



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 24, 2003

AGENDA ITEM NO. 03-10-1-A
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 26, 2003

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Morrison called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 9:14 a.m. The attendance sheet for this meeting is attached.

1. MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS (APPROVE)

- A. July 25, 2003, Board of Directors Meeting
- B. August 8, 2003, Policy Development Board Meeting
- C. September 12, 2003, Policy Development Board Meeting

Mayor Art Madrid (La Mesa) asked that a correction be made to the July 25, 2003, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes showing him in attendance at that meeting.

Action: Solana Beach – La Mesa. A motion and second was made to approve the three sets of minutes listed above. Yes – 17 (weighted vote, 95%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 1 (Imperial Beach). Absent – 1 (Lemon Grove).

2. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

See correction noted above.

CONSENT ITEMS (3 Through 6)

3. ACTIONS FROM POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (APPROVE)

4. PROGRESS REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (INFORMATION)

This report summarizes the current status of major highway, transit, arterial, traffic management, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects in SANDAG's five-year Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The *TransNet* one-half percent local sales tax and other local, state, and federal sources fund these projects.

5. AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT UP TO \$235,000 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS (DBW) AND AMEND THE FY 2004 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET (Resolution #2004-05) (APPROVE)

Approval of this item would authorize the Executive Director to accept up to \$235,000 from the California Department of Boating and Waterways to prepare and implement a public

outreach program for the State's Sediment Management Master Plan and to obtain permits for an opportunistic beach replenishment site in San Diego County. The Overall Work Program and Budget would also be amended to reflect this work.

6. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 (INFORMATION)

State law requires that the Board be provided a quarterly report of investments held by SANDAG. This report includes all money under the direction or care of SANDAG as of June 30, 2003, including funds of the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission and SourcePoint.

Action: La Mesa – County of San Diego. A motion and second was made to approve Consent Items 3 through 6. Yes – 18. No – 0. Abstain - 0. Absent – Lemon Grove.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Maggie Houlihan, representing SNAPP (Spay Neuter Action Project), provided information on this program. She said that since the formation of SNAPP, the euthanasia rate for dogs and cats has been reduced from 50,000 to 30,000. There is now a van that goes out into the community to provide these educational and spay/neuter services. Ms. Houlihan asked Board members to let her know how SNAPP can help in their jurisdictions. She invited them to a fundraising event on October 5, 2003, from 2-5 p.m. at the Coplan home at 1320 Inspiration Drive, La Jolla.

Candy Schumann, on behalf of SNAPP, added that the Price Charities provided the grant for the van. About 30-35 spay/neuters a day are performed in this van. The citizenry has been very receptive to this program. SNAPP offers these services for \$5 for cats and \$15 for dogs (only \$5 for pit bulls and Rotweilers). SNAPP wants to partner with different communities on this matter. This cost can be completely subsidized if pet owners cannot afford it. Other services provided include Rabies shots, flea prevention, licensing assistance, and there are sponsors for microchipping animals.

Councilmember Kellejian asked them to provide him with information to distribute at a Solana Beach City Council meeting.

Enrique Morones, President of Puentes Latino, made a presentation about the Chievas, a professional soccer team. He said that there is a possibility of this team relocating to San Diego. He requested letters of support about the importance of soccer and how local jurisdictions will support this professional soccer team. The owner of the team is very interested in the San Diego/Baja region. Mr. Morones stated that Chievas means "goat" in Spanish.

Councilmember Feller (Oceanside) announced a Defenders of Freedom welcome home parade in Oceanside on October 25, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Oceanside Civic Center. There will be Harrier jet flyovers, helicopter jet flyovers, hover craft, and the Secretary of the Navy will be there. He said that invitations have been sent to all Board members. If you respond you will receive a pass for entrance into the secure area.

Ron Boshun, a member of the public, commented against the development of San Diego Harbor and adjacent areas by the San Diego City Council and Port District. He felt that the San Diego

Harbor belongs to those who served in the military. He suggested a Web site, www.redevelopment.com for more information.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramona Finnila (Carlsbad) presented a certificate by the Association of Environmental Professionals to SANDAG as one of three winners in the category of outstanding environmental analysis document for the Multiple Habitat Conservation Program (MHCP). Councilmember Kellejian congratulated SANDAG and especially staff member Janet Fairbanks.

CHAIR'S REPORT

8. AMERICAN COASTAL COALITION TOP RESTORED BEACH OF THE YEAR AWARD (INFORMATION)

SANDAG was recently given the award for 2003 by the American Coastal Coalition for the Regional Beach Sand Project. The project is being honored as the first comprehensive regional beach restoration project on the West Coast of the United States.

A video excerpt from the PBS *News Hour with Jim Lehrer* about the Regional Beach Sand Project featuring SANDAG staff Rob Rundle was presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Phil Monroe (Coronado) stated that SANDAG successfully completed this project in 2001. This project has been under the leadership of Carlsbad Councilmember Ann Kulchin and the Shoreline Preservation Committee. This was the first large scale regional beach restoration ever attempted on the West Coast. The American Coastal Coalition has awarded SANDAG with the "Top Restored Beach of the Year" award. SANDAG needs to maintain beach restoration as a priority and seek funding for future project. Sand on our beaches is a vital component to the regional economy.

