MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

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

Thursday, February 20, 2014

10 a.m. – 12 noon

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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• CITY OF SAN DIEGO - SAFE MOVES FINAL REPORT

• STATE AND FEDERAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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The ATWG is asked to approve the December 12, 2013, meeting summary.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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.

## REPORTS (4 through 9)

4. **NOMINATION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR (Chris Kluth)** | APPOINT

The ATWG Charter directs the members of the group to select a Chair and Vice Chair on an annual basis. The former Chair recently took a position outside of the region, leaving a vacancy that must be filled immediately. The working group is asked to make nominations for Chair, which may be filled by any member of the working group. Should the Vice Chair be selected as Chair by the working group, then the group will be asked to make nominations for Vice Chair, which may be filled by any member of the working group.

5. **iCOMMUTE UPDATE (Maria Filippelli)** | INFORMATION

iCommute is the Transportation Demand Management division of SANDAG with a focus on reducing single occupancy vehicle trips. This update will include a preview of Bike Month activities.

6. **CALTRANS DISTRICT REPORT (Seth Cutter)** | INFORMATION

Caltrans will provide the ATWG with a synopsis of recent bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts.

7. **CITY OF SAN DIEGO - SAFE MOVES FINAL REPORT** | INFORMATION

The City of San Diego is to present a final summary report on the Safe Moves project. The project was funded through a SANDAG Active Transportation grant.
8. REGIONAL COMPLETE STREETS POLICY WHITE PAPER (Stephan Vance) DISCUSSION

SANDAG is preparing a policy white paper that will inform the development of the regional complete streets policy. In order to provide the working group with an opportunity to review the white paper and have input on the regional policy before a policy is developed for approval by the SANDAG Board of Directors in June 2014, the working group members are invited to attend the Regional Planning Technical Working Group meeting on March 13, 2014, at 1:15 p.m. or the April 3, 2014, meeting of the Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee at 9:30 a.m. where the paper will be presented and discussed.

9. STATE AND FEDERAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM INFORMATION (Chris Kluth)

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The new ATP will divide approximately $124.2 million for active transportation projects between the state and regions subject to guidelines that will be adopted by the Commission.


This item will provide a summary of the ATP and provide a forum to discuss what projects and programs member agencies and regional stakeholders are interested in potentially submitting grant applications for.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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DECEMBER 12, 2013, MEETING SUMMARY

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

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m. by Kathleen Ferrier (Vice Chair). Self-introductions were conducted.

Item 2: Public Comments and Communications
Members of the public had the opportunity to address the Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG) on any issue within the jurisdiction of the respective group that was not on the agenda. Andy Hanshaw (San Diego County Bicycle Coalition) announced the 3rd Annual Holiday Joy Ride will be December 12, 2013. The event will highlight bicycle achievements over the past year in San Diego. There will also be a lighted bike ride through downtown. Tom Ritter announced the City of Coronado’s recognition as a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community through the League of American Bicyclists. The City of Coronado has hired an Active Transportation Planner starting January 13, 2014.

Item 3: October 10, 2013, Meeting Summary
ATWG members were asked to review and approve the minutes for the October 10, 2013, ATWG meeting.

Seth Cutter (Caltrans) identified a correction on page 3, under Item 3: Caltrans District Report, to change the “Cabrillo Bridge” to the “I-5 Carmel Valley Bridge.”

Action: Upon a motion by Andy Hamilton (Air Pollution Control District) and a second by Frank Rivera (City of Chula Vista), the October 10, 2013, ATWG summary with the proposed corrections was approved unanimously.

Item 4: San Diego Regional Bike Map
Chris Kluth (SANDAG) updated ATWG members on the status of the Regional Bike Map. The iCommute Team and KTU+A will be reaching out to local jurisdictions to collect the most recent routes and data.
Item 5: Caltrans District 11 Update (Information)

Cutter (Caltrans) provided the ATWG with a synopsis of recent bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts. Projects included:

- The gap connection at State Route 56 (SR-56) and Interstate 5 (I-5) to Old Sorrento Valley Road
- Collaborating with Chula Vista and the City of San Diego to improve local road connections through Caltrans’ facilities

Chula Vista:

- Main Street at I-5, Caltrans is looking at providing better access to the Bayshore Bikeway by possibly squaring freeway ramps so it is easier for bikes to get through
- H Street at Interstate 805 (I-805), Caltrans would like to reconstruct the H Street interchange as a Bus Rapid Transit project

City of San Diego:

- The connection at Carroll Canyon Road along the I-805 has some stripping/connection issues to address before it opens in March.

City of Santee:

- At the connection of the State Route 52 (SR-52) at Santo Road, Sycamore Landfill Road is being widened. The north side of the SR-52 has a bike path. Caltrans would like to look at different ideas for getting bike access on both sides.

I-5 North Coast Corridor:

- There is a proposed replacement for the San Elijo Lagoon Bridge which goes over the I-5. A proposed bike path would go along the freeway and meet up with Manchester Avenue go through the Water Treatment Plant, and meet up with Birmingham Drive.

Caltrans will be holding training called Understanding Bicycle Transportation. This training will be open to local agency traffic engineers and planners. The training will be February 13, 2014.

Item 6: Active Transportation Working Group in 2014 (Discussion)

The ATWG was asked to provide feedback on 1) how SANDAG items can be most effectively presented to the ATWG; 2) topics for informational presentations and discussions that the ATWG would like to see as part of future meetings.
Topics of interest among the group included:

- Discussing resistance to Active Transportation projects in other cities
- An informative session on pending legislation that could affect bike/ped projects
- A discussion of bike treatments, design, funding, and challenging projects
- Progress reports on SANDAG projects
- A presentation on leading Smart Growth projects in the country
- Best practices for education and communication
- Discussion and tips for Bike Friendly Communities recognition
- A Safe Routes to School strategic plan presentation
- Input from each jurisdiction outlining outreach and education limitations

**Item 7: Long Beach Bicycle Infrastructure and Program Implementation (Information)**

Charlie Gandy presented strategies that have been affective in getting past resistance encountered when proposing bicycle facility projects. Charlie recommended beginning by asking the city why these types of projects are being contemplated, “what type of city would you like to become?” What is the cause for these projects: obesity, transportation, sustainability, etc.

Mr. Gandy presented emerging trends in urban cultures such as an increase in car light or carless lifestyles, the adoption of bicycling as a lifestyle, and bike share. Other trends included people choosing to live within four miles of their job and engaging in short bike trips. Mr. Gandy also presented information on emerging trends such as middle aged athletes (specifically triathletes) and an increase in women on bicycles.

Active living projects bring personality to a city. Mr. Gandy highlighted the benefits for these projects and their impact on the entire community: increase in local businesses, increase in jobs, increase in business exposure, decrease in car/ped/bike accidents, decrease in traffic, improvements in health.

Mr. Gandy provides guided bicycle tours in Long Beach highlighting Bike Friendly Districts.

**Item 8: Adjournment and Next Meeting (Information)**

The next ATWG meeting will be held on, February 20, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Action:** The ATWG meeting was adjourned by Chris Kluth.