



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 28, 2003

AGENDA ITEM NO. 03-03- 1
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 28, 2003

Chairman Morrison called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 9:12 a.m.
Attendance was as follows:

Voting Members

- City of Carlsbad Ramona Finnila, Councilmember
- City of Chula Vista Steve Padilla, Mayor
- City of Coronado Phil Monroe, Mayor Pro Tem
- City of Del Mar Crystal Crawford, Councilmember
- City of El Cajon Mark Lewis, Mayor
- City of Encinitas Christy Guerin, Councilmember
- City of Escondido Ed Gallo, Councilmember
- City of Imperial Beach Patricia McCoy, Councilmember
- City of La Mesa Art Madrid, Mayor
- City of Lemon Grove Mary Teresa Sessom, Mayor
- City of National City Ron Morrison, Councilmember
- City of Oceanside Jack Feller, Councilmember
- City of Poway Bob Emery, Councilmember
- City of San Diego A Dick Murphy, Mayor
- City of San Diego B Jim Madaffer, Councilmember
- City of San Marcos Corky Smith, Mayor
- City of Santee Hal Ryan, Vice Mayor
- City of Solana Beach Joe Kellejian, Councilmember
- City of Vista Morris Vance, Mayor
- County of San Diego Ron Roberts, Supervisor

Advisory Liaison Members

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| County of Imperial | Absent |
| Department of Transportation | Pedro Orso-Delgado, District Director |
| U.S. Department of Defense | CAPT Paul Thackston |
| Mexico | Hon. Francisco Enza, Consul |
| San Diego Unified Port District | Jess Van Deventer, Commissioner |
| San Diego County Water Authority | Hon. Bud Lewis, Director |
| Metropolitan Transit Development Board | Leon Williams, Chair |
| North San Diego County Transit
Development Board | Hon. Judy Ritter, Chair |

Chairman Morrison welcomed and introduced first time attendees Councilmember Ed Gallo, representing the City of Escondido and CAPT Paul Thackston, representing the Department of Defense, to the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2003 BOARD MEETING (APPROVE)

Action: Carlsbad - Imperial Beach. A motion and second was made to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2003 Board of Directors meeting. Yes – 17 (weighted vote, 97%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 2 (Del Mar, Poway).

2. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Chairman Morrison mentioned that Item #21 – Overview of the SDG&E 20-Year Electric Resource Planning - was added to today's agenda as an Information item prior to the posting of the agenda 72 hours before the meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS (3 through 13)

3. SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 14, 2003 POLICY DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING (APPROVE)

4. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS FROM POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (APPROVE)

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (February 14, 2003)

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING (February 21, 2003)

C. BORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING (February 21, 2003)

5. INITIAL TRANSITION PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATION (SB 1703) (APPROVE)

6. LOCAL TECHNIAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT REQUIRING MORE THAN \$1,000 OR THREE DAYS STAFF TIME (INFORMATION)

7. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Resolution 2003-25) (APPROVE)

8. PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

9. REGIONAL SHORELINE MONITORING PROGRAM FOR FY 2004 (Resolution 2003-24) (APPROVE)

10. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 (INFORMATION)

11. DRAFT FY 2004 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (ACCEPT FOR DISTRIBUTION)

12. ANNUAL RETREAT SUMMARY (INFORMATION)

13. SUBREGIONAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (INFORMATION)

Councilmember Crawford, Chair of SANDAG's Borders Committee, requested that an addition be made to Item #4-C – Borders Committee Discussion and Actions. She noted that under item #3, there was public comment made by Lynne Baker of the Endangered Habitats League, in regards to item #6 – Borders Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Baker suggested that the Committee consider methods where jurisdictions might work together to fund projects across jurisdictional boundaries. Ms. Baker had specific instances and wanted the Committee to keep those in mind for future planning purposes.

Staff pointed out that Consent Item #7 – FY 2004 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionment Schedule and Administrative Procedures - has been revised and distributed to the Board for review with changes shown in strikeout format.

