PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT: LOW-FLOOR LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) VEHICLE PROCUREMENT: Directors approved a budget revision to increase the Low-Floor LRT Vehicles Project (CIP 1210080) from $240,243,000 to $271,143,000 in the proposed FY 2013 Program Budget in order to procure eight additional new low-floor light rail vehicles. Directors also authorized the SANDAG executive director to execute a corresponding amendment to the existing Memorandum of Understanding between SANDAG and MTS (SANDAG Contract No. 5001344). (Item #5, Staff contact: John Haggerty, (619) 699-6937 or john.haggerty@sandag.org)

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM TRIENNIAL GOALS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2013-2015 FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION PROJECTS: Directors accepted the Draft Proposed Triennial Goals for the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration Overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal-Setting Methodology (FFY 2013-2015) for release to the public for a 45-day comment period. SANDAG established this DBE Program in accordance with the United States Department of Transportation requirements. SANDAG has established and implemented a distinct DBE Program for each of the two agencies providing funding, directly from the Federal Transit Administration, and via Caltrans from the Federal Highway Administration. (Item #6, Staff contacts: Laura Coté, (619) 699-6947 or laura.cote@sandag.org; Elaine Richardson, (619) 699-6956 or elaine.richardson@sandag.org)

STATE ROUTE 125 TOLL REDUCTION AND MARKETING PLAN: Directors approved Option C – balanced, across-the-board toll reductions for the State Route 125 toll road (South Bay Expressway), directing staff to implement the toll reductions and execute an accompanying marketing plan. The new toll structure takes effect on June 30, 2012. (Item #12, Staff contacts: Samuel Johnson, (619) 699-6989 or samuel.johnson@sandag.org; Colleen Windsor, (619) 699-1960 or colleen.windsor@sandag.org)

SANDAG COMPENSATION PROGRAM: Directors approved the following motions with regard to the SANDAG compensation program: (1) an FY 2013 structural salary adjustment pool of 1.2 percent; (2) an FY 2013 merit/bonus pool of 3.3 percent; (3) implementing a second tier retirement plan with a formula of 2 percent at 60 years of age for new hires as soon as reasonably practicable (approved by CALPERS); (4) employees hired prior to July 1, 2009, to begin paying 2 percent toward the employee contribution with the start date Oct. 1, 2012, consistent with the timing of the completion of FY 2012 employee evaluations. (Item #13: Staff contact, Laura Cote, (619) 699-6947 or laura.cote@sandag.org)
PROPOSED APPROACH TO UPDATE THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (RCP): Directors approved the integration of the RCP update with the development of the next SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The merging of these documents means that the San Diego region will have one clearly defined, overarching planning document that addresses regional objectives and meets statewide greenhouse gas reduction targets, as well as other state and federal laws. The consolidation is expected to cut down on duplications, save money, and be easier for the public to understand. (Item #14: Staff contact, Carolina Gregor, (619) 699-1989 or carolina.gregor@sandag.org)

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