item #11: Staff contact, Elisa Arias, (619) 699-1936 or ear@sandag.org)
REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY NO. 033: Directors appointed an ad-hoc subcommittee to review and make recommendations about possible changes to Policy No. 033: Implementation Guidelines for SANDAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Memorandum, which sets forth guidelines for incentives related to the San Diego region RHNA for the 2005-2010 housing element cycle. Membership on the subcommittee will consist of Board members from the six subregions, including: East County - Mayor Mary Sessom, North County Inland - Mayor Jim Desmond, North County Coastal - Mayor Matt Hall, South County - Mayor Cheryl Cox, City of San Diego - Mayor Jerry Sanders, and County of San Diego - Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. The purpose of Policy No. 033 is to incentivize housing element compliance and reward jurisdictions for the production of affordable lower income housing units, which helps to implement the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The subcommittee will return to the Board with their recommendations for Policy No. 033 prior to the full Board’s scheduled action on the RHNA this fall. (Item #12: Staff contact, Susan Baldwin, (619) 699-1943 or sba@sandag.org)

FINANCIAL MARKET STATUS: Staff presented a financial market status update to the Board, including changes in the economy that may affect the TransNet program, and an update of the TransNet program debt status. Staff also updated the Board on the status of an issuance of a Request for Proposals seeking replacement of the current liquidity facility provider for approximately $283 million, or half of the 2008 Variable Rate Demand Bonds, and the $100 million Commercial Paper Program. (Item #14: Staff contacts, Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930 or mco@sandag.org; Lauren Warrem, (619) 699-6931 or lwa@sandag.org)