Action: Imperial Beach - Encinitas. A motion and second was made to approve Consent Agenda Items 3 through 13, including the comments mentioned. Yes - 19. No – 0.

14. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

CHAIR'S REPORT

15. A BOLD VISION FOR A BETTER FUTURE (INFORMATION)

Chairman Morrison encouraged all Board members to read this annual report, if they have not already done so. He provided a look ahead to the regional challenges facing the Board in 2003 and reflected on accomplishments made during the past year. These include the passage of SB 1703, and the groundwork for the new Regional Transportation Plan, also known as MOBILITY 2030, which includes the Regional Transit Vision. Top priorities for next year are: completion of the draft Regional Comprehensive Plan; the creation of an expenditure plan for the proposed extension of the existing half-penny *TransNet* sales tax program; and strengthening the working relationships with neighbors in Mexico, and in Riverside, Orange, and Imperial Counties. He added that as city, county, and agency leaders, it is important for all Board members to become "regional champions" as well as "stewards" of the region.

Councilmember Kellejian (Solana Beach) requested that this report be sent to all elected officials in the region. (*Note: A popular version of the report will be widely distributed in April.*)

Public Comment

Robert Hoffman, a resident of San Diego, commented that even though Walkable Communities are mentioned in the report, he has yet to see a Walkable Community in the region where people are walking. He also commented that the report stated that there was a 200% increase in rideshare information requested but no information on how many people acted on the information. *Chairman Morrison responded that last year, SANDAG did make a push regarding ridesharing. This year, those results can be quantified.*

Chairman Morrison noted that Mayor Pro Tem Finnila, SANDAG's Immediate Past Chair, created the Regional Academy for Elected Officials. The Academy, which is a series of four sessions, is one way to hone leadership skills for the elected officials in the region. Chairman Morrison pointed out that there are still slots available and encouraged members to enroll and take advantage of this valuable learning opportunity.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila (Carlsbad) mentioned that as the Board moves into the next stage of transitioning to the new regional agency, the issues will become more complex. Board members will have to make regional public policy while dealing with daily projects. This will require the Board members to gain more experience and sharpen their respective skill sets. The Academy is an excellent opportunity to do so. She urged all elected officials in the region, especially the new members, to attend to learn how to make decisions more regionally, faster and with more information at hand.

Councilmember Kellejian (Solana Beach) asked if the elected officials can pick and choose the workshops to attend. *Staff replied that even though the elected officials can be accommodated, the curriculum is designed to attend all four sessions.*

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) suggested that in order to be most effective, the Board should allocate each jurisdiction a set number of slots and allow them to have the flexibility to fill those slots. He also suggested that other city officials such as planning commissioners be afforded the opportunity to attend.

Chairman Morrison mentioned that the initial round of workshops is being limited to elected officials only. The Academy will be evaluated following the first round of four sessions.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO SOURCEPOINT (APPOINT)

The SourcePoint Board is made up of five members – three appointed from the SANDAG Board, one member-at-large, and one appointment from the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Morrison recommended that the following SANDAG Board members serve on the SourcePoint Board of Directors: Mayor Steve Padilla (Chula Vista), Mayor Morris Vance (Vista), and Mayor Art Madrid (La Mesa). He also recommended that Port Commissioner Michael Bixler serve on the SourcePoint Board as the member-at-large. The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce will be appointing their representative in the near future.

Action: Solana Beach - Carlsbad. A motion and a second was made to approve the Chairman's recommendation. Yes – 19 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%).

REPORTS

17. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: AB 361 (KEHOE) – SAN DIEGO CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED/*REVISED RECOMMENDATION – ESTABLISH AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO WORK WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER KEHOE*)

