MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

The Active Transportation Working Group may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Thursday, December 12, 2013

11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

SANDAG, 7th Floor Board Room
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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP LISTENING SESSION

- LONG BEACH BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

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Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG) on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Anyone desiring to speak shall reserve time by completing a “Request to Speak” form and giving it to the ATWG coordinator prior to speaking. Public speakers should notify the ATWG coordinator if they have a handout for distribution to ATWG members. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. ATWG members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.

+3. OCTOBER 10, 2013, MEETING SUMMARY

The ATWG is asked to approve the October 10, 2013, meeting summary.

REPORTS

4. SAN DIEGO REGIONAL BIKE MAP (Christine Eary) (11:20 to 11:25 a.m.)
   SANDAG is updating the San Diego Regional Bike Map. SANDAG is working with the consulting firm of KTU+A, to collect and process this data. Please expect to be contacted in the coming weeks by representatives from KTU+A requesting these updates on behalf of SANDAG. SANDAG needs to determine from ATWG members who is the best contact from local jurisdictions for this effort. If you have any questions on this item, please contact Joshua Eliano at (619) 595-5637 or joshua.eliano@sandag.org.

5. CALTRANS DISTRICT 11 UPDATE (Seth Cutter) (11:25 to 11:40 a.m.)
   Caltrans will provide the ATWG with a synopsis of recent bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts.

+6. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP IN 2014 (Chair Bryan Jones, Vice Chair Kathleen Ferrier, and Chris Kluth) (11:40 a.m. to 12 noon)
   The ATWG is asked to provide feedback on the following: 1.) how SANDAG items can be most effectively presented to the ATWG; and 2.) topics for informational presentations and discussions that the ATWG would like to see as part of future meetings.

7. LONG BEACH BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION (Charlie Gandy) (12 to 1:30 p.m.)
   As the former Mobility Coordinator for the City of Long Beach, founder and Executive Director of the Texas Bike Coalition, and one of the youngest members ever elected to the Texas House of Representatives, Charlie Gandy brings a unique perspective on how to work with the community and government to get bike projects built. Among the topics Mr. Gandy will discuss is the implementation of bicycle infrastructure and programs in Long Beach, including Bike Friendly Business Districts.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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OCTOBER 10, 2013, MEETING SUMMARY

Please note: Audio file of meeting is available on the SANDAG website (www.sandag.org) on the Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG) page.

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Jones, City of Carlsbad. Self-introductions were conducted.

Item 2: Public Comments and Communications

Members of the public had the opportunity to address the ATWG on any issue within the jurisdiction of the respective group that was not on the agenda. There were no public comments at this time.

Item 3: July 11, 2013, Meeting Summary

ATWG members were asked to review and approve the minutes for the July 11, 2013, ATWG Meeting Summary.

Everett Hauser, County of San Diego, identified a correction on page 6, Item 7b: San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan: Draft Transportation Project Evaluation Criteria, to change “soft-service” to “soft surface.”

Seth Cutter, Caltrans, identified a correction on page 5, Item 5: Caltrans District Report, to change “bridge” to “bike path” in order to clarify that the bike facility under the Cabrillo Bridge is not designed to withstand a 100-year flood.

Action: Upon a motion by Andy Hamilton, Air Pollution Control District, and a second by Andy Hanshaw, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, the July 11, 2013, ATWG Meeting Summary, with the proposed corrections, was approved unanimously.

Item 4: iCommute Update

Maria Filipelli, SANDAG, updated ATWG members on various Transportation Demand Management campaigns to support active transportation and encourage alternative commute modes.
During the month of October, 39 organizations participated in a corporate challenge to encourage walking, biking, transit usage, telecommuting, carpooling, and vanpooling as a part of the county-wide Rideshare Month. In addition, prizes were available to commuters who pledged to try new transportation modes. Also as a part of iCommute’s outreach efforts, 47 schools took part in International Walk to School Day.


Jim Miller, SANDAG, introduced the white paper on economic prosperity to aid the development of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Mr. Miller asked for input from ATWG members on the preliminary topics. ATWG members provided several suggestions to:

- Examine policies to better integrate modes.
- Re-examine traffic congestion relief policies and the relationship to economic prosperity. Andy Hamilton, Air Pollution Control District, cited a recent study conducted by Eric Dumbaugh of Texas A&M University, indicating that the two are not causally linked.
- Account for public health. Sherry Ryan, Public Health Stakeholders Group, suggested quantifying air quality, physical activity, and collisions and safety impacts. Rye Baerg, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, referred Mr. Miller to a study conducted by Neil Maizlish for the Bay Area region showing significant cost savings associated with active transportation infrastructure investments.
- Examine how to advance economic prosperity for the region’s Communities of Concern. ATWG members emphasized the importance of reducing transportation costs, especially for low-income households.
- Take into consideration bike tourism.
- Quantify the direct and indirect returns associated with reducing vehicle miles travelled. Elyse Lowe, Move San Diego, referred Mr. Miller to a paper titled “The Green Dividend,” published by Move San Diego.
- Analyze, overall, how active transportation returns a financial gain to the region.

