2011 TransNet PLAN OF FINANCE: Directors unanimously approved the 2011 TransNet Plan of Finance to advance the TransNet Early Action Program. Directors also approved amendments to the FY 2012 SANDAG Budget for the Blue and Orange Line Trolley Improvement Project and the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project capital budgets. (Item #15: Staff contact, Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994 or kka@sandag.org)

ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH AND CLEARINGHOUSE: An overview of the activities and accomplishments of the SANDAG Criminal Justice Research Unit and Clearinghouse (CJRD) was provided to Directors for informational purposes. The overall mission of the CJRD is to provide timely, accurate, and objective information so that policymakers can make informed decisions about resource allocation to prevent, reduce, and control crime. In the past year, a total of eight CJ Bulletins and 12 monthly CJ Faxes were distributed across the region. The CJRD published a bulletin to serve as a baseline as adult offender realignment is implemented (under Assembly Bill 109 of 2011), placing a greater number of individuals under local, rather than state supervision.

Other key efforts in the past year include: an evaluation of the regional implementation of Graffiti Tracker; a comprehensive needs assessment in North County aimed at prevention and intervention efforts targeting gangs; a federally funded study of regional task forces combatting cross-border crime; and efforts to document the effectiveness of strategic law enforcement activities aimed at reducing gun and gang violence. In addition, numerous items were presented to the Public Safety Committee including crime statistics, public safety budget issues, and results of local evaluations. (Item #11: Staff contact, Cynthia Burke, (619) 699-1910 or cbu@sandag.org)

2012 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: The SANDAG Board approved the submission of the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) with the programming in substantially the same form as included in the report. (Item #14: Staff contact, Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)

ACQUISITION OF SOUTH BAY EXPRESSWAY ASSETS: RESULTS OF DUE DILIGENCE REVIEW AND FINANCING OPTIONS: Directors amended the FY 2012 Budget in the amount of $160,000 to cover the next phase of the South Bay Expressway acquisition. Staff presented results of the due diligence review and further discussed financing options, including various toll reduction scenarios. It is the intention of the Board to complete the acquisition by December 21, 2011. (Item #16: Staff contact, Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930 or mco@sandag.org)