Staff stated that as part of last year's legislative program, the SANDAG Board worked with Senator Peace and Assemblymember Kehoe to establish the San Diego Consolidated Transportation Agency through the passage and adoption of SB 1703 (Peace) (Assemblymember Kehoe's bill, AB 2095, was dropped before it could be passed into law). During that process, the Board sought to include the requirement of a Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) as well as a two-thirds vote override for Regionally Significant Transportation Projects. Both of these provisions were dropped from the legislature due to the lack of consensus with interest groups. In January 2003, Assemblymember Kehoe shared her intention to introduce a clean-up bill to SB 1703 to include a Regional Comprehensive Plan. On February 14, 2003, Assemblymember Kehoe introduced AB 361. Staff reviewed AB 361 and noted that the bill picks up where AB 2095 left off, requiring the development and adoption of an RCP in a timeline that is consistent with the current schedule. That schedule would call to have the Plan adopted by June 30, 2004. AB 361 also requires that the RCP be updated concurrently with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is every three years. While the Board has expressed the need to develop an RCP and to keep it updated, that has been based on staff's ability to secure necessary funding. It is estimated that the current RCP will cost just under \$3 Million. The original language in AB 2095 called for the Plan to be contingent on staff's ability to secure adequate funding. AB 361 finds and declares that it is critical that the residents in the region concur, through a public vote, on the structure of governance that oversees the implementation of regional issues. The bill goes on to offer after the Legislative Analysts' Office (LAO) report has been submitted to the Governor and legislature and before any legislative proposal is enacted regarding governance, that the proposal first be approved by the voters of the County of San Diego. While the Board has been steadfast in its position that any significant change in governance should require a public vote, the issue may be one of wording and timing. The LAO report is due at the end of 2004, will be conducted during the transition, and at the same time the Board will be preparing to go to the voters for an extension of *TransNet*. SANDAG consultants on *TransNet* have advised staff that this could present a challenge in terms of who will be in charge of the funding, should the measure pass. AB 361 also requires that the RCP be consistent with the RTP and that the consolidated agency engage in a public collaborative planning process. In addition, the bill requires that recommendations resulting from this process be integrated into the draft plan and that the Agency respond to the recommendations within 30 days. And, the bill states that at some future date, such components such as water supply, air quality, solid waste, economy, and energy shall be part of the plan. Assemblymember Kehoe could not be at today's meeting but forwarded a letter for Board consideration. In the letter, Assemblymember Kehoe shares her thoughts, welcomes and

encourages participation from the region, and expresses a willingness to work with SANDAG on this issue. In light of this letter, staff is revising their recommendation to recommend that the Board establish, through the SANDAG Chair, an Ad Hoc Working Group of Board members to meet and work with Assemblymember Kehoe and to report back to the Board, between 30-60 days, prior to taking an official position on this bill.

Councilmember Madaffer (San Diego) commented he had three issues: (1) the unfunded state mandate aspect of the bill; (2) the LAO's presumption; and (3) the premature nature of the bill. He added that several courses of action can be taken but agreed that creating an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss this issue makes sense.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) indicated that an Ad Hoc Committee should encompass members that represent all geographical areas, as do all of SANDAG's Policy Advisory Committees.

Councilmember Kellejian (Solana Beach) commented that the Executive Committee deals with legislative issues and suggested that it be the group to serve as the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Padilla (Chula Vista) commented that the intent of this draft bill is to try to be consistent with the Assemblymember's understanding of where the SANDAG Board wants to go in regards to public input and consistency. He added that outright opposition of this bill would be premature, however, he would support the amended staff recommendation.

Councilmember Crawford (Del Mar) stated that there are ambiguities in the bill between the LAO's assumptions, the public vote and points made in the Assemblymember's letter. She commented that there needs to be clarity in the language of the bill and expressed concern with the language. She appreciated the offer of the Assemblymember to work with the Board and supported the revised staff recommendation.

Supervisor Roberts (County of San Diego) mentioned that Assemblymember Kehoe's bill is consistent with her initial bill – AB 2095 and that he is ready to vote in support of it. He indicated that any group put together should have different viewpoints.

Councilmember Guerin (Encinitas) asked for clarity regarding how the Board proposes to work with the Assemblymember, given all that is on its plate. She also asked for a timeline for this issue. *Staff stated that the Assembly works on a two-year cycle, therefore, this bill has two years to be completed. After that cycle, if the bill is not completed, the bill process will begin again. Staff mentioned that the Board could be asked to take action on this issue within 30-60 days.*

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe (Coronado) agreed that Assemblymember Kehoe has been consistent with her thoughts regarding this issue. He questioned where the legislation originated.