**Item 6: San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan: Draft Performance Measures (Discussion)**

Scott Strelecki, SANDAG, presented draft performance measures to evaluate the revenue-constrained, multi-modal transportation alternatives that will be used to develop San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Mr. Strelecki solicited input from ATWG members on the preliminary measures. ATWG members provided several comments, including:

- The need to distinguish between various modes included in the Complete Communities category.
• Since big mode shifts may not be apparent due to the large disparity between the auto network and the bicycle and pedestrian networks, focus on network connectivity and quality instead. Ms. Ryan suggested comparing travel times and capacity for different modes.

• Consider including journey to school trips.

• Include additional measures for public health.

• Remove the vehicle delay per capita performance measure all together.

Item 7: San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan: Development of Draft Unconstrained Transportation Network (Discussion)

Phil Trom, SANDAG, presented the draft unconstrained transportation network for San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Due to time constraints, comments for this item were provided in the discussion for Item 8.

Item 8: Draft Unconstrained Active Transportation Network (Discussion)

Christine Eary, SANDAG, provided an overview of the draft unconstrained active transportation network which will feed into the development of the greater unconstrained transportation network for San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Ms. Eary asked for feedback from the ATWG on freeway interchanges missing from the initial project list that may need to address bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

ATWG members expressed the need to include State Route 163, State Route 76, State Route 67, the Interstate 8 and Fairmont interchange, and Morena Boulevard on the project list.

In addition, ATWG members emphasized the importance of capturing all needs in the unconstrained active transportation network beyond freeway interchanges. Ms. Eary responded that due to funding constraints, the initial focus for the active transportation network is on already scheduled projects included in the Regional Transportation Plan. Chris Kluth, SANDAG, added that staff will consider ways to reflect additional needs.

Item 9: Safe Routes to Transit Regional Plan: Introduction and Proposed Stop and Station Area Typologies (Discussion)

Ms. Eary reviewed the draft typologies developed to classify the over 6,000 transit stop and station areas in the region for the purpose of high-level cost estimates to include in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. ATWG members provided several comments, including the need to:

• Provide aerial photos highlighting the factors for the various typologies.

• Consider the Tijuana-San Diego border as another metropolitan center or as its own typology.

• Take road diets, intersection reconfigurations, and public art into consideration for the cost estimates.
• Identify which projects will include Safe Routes to Schools improvements, as well.

10: Adjournment and Next Meeting (Information)

The next ATWG meeting will be held on December 12, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Action: The ATWG meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Kathleen Ferrier, Walk San Diego.
PURPOSE
The Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG) provides input on regional active transportation policy, planning and implementation activities. The ATWG makes recommendations and fosters cooperation among the jurisdictions, agencies, and stakeholders within the San Diego region to plan for and support the development of local and regional improvements for active transportation modes (bicycling and walking), including Safe Routes to Transit, Safe Routes to School, facility development, operation and maintenance, education, encouragement, and evaluation.

LINE OF REPORTING
The Active Transportation Working Group acts in an advisory capacity to the Transportation Committee on active transportation policy, planning and implementation activities.

RESPONSIBILITIES
The ATWG provides input on active transportation policy, planning, and implementation activities. These activities include the development, update and implementation of the following:

- Active Transportation elements of the Regional Plan
- Regional Bicycle Plan
- Planning and Designing for Pedestrians
- Active Transportation Implementation Strategy
- Regional Safe Routes to Transit plans, programs and projects
- Safe Routes to School Strategic Plan
- Regional Active Transportation projects and programs

The ATWG also serves as a forum for information exchange regarding active transportation policy, practice, and design considerations.

MEMBERSHIP
The membership consists of one representative appointed by each member agency at SANDAG as well as representatives from active transportation advocacy groups and other related stakeholders initially comprising a total of 32 members. Members are appointed in writing by the bodies they represent. Members are allowed to have alternates which, like members, are selected by the bodies they represent. Should participation by a member cause the working group to have difficulty reaching a quorum the group will have the discretion to modify membership to optimize participation. The number of representatives from SANDAG member agencies shall constitute a majority of members. All members are eligible to vote on motions and recommendations. A detailed list of representatives is provided separately.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION
The Working Group generally meets quarterly on the second Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the SANDAG offices, as well as other times as may be set by the Chair. Meetings shall be noticed according to and shall otherwise fully comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

SELECTION OF THE CHAIR
The Chair and Vice Chair of the ATWG are chosen by the members of the group on an annual basis.

DURATION OF EXISTENCE
This is a standing SANDAG Working Group.