



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 23, 2012**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12-03-1A
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

FEBRUARY 10, 2012

Chair Jerome Stocks (Encinitas) called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 10:02 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments, communications, or member comments.

REPORTS (2)

2. LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO-SAN LUIS OBISPO RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY CORRIDORWIDE STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE (DISCUSSION)

Charles "Muggs" Stoll, Director of Land Use and Transportation Planning, reported that in December 2009, the Board of Directors approved an interagency memorandum of understanding (MOU) to work cooperatively with other Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) member agencies to enhance and better integrate the corridor's passenger rail services. The MOU called for the completion of a Corridorwide Strategic Implementation Plan to outline a business case for new passenger rail service and explore the possibility of a new governance structure, two of seven main components of the document. The SANDAG Board discussed progress on these efforts in September 2011 and January 2012.

The draft Strategic Implementation Plan report is now available for public comment and a placeholder bill has been submitted for state legislative counsel review as a precursor to possible legislative action regarding changes in governance. At its January 27, 2012, meeting, the Board of Directors approved continuing to work on this legislation to protect the region's interests.

Will Kempton, CEO, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), provided information about the Capitol Corridor in Sacramento, which has a joint powers authority (JPA) similar to that being discussed at this meeting. That agency was able to provide improved intercity rail service in the Capitol Corridor. He commented on the benefits of a new LOSSAN governance structure that could lead to improved customer service. If legislation is approved, the bill would take effect on January 1, 2013, and would take approximately 18 months to implement.

Supervisor Bill Horn (County of San Diego) asked about the hours of operation for the planned 90 trains a day. Linda Culp, Principal Planner, responded that according to the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, there would be a longer span of time and more

frequent train operations, with every 20 minutes in the peak period and 60 minutes in the off-peak.

Mayor Jim Desmond (San Marcos) asked if the same goals and objectives for the LOSSAN corridor would remain in place for the existing governance structure as well as a new governance structure. Mr. Stoll responded that the goals and objectives would remain regardless of the governance structure.

Mayor Desmond also asked about the meaning of the term “permissive” in the proposed legislation. Mr. Stoll stated that the state legislation would allow a new JPA to take over intercity rail service in the LOSSAN corridor only if all participating agencies agree to move forward on it; a new local JPA would not proceed if one or more of the local agencies do not support it.

Supervisor Horn stated that all of the goals can be reached without forming another local governing agency. He also expressed concern about AMTRAK as the contractor for this increased service.

Mayor Cheryl Cox (Chula Vista) asked about the projected state funding estimates in the FY 2012-2013 and FY 2013-2014 time periods. Mr. Stoll replied that the projections for the Public Transportation Account come from the state, based on what it estimates will be available to support intercity rail service over the next few years; these projections do not include any assumptions of local funding assistance.

Councilmember Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach) asked Mr. Kempton how a JPA can do things better. Mr. Kempton said that from a commuter perspective, we have to work around AMTRAK. If we have local control over those operations there will be more synergy and we would be better able to coordinate activities of all three passenger rail services (AMTRAK, COASTER, and Metrolink) in this particular corridor.

Chris Orlando, NCTD Board Chair, commented that the goals in the report are supported by NCTD. He said that if we do this, we need to make sure there are specific, quantifiable benefits to our region, and that the risks are outweighed by the benefits.

Action: This item was presented for discussion only.

3. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Board Business meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2012, at 9 a.m. The next Board Policy meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2011, at 10 a.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

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Attachment: Attendance sheet

ATTENDANCE
SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2012

JURISDICTION/ ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING
City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Primary)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Cheryl Cox (Primary)	Yes
City of Coronado	Michael Woiwode (2nd Alt.)	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	Ruth Sterling (Alternate)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mary Sessom (Primary)	Yes
City of National City	Ron Morrison (Primary)	Yes
City of Oceanside	James Wood (Primary)	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, Seat B)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Jim Desmond (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Jack Dale, 1st Vice Chair (Primary)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Judy Ritter (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego - A	Ron Roberts (Primary, Seat A)	Yes
County of San Diego - B	Bill Horn (Primary, Seat B)	Yes
Caltrans	Bill Figge (2nd. Alt.)	Yes
MTS	Harry Mathis (Primary)	Yes
NCTD	Chris Orlando (Primary)	Yes
Imperial County	Sup. John Renison (Primary)	No
US Dept. of Defense	CAPT Clifford Maurer (Primary)	Yes
SD Unified Port District	Lou Smith (Primary)	No
SD County Water Authority	Javier Saunders (Primary)	Yes
Baja California/Mexico	Remedios Gómez-Arnau (Primary)	No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Allen Lawson (Co-Primary)	Yes
	Edwin Romero (Co-Primary)	No