Chairman Morrison noted that no one knows the details of the bill as of yet.

Councilmember Kellejian (Solana Beach) made the motion that the Executive Committee serve as the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss this issue.

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) seconded the motion.

Mayor Murphy (City of San Diego) mentioned that it would be better for six elected officials representing the region, other than the Executive Committee members, that have the time to discuss this issue.

Councilmember Kellejian pointed out that there are alternates to the Executive Committee that may have the time.

Mayor Madrid agreed with Mayor Murphy that people should be appointed that have an interest and the time to discuss this issue.

Councilmember Kellejian reiterated that the Executive Committee is the appropriate group to discuss this legislation.

Mayor Smith (San Marcos) stated that the Board should be careful about taking on too many battles. He agreed that a smaller group would be more appropriate to discuss this issue.

Mayor Murphy suggested that a subcommittee of the Executive Committee be appointed to discuss this issue. He asked if the maker of the motion would agree to that.

Mayor Padilla commented that the Board has varying degrees of opinion. However, it is important that there be a divergence of viewpoints when debating this issue as well as regional representation.

Councilmember Feller (Oceanside) agreed with Mayor Smith that the Board has a lot on its plate. He suggested that there be a time limit on this issue.

Supervisor Roberts asked for clarification of the motion.

Councilmember Kellejian commented that the Executive Committee will appoint a subcommittee of its members to research this issue and discuss it with Assemblymember Kehoe.

Councilmember Gallo (Escondido) suggested that a specific number of people be determined.

Chairman Morrison restated the motion and indicated that there could be a special Executive Committee meeting to select the members of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Murphy suggested that the SANDAG Board Chair appoint the Executive Committee Subcommittee. Board members agreed.

Action: Solana Beach – La Mesa. A motion and second was made for the SANDAG Chair to appoint a subcommittee of the Executive Committee members as an Ad Hoc Working Group to work with Assemblymember Kehoe on this issue. Yes – 18 (weighted vote, 84%). No – 1 (County of San Diego) (weighted vote, 16%).

18. **PUBLIC HEARING:** ORDINANCE CO-03-1 AMENDING ORDINANCE CO-87-1 (SAN DIEGO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ORDINANCE AND EXPENDITURE PLAN) REVISING THE EXPENDITURE OF TRANSIT FUNDS (2ND READING) (ADOPT – 2/3 VOTED REQUIRED)

At the January 24, 2003 meeting, the SANDAG Board supported the request of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) to use \$5.6 million in *TransNet* funds for the purchase of right-of-way for the proposed Sabre Springs/Rancho Penasquitos station as part of the I-15 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The *TransNet* funds were approved as a loan to replace the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds which were programmed for this project but are frozen pending resolution of the state budget issues. It is intended that reimbursement through the TCRP will be sought if future allocations are made under the program. However, in the event that TCRP funds do not become available in the future, an amendment to the *TransNet* Ordinance also was discussed at the last meeting to allow for the permanent use of *TransNet* funds for this project. The Board unanimously approved the introduction of the *TransNet* Ordinance amendment at the January 24, 2003 meeting.

Mayor Murphy (City of San Diego) made the motion to approve the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Madaffer (City of San Diego) seconded the motion.

Supervisor Roberts (County of San Diego) pointed out that last year, when the Board discussed changing the formula, there was concern that such an action would break face with the voters. However, the formula will need to be changed in order to fund other projects, even though 80% of the *TransNet* funding was promised to pay for rail projects. The Board needs to be cognizant of this when making future decisions. He noted that he is happy to see this project moving forward.

Chairman Morrison opened the public hearing and noted that because this is the second reading of the Ordinance, it will require a two-thirds vote of the Board.

Public Comment

Clive Richard, a San Diego resident, encouraged the Board to agree to move forward with the changes that need to be made in re-allocating the *TransNet* funds.

Chairman Morrison closed the public hearing.

