BOARD ACTIONS

February 24, 2012

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO (UCSD) SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER AGREEMENT: Directors authorized the SANDAG Executive Director to execute a service agreement with the San Diego Supercomputer Center at the UCSD to improve the performance of the Activity-Based Model. The UCSD Service Agreement mandates binding arbitration in place of any remedies in the court system. Using this approach would result in a ten percent cost savings to SANDAG by avoiding administrative overhead costs associated with the UCSD Office of Contracts and Grants. The total value of the proposed contract is approximately $50,000. (Item #4: Staff contact, Clint Daniels, (619) 699-6946 or clint.daniels@sandag.org)

AMENDMENT TO FY 2012 BUDGET: RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FUNDS FOR REGIONAL PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS: Directors voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with the California Energy Commission to prepare a regional electric vehicle readiness plan and to form the San Diego Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Working Group to support the effort. (Item #5: Staff contact, Susan Freedman, (619) 699-7387 or susan.freedman@sandag.org)

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2011: Directors received a staff report on the status of major highway, transit, arterial, traffic management, and transportation demand management projects in the SANDAG five-year Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The projects are funded by the TransNet half cent sales tax and other local, state, and federal revenue sources. Revenue for the second quarter of the fiscal year was 4.5 percent higher compared to the first quarter of FY 2012 ($57.5 million), and is approximately 6.4 percent higher than the first quarter of last fiscal year ($56.5 million). Offsetting the increase in revenues are higher construction costs. The California Highway Construction Price Index is currently 9 percent higher than last year at this time. (Item #8: Staff contact, Michelle Merino, (619) 595-5608 or michelle.merino@sandag.org)

FY 2012 TransNet TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT REVENUE REVISIONS AND FY 2013 TO FY 2017 TRANSIT REVENUE ESTIMATES: Based on better-than-expected sales tax receipts for the first part of FY 2012, directors revised the TransNet revenue estimate and Transportation Development Act (TDA) apportionment for FY 2012; revised the FY 2013 allocation for TransNet and the apportionments for TDA, State Transit Assistance, and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) revenues; and revised the transit revenue estimates for FY 2014 to FY 2017 for TDA, FTA, and TransNet. (Item #13: Staff contact, Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or Sookyung.Kim@sandag.org)
FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) AND NEW FREEDOM (NF) GRANTS: Directors approved the list of JARC and NF projects proposed for selection. SANDAG manages two federal competitive grant programs for transportation capital and operating projects and services: the JARC program aimed at transportation for reverse commuters and work-related transportation for persons of limited means, and the NF program focused on transportation for persons with disabilities. The JARC and NF programs are funded by the Federal Transit Administration. It is anticipated that grant agreements with the selected grantees will be issued in summer 2012. (Item #14: Staff contact, Brian Lane, (619) 699-7331 or brian.lane@sandag.org)

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. CO-04-01 (SAN DIEGO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ORDINANCE AND EXPENDITURE PLAN) TO SWAP FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR TWO REVERSIBLE HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES ON A PORTION OF INTERSTATE 805 FOR A PORTION OF THE ACQUISITION COSTS OF THE STATE ROUTE 125 TOLL ROAD FRANCHISE LEASE AND RELATED ASSETS, AND TO EXTEND THE TIMEFRAME NECESSARY TO ALLOW A REGIONAL FUNDING BALLOT MEASURE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE VOTERS (CONDUCT FIRST READING): In December 2011, Directors approved the acquisition and financing method for the State Route 125 (SR 125) asset purchase from South Bay Expressway and directed staff to return with a proposed amendment to the TransNet Extension Ordinance to swap the funds allocated for two reversible high-occupancy-vehicle lanes on Interstate 805 between SR 905 and SR 54 for the acquisition of the SR 125 franchise lease. Also in December 2011, the Board directed staff to return with an Ordinance amendment to extend the timeframe to act on an additional regional funding measure from 2012 to no later than 2016. On Feb. 24, directors conducted the first reading of the proposed ordinance. (Item #15: Staff contacts, Kim Kawada, (619) 699-6994 or Kim.Kawada@sandag.org; and John Kirk, (619) 699-1997 or John.Kirk@sandag.org)

ANNUAL REVIEW AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS: Directors approved staff recommended amendments to SANDAG Board Policies Nos. 003, 004, 007, 009, 017, 018, 024, 031, 032, and 034. Directors also renewed the annual delegation of authority to the Executive Director pursuant to Board Policy No. 003: Investment Policy. The updated policies are available at www.sandag.org/legal. (Item #16: Staff contact, John Kirk, (619) 699-1997 or john.kirk@sandag.org)

PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY (CHRSA) AND OTHER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES: Directors authorized the SANDAG Executive Director to execute an MOU with the CHRSA and other Southern California transportation agencies. The MOU outlines a process to allow for up to $1 billion in early investments in Southern California by the CHSRA to improve the speed of existing regional rail services and interconnectivity with the future high-speed train system. These agencies are developing one master list of projects, which includes capacity and safety enhancements along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor in San Diego County. (Item #17: Staff contact, Linda Culp, (619) 699-6957 or linda.culp@sandag.org)
TransNet REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTCIP) FEE ADJUSTMENT: Directors approved a 2 percent adjustment to the RTCIP, raising the minimum fee from $2,123 to $2,165 beginning July 2, 2012. The RTCIP, an element of the TransNet Extension Ordinance, requires the 18 cities and the County of San Diego to collect an exaction from the private sector for each new housing unit constructed in their jurisdictions. The TransNet Extension Ordinance requires SANDAG to annually adjust the minimum RTCIP fee amount on July 1 of each year, based on construction cost indices, but never less than 2 percent. The purpose of the annual adjustment is to ensure the RTCIP retains its purchasing power to improve the regional arterial system. The RTCIP has been implemented in the San Diego region since 2008. (Item #18: Staff contact, Marney Cox, (619) 699-1930 or marney.cox@sandag.org)

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