



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MAY 23, 2003**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 03-05- 3  
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE**

**SUMMARY OF SOUTH COUNTY BUS TOUR ON MAY 9, 2003**

A tour of South County was held in lieu of the SANDAG Policy Development Board. The tour began at 10:30 a.m. Attendance was as follows:

**SANDAG Board Voting Members**

City of Carlsbad .....	Ramona Finnila, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Chula Vista .....	Absent
City of Coronado .....	Phil Monroe, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Del Mar .....	Absent
City of El Cajon .....	Absent
City of Encinitas .....	Christy Guerin, Councilmember
.....	Maggie Houlihan, Deputy Mayor
City of Escondido .....	Lori Holt Pfeiler, Mayor
City of Imperial Beach .....	Patricia McCoy, Councilmember
City of La Mesa .....	Absent
City of Lemon Grove .....	Absent
City of National City .....	Ron Morrison, Councilmember
City of Oceanside .....	Jack Feller, Deputy Mayor
City of Poway .....	Mickey Cafagna, Mayor
.....	Jay Goldby, Councilmember
City of San Diego .....	Absent
City of San Marcos .....	Absent
City of Santee .....	Absent
City of Solana Beach .....	Absent
City of Vista .....	Judy Ritter, Councilmember
County of San Diego .....	Absent

**Advisory Members**

California Department of Transportation	Allan Kossup
Metropolitan Transit Development Board	Toni Bates, Jennifer Williamson
North San Diego County Transit Development Board	Hon. Judy Ritter, Chair
	Karen King, Executive Director
U.S. Department of Defense	Drew Aitken
San Diego Unified Port District	Absent
San Diego County Water Authority	Absent
Mexico	Absent

**Others**

Dan Coffey, Public Member  
Clive Richards, Public Member

Lisa Vomero Inouye, Public Member  
 Leslie Wolf Branscomb, Staff Writer, The San Diego Union-Tribune  
 Shane Harmon, Board Member, Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce  
 Alejandra Mier-y-Teran, Executive Director, Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce  
 Doug Perkins, Executive Director, South County Economic Development Council  
 Dave Rowlands, City Manager, City of Chula Vista  
 Rick Rosseler, Otay Ranch Project Manager, City of Chula Vista

## **BUS TOUR OF SOUTH BAY**

SANDAG Board members toured Coronado, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, and National City, as well as the Otay Mesa industrial area and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) inspection facility at the border crossing in Otay Mesa. Members were updated on development and redevelopment in these areas, transportation projects, and future development and redevelopment plans. In addition, Caltrans updated members on highway planning and development.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR**

### *Coronado*

Mayor Pro Tem Phil Monroe updated members on traffic improvements put in place since the removal of the San Diego-Coronado Bridge Toll last summer, plans to slow traffic in neighborhoods, and efforts to work with the Department of Defense to improve traffic flow to Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island. Among the projects highlighted were a new skate park, the effort to maintain a village atmosphere in commercial areas, expansion of the Hotel Del Coronado, the Bayshore Bikeway, National Wildlife Refuge, and TEA enhancement improvements along the Silver Strand.

### *Imperial Beach*

Councilmember Patricia McCoy discussed revitalization efforts in Imperial Beach and highlighted mixed-use development on Palm Avenue and Seacoast Drive. She described the efforts of City officials to limit development on the coast to maintain ocean views and access to the beach for the public. Then the tour stopped at the Tijuana Estuary, one of the last functioning wetlands in Southern California. Beach sand replenishment also was discussed.

### *State Route 905*

Allan Kossup from Caltrans, District 11, updated Board members on the status of State Route (SR) 905 that will connect Interstate 805 (I-805) to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry at the U.S.-Mexico border. The bus also toured the area where the future SR 125 toll road and SR 11 will connect with SR 905.

### *Otay Mesa Industrial Area*

Alejandra Mier Y Teran, Executive Director of the Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce; Shane Harmon, Board member of the Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce; and Doug Perkins, Executive Director of the South Bay Economic Development Corporation led the tour in the Otay Mesa area.

Among the programs highlighted were the economic development underway in the area, the importance of a third border crossing on east Otay Mesa, the benefits of Brown Field as a cargo airport, the potential for a parking and customs facility in Otay Mesa that would connect with Tijuana International Airport, and the maquiladora industry in the border region.

Board members were given a tour of the CHP truck inspection facility at the Otay Mesa port of entry.

### *Chula Vista*

City Manager Dave Rowlands and Otay Ranch project manager Rick Rosseler led a tour of smart-growth communities in Otay Ranch, east of I-805 in Chula Vista. Among the highlights described were mixed-use development, pedestrian design, transit rights-of-way reservations, affordable housing, Heritage Park, and new school construction. The tour also passed the SR 125 toll road right-of-way.

Tour participants visited the Olympic Training Center—one of only three in the United States.

### *National City*

City Councilman and SANDAG Chair Ron Morrison led the tour of National City. Among the projects featured were the National City Adult Education Center that is adjacent to the 24th Street Trolley station, plans for the National City Education Village, activities at the National City Marine Terminal, and redevelopment plans for the City's bayfront.

## **CONCLUSION**

Similar tours are being planned for East County and North County subregions.

## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

There were no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:30 p.m.

GARY L. GALLEGOS  
Secretary