Mayor Murphy stated that Board's proposed action is a modest shift of *TransNet* funds and is a more cost effective use of money. The project is similar to a light-rail system. Making the proposed amendment to the Ordinance would be a minor change.

Supervisor Roberts agreed with Mayor Murphy but pointed out that a proposal for a shuttle system, which has nothing to do with anything like fixed rail, may be brought before the Board in the future. However, the entire package of proposed changes could

include a series of “outside the box” improvements. He noted that the circumstances have changed dramatically since *TransNet* was initially created and added that a formula change needs to be considered to address the issue of operational monies for bus systems when considering the *TransNet* extension.

Councilmember Madaffer mentioned that he actively campaigned in 1987 for Proposition A and it is great to see the success of the program. He stated that this issue is an action that keeps faith with the voters and is regional money well spent for traffic congestion.

Councilmember Emery (Poway) stated that, as a member of SANDAG’s Transportation Committee and the MTD Board, this is a move of cooperation between agencies which is making the I-15 Corridor improvements happen. He noted that the action taken by the Transportation Committee and Board shows the regional cooperation between the agencies.

Deputy General Counsel read the motion that Section 4B(2)(a) of Commission Ordinance 87-1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“a. Not less than eighty percent shall be used to implement the rail capital facilities and the bus capital facilities required to support the express bus services in the I-15 corridor, as identified in the Expenditure Plan. However, in no case, shall the use of revenues under this section preclude the use of revenues necessary to implement Section 4B(2)(b).”

Action: San Diego A - San Diego B. A motion and second was made, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, to adopt Ordinance CO-03-1, amending Section 4B(2)(a) of the San Diego Transportation Improvement Program Ordinance and Expenditure Plan to expand the use of the 80% rail capital funds to include bus capital facilities supporting express bus services in the I-15 corridor. Yes – 18 (weighted vote, 99%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Absent – 1 (Lemon Grove).

19. MOBILITY 2030: DRAFT FINAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (REVIEW AND COMMENT)

Councilmember Kellejian, Chair of the SANDAG Transportation Committee, commented that SANDAG’s 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), MOBILITY 2030, has been out for public review since October of last year. In December, the Board held a public hearing on the plan, and we also held three public workshops throughout the region. Last month, the Board approved several modifications to the draft plan in response to comments received and further technical analysis by staff. These changes have been incorporated into the Draft Final 2030 RTP. The Final 2030 RTP is scheduled for Board adoption at its March 28, 2003 meeting. The Final EIR also will be ready for approval at that meeting.

Staff provided the Board with a brief presentation on the highlights of MOBILITY 2030, which includes three basic funding scenarios: (1) a \$30 billion Revenue Constrained Plan required by federal & state law; (2) the preferred \$42 billion Reasonably Expected Revenue scenario on which MOBILITY 2030 is based; and (3) a \$67 billion Unconstrained Revenue scenario, which estimates the full funding needed for all the projects, programs, and services for 2030. Staff outlined the major components of the Plan – Land Use, Systems Management, Demand Management, and Systems Development.

Councilmember Madaffer (City of San Diego) asked staff to explain how much revenue an extension of the *TransNet* sales tax measure would bring to the region. *Staff replied that an extension of the one-half percent TransNet sales tax to the year 2030 would result in approximately \$7-8 billion in revenue to the region. Staff noted that the extension of TransNet is assumed in the Plan's \$42 billion Reasonably Expected Revenue scenario.*

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) asked if there is sufficient data about how many people walk or ride their bikes to work in the San Diego region. *Staff stated that approximately four to five percent of the region's population either walk or bike to work during the peak period. Staff noted that information about the region's mode share is provided in Chapter 2 of MOBILITY 2030.*

Supervisor Roberts (County of San Diego) asked staff to address two items of importance to the County of San Diego – the SR 67 Project Study Report (PSR) and the Rural Roads Needs Study. He asked if these two studies were included in the RTP. *Staff replied that there was an oversight, and indicated that both of these future studies would be added to Appendix D of the Final 2030 RTP. The SR 67 PSR is a high priority, and Caltrans has committed to begin work on this study in the coming year. The SR 67 widening project included in MOBILITY 2030 also is included in the list of federal funding requests for the TEA-21 Reauthorization as well as the FY 2004 Appropriations bill. The Rural Roads Needs Assessment Study also is a priority, and is included in SANDAG's FY 2004 Overall Work Program.*

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila (Carlsbad) made two points. First, she stated that the Board needs to continue to build in flexibility in the transportation system to address future land use changes over time. Second, she encouraged the Board to support innovative transportation concepts, such as the Oceanside to San Diego Ferry that is scheduled to begin service in the first week of March.

Councilmember Feller (Oceanside) pointed out that the ferry service will initially run one round trip per day.

Commissioner Van Deventer (Port of San Diego) mentioned that it will be interesting to see how many commuters will take advantage of the ferry service.

Mayor Lewis (SDCWA) asked whether the need for a new north-south transportation facility is addressed in MOBILITY 2030. *Staff stated that the RTP includes a study of a new north-south facility either east or west of I-15 and north of SR 52. This study is scheduled to get underway once the 2030 RTP is adopted.*

Public Comment

Ellen Roundtree, representing NCTD, praised the SANDAG Board and staff for its efforts in developing MOBILITY 2030. She stated that the Plan will provide better connectivity among the region's public transit systems for the benefit of all residents of the region.

Councilmember Kellejian mentioned that he represented the SANDAG Board at the recent meeting of the Joint Committee on Regional Transit (JCRT), at which the JCRT voted to support MOBILITY 2030.

Toni Bates, Director of Planning and Development for the MTDB, noted that MTDB supports the 2030 RTP for several reasons. The Plan includes all of the Transit First priority projects supported by the MTD Board, it includes increased funding for the Blue Car services that form the local bus network, and it is the result of a comprehensive, multi-modal planning effort. Ms. Bates noted that the proposed high occupancy vehicle (HOV)/Managed Lanes supports both transit and automobile mobility, moving the region in the right direction.

Robert Hoffman, a San Diego resident, commented that in order for transit in the region to be effective, it has to be able to compete with the convenience of driving a car.

Eric Bruvold, representing the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation (EDC), stated that EDC supports MOBILITY 2030 and highlighted four components of the Plan that the EDC Board believed were particularly noteworthy: (1) it continues to build key links needed throughout the region, such as SR 11, SR 52, SR 56, SR 125, SR 905, improvements on I-5 North, and the I-5/SR 78 interchange; (2) it increases the share of investment in transit over the long-term; (3) it completes the region's HOV network; and (4) it is a commitment by the SANDAG Board to build flexibility into the HOV/managed lanes by allowing solo drivers to buy into the lane when there is excess capacity. He added that the EDC Board would like to see more emphasis on Systems Management in the next RTP update.

Brad Barnum, with the Association of General Contractors (AGC) and a member of SANDAG's Regional Planning Stakeholders Group, commented that it is important for the region that the RTP move forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnilla requested that all individuals that provided the Board letters for this item be entered into the record.

Councilmember Kellejian thanked and commended staff for its hard work developing MOBILITY 2030. He also thanked both past and present members of the Transportation Committee for guiding the development of the document and for their participation on the Committee.

Mayor Murphy endorsed MOBILITY 2030 and stated that staff has done an excellent job of developing a very good draft Plan and improving the Plan over the past several months in response to Transportation Committee direction. He asked how often the Plan would be reviewed and updated, under current federal requirements. *Staff replied that current regulations require SANDAG to update the RTP every three years. However, this could be changed in the TEA-21 Reauthorization from every three years to every five years. Staff noted that federal law also requires that the RTP focus on a planning horizon of at least 20 years.*

Councilmember Feller asked what the projected population growths are for Baja California and Riverside and Orange Counties. *Staff stated that Tijuana is growing at approximately 6% and is expected to stay at that rate for a while. Riverside and Orange Counties both continue to grow at faster rates than the San Diego region.*

Councilmember Crawford pointed out that the Plan's Executive Summary discusses projections outside of the region's boundaries. She requested that future RTPs continue to address what is happening in the border communities surrounding the San Diego region. She applauded and appreciated the efforts of both past and present SANDAG Board members in creating the Borders Committee.

Chairman Morrison pointed out that this Plan will be voted on next month, and shortly thereafter, staff will prepare for the next RTP update.

Councilmember Madaffer asked if an ad hoc committee for the *TransNet* sales tax extension has been selected and convened. *Staff replied that the members of that Committee have been selected and will be meeting soon.*

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe (Coronado) mentioned that Eric Haley, the Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission, made a presentation to the Borders Committee regarding transportation issues in Riverside County. At that meeting, Mr. Haley indicated that Riverside County is on a collision course with San Diego regarding the I-15 corridor widening project. *Staff respectfully disagreed and noted that widening of I-15 north of SR 78 (to add two HOV lanes) is included in the Unconstrained Revenue scenario of the Plan. Staff stated that the Plan acknowledges that improvements to the North I-15 corridor are needed. Whether the corridor is widened depends on the availability of funding and the Board's decision on where to invest future transportation funding in the region.*

20. HOUSING TRUST FUNDS (INFORMATION)

Councilmember Patty Davis, Vice Chair of SANDAG's Regional Planning Committee and Co-Chair of SANDAG's Regional Housing Task Force, noted that the Board requested additional information on Housing Trust Funds, which are created to provide decent, affordable housing to those most in need. Providing housing for the region's lower income workers is essential to the region's economic prosperity. A Housing Trust Fund Working Group has been established and is made up of interested members of SANDAG's Regional Housing Task Force. The Working Group recommends that SANDAG work with each of the local jurisdictions to determine the potential for implementing trust funds to allow trust fund programs to be customized to fit individual jurisdiction needs. Staff provided the Board with an overview and history of Housing Trust Funds, their benefits and how they are used.

Councilmember Gallo (Escondido) asked if a local jurisdiction establishes a Trust Fund, who sets the guidelines for the parameters of the program. *Staff responded that each local jurisdiction would set its own parameters.*

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila (Carlsbad) asked if and cities or counties in California tap commercial development for housing funds. *Staff stated that both the Cities of San Diego and San Francisco do.*

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) asked if the Section 8 Housing program in San Diego is being discontinued. *Staff mentioned that there have been discussions on lowering the amount of funding available for the program, but for now, the program will be continued.*

Mayor Madrid noted that many rental units were converting to condominiums. *Staff commented that there are many different approaches to dealing with conversions in the region, including charging condominium conversion fees and limiting conversions to times when rental vacancy rates are high.*

Staff added that as a part of the Regional Comprehensive Plan, there is an opportunity through Fiscal Reform to make housing programs more attractive to the local jurisdictions.

Councilmember Crawford (Del Mar) questioned how housing element credit would be allocated for multi-jurisdictional trust funds. *Staff commented that issue needs to be worked through and has not yet been determined.*

Mayor Lewis (SDCWA) asked if rent controlled units received credit under this program. *Staff responded that is a separate program.*

Councilmember Guerin (Encinitas) asked if there is a mechanism that will begin to count the affordable housing opportunities provided in each jurisdiction. *Staff stated that each city is currently asked to keep track of this as part of the housing element process.*

21. OVERVIEW OF THE SDG&E 20-YEAR ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLANNING (INFORMATION)

Frank Urtasun, representing SDG&E, thanked the Board for the opportunity to make this presentation on SDG&E's Draft 20-Year Electric Resource Plan that will be filed with the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on April 1, 2003. Mr. Bob Resley, Vice President of Resource Planning for SDG&E, outlined how SDG&E proposes to resume its efforts in procuring electric energy for the San Diego region.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila (Carlsbad) asked for clarification on monies spent annually. *Mr. Resley indicated that \$300 Million a year is spent on serving new customers and reinforcing the existing system. This is the distribution side of the business and does not include the side of business that addresses supply.*

Councilmember Gallo (Escondido) mentioned that the City of Escondido has approved a 550 megawatt facility and asked what effect that facility will have on SDG&E's projections. *Mr. Resley stated that, if that plant were to be built on the schedule that is being proposed, it would fit into the current need.*

Mayor Madrid (La Mesa) stated that the Board approved with the Integrated Regional Infrastructure Strategy (IRIS) 10 key infrastructure areas, which included energy. He suggested taking an inventory of all of the energy resources available to determine which ones are in the best interest of the region.

Mayor Murphy (City of San Diego) indicated that he is working with the San Diego Regional Energy Office regarding his proposal for an energy authority. He noted that his proposed Energy Authority did not include energy generation and transmission. He noted that his proposal focused on two issues: (1) planning energy for the region; and (2) ensuring implementation of renewable resource utilization. He added that those issues are what he thinks the region should play a role in.

Mayor Madrid noted that SANDAG was successful in taking action during the energy crisis through the Regional Power Pool's efforts. He mentioned that this issue is a work in progress.

Mayor Murphy reminded the Board that during the Regional Government Efficiency Commission (RGEN) era, his suggested regional governance model for the airport authority was similar to what was implemented. He mentioned that even though he is articulating his thoughts on this issue, it will take the Board, collectively, to make a decision.

Mayor Madrid noted that the REPAC has been charged with addressing this issue.

Councilmember Crawford (Del Mar) asked what SDG&E's energy assumptions are regarding activity outside the San Diego region. *Mr. Resley stated that the Resource Plan begins with an inventory of supply and demand. It identifies all of the existing energy plants regardless of which side of the border they are on, throughout the western region, and are included in the inventory of possible resources in addition to planned resources.*

Councilmember Guerin (Encinitas) raised the point that the REPAC has an important role regarding this issue but feels uncomfortable that SDG&E is not a voting member on that Committee. She added that it is important that they be at the table with a stronger voice than just being an advisory member.

Mayor Lewis (El Cajon) asked how the Board can ensure that SDG&E becomes a voting member on the REPAC. *Staff stated that the REPAC was developed by the San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO) at the request of the SANDAG Board and mentioned that the Board could go back to the SDREO and request that the voting membership of the REPAC be revisited.*

Mayor Lewis made the motion for staff to explore this issue and bring it back to the next Board meeting for review.

Councilmember Guerin seconded the motion.

Mayor Madrid requested that staff do research to determine if additional members, other than SDG&E, need to be added to the REPAC.

Mayor Murphy stated that the REPAC is good; however, he suggested that there be a successor to both the SDREO and the REPAC.

Mayor Lewis expressed concern that an additional body will be created and go out of business within a few years.

Frank Urtasun pointed out that SDG&E is attempting to identify all resources needed that would meet the energy needs of the region's future. He mentioned that with respect to REPAC, SDG&E believes that there is a process that would expand its representation. He requested that SANDAG work with SDG&E on the criteria on what is important to be included in the Resource Plan.

Councilmember Guerin suggested that in addition to staff coming back with recommendations, next steps as well as Mayor Murphy's proposal, be explored.

Mayor Lewis agreed to amend his motion to include Councilmember Guerin's suggestion.

Councilmember Madaffer mentioned that the Board should have a diverse portfolio of energy resources.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila commented that the fire, school and water districts should be included in this discussion.

Staff restated the motion which is to go to the SDREO and explore the possibility of adding SDG&E as a voting member, explore additional planning possibilities and return to the Board.

Action: El Cajon - Encinitas. A motion and second was made to request that the San Diego Regional Energy Office add SDG&E as a voting member to its Regional Policy Advisory Council and to explore additional planning possibilities, including Mayor Murphy's proposal, and return to the Board. Yes – 17 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Absent – 2 (Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove).

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Chairman Morrison pointed out that there will be no Policy Development Board meeting held in March. Upcoming March meetings include the Executive Committee meeting to be held on Friday, March 14, 2003 and the Board of Directors meeting to be held on Friday, March 28, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT – 12:15 p.m.

GARY L. GALLEGOS
Secretary