9. WESTERN COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (WCOG) ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE IN PORTLAND, OREGON (Resolution #2004-06) (APPROVE)

This report provides a synopsis of the conference as well as a snapshot of regional governance in Portland, Oregon. Approval of Resolution 2004-06, resulting from the WCOG annual conference, will support an effort among Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) such as SANDAG to form a West Coast Corridor Coalition in a concerted effort to enhance goods movement and travel along the Interstate 5 corridor from Mexico to Canada.

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila provided a summary of the discussions at the annual conference.

Public Comment

Robert Hoffman, a member of the public, said he was born and raised in Oregon. He provided comments about the transit system in Portland, Oregon. It was his belief that the businesses and residents there do not support extension of the transit system there.

Chair Ron Morrison (National City) disagreed with Mr. Hoffman's comments about the Portland, Oregon transit system. He observed that the transit systems in the downtown urban core and out to the airport were quite full on most occasions. Development in Portland is skyrocketing both with building occupancy and housing.

Mayor Madrid asked where the Resolution would be sent. Mayor Pro Tem Finnila replied that it will be sent to all the council of governments (COGs) in Washington, Oregon, and California.

Mayor Madrid suggested that the wording in the Resolution be clearer about the challenges we face.

Action: Solana Beach- City of San Diego. A motion and second was made to approve Resolution 2004-06. Yes - 17 (weighted vote, 92%). No - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - Chula Vista, Lemon Grove.

10. RECOGNITION OF DEBRA GREENFIELD

Debra Greenfield, who will retire from SANDAG in early October, is being recognized for her 28 years of outstanding service to the region as the agency's General Counsel.

Chair Morrison recognized Lynn McDougal of the City Attorneys' Association of San Diego County to present an award to Debra Greenfield. Mr. McDougal explained that the Attorney of the Year award is in the category of Most Innovative Legislation based on Ms. Greenfield's outstanding work on Senate Bill (SB) 1703. The City Attorneys' Association confers this award to recognize and honor exemplary contributions made by the legal profession by local government attorneys. The award is a visible component of the Association's statement about standards of excellence in the field. Mr. McDougal noted that this award is based on merit and just coincidentally is being presented at a time when Ms. Greenfield is retiring.

Chair Morrison presented a Resolution from SANDAG to Ms. Greenfield for her many accomplishments for SANDAG. He also mentioned several proclamations from various cities in the county. He stated that two cities have declared October 14, 2003, to be Debra Greenfield Day. The City of National City conferred this honor on this day, September 26, 2003.

Ms. Greenfield presented farewell remarks and noted that she was very proud to have participated on many successful projects. She thanked our advocates and state and federal legislators. Debra reflected on the last four years of consolidation and transition. She paid special thanks to Ron Morrison, Mickey Cafagna, Ramona Finnila, and Lori Holt-Pfeiler, as well as Gary Gallegos and SANDAG staff. She noted several special friends on staff: Stephanie Rose, Carline Riley, and Doree Henry.

Chair Morrison said that on February 25, 2003, Assembly Bill (AB) 361 was signed by the Governor.

Vice Chair Mickey Cafagna said that he worked closely with Ms. Greenfield on SB 1703 and AB 361, and we couldn't have done it without her efforts. He added that this community owes her a tremendous amount.

Mayor Corky Smith (San Marcos) said he has been proud to consider Debra Greenfield a friend. He will miss her and he appreciates what she has done for the community and for his city.

REPORTS

11. UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (RCP)

A. RESULTS OF WORKSHOPS (INFORMATION)

Mayor Holt Pfeiler (Escondido) reported that five public workshops on the RCP were completed in September, with a sixth scheduled for October 2, 2003 in Oceanside. She mentioned that the North County Coastal cities had the highest turnouts of most elected officials at the workshops. She said that the public is intently interested in what we are doing and they recognize government can't do it all. She stated that the public placed a high priority on resolving transportation and environmental issues in conjunction with addressing urban form and housing issues. Several major themes emerged including: the need for additional outreach on the advantages of smart growth, the need to consider seniors in decisions about housing and transportation, population growth, the availability and quality of schools, the timing of infrastructure provision in relation to new development, the costs to build and maintain new infrastructure, and the need for a comprehensive approach to local and regional issues.

Public Comments

Janna Anderson, a member of the stakeholders group, the Sierra Club, and the Desert Protective Council, said that she was impressed with the staff plan at the workshops. The workshop was made comfortable for people to provide input.

Board Comments

Councilmember Guerin (Encinitas) said that she attended the workshop in Encinitas and participated in the public facilities small group. She expressed surprise at the level of sophistication of the comments provided. The participants were a cross section of ages and backgrounds, and they were all very well informed about the issues. Comments she heard related to an interest in more recycling, knowledge about energy issues and offers to pay more for renewable energy, as well as interest in clean water, clean air, and clean beaches.

Mayor Sessom (Lemon Grove) agreed that there was a diverse group of attendees. She stated that staff did a wonderful job. She expressed her appreciation for the significant efforts of Mayor Holt Pfeiler in this process.

B. NEXT STEPS (INFORMATION)

Mayor Holt-Pfeiler reviewed the next steps in the process. In December 2003, the Board will be asked to accept the draft RCP for distribution to the public. Between now and December the Board will need to provide additional direction on a key chapter of the RCP, the "Overall Policy Framework." This Framework will focus on strengthening the connection between local and regional land use and transportation decisions and establishing the framework for future transportation project evaluation criteria. Mayor Holt-Pfeiler reviewed the schedule indicating times when key policy issues will be discussed.

Mayor Smith (San Marcos) complimented staff on the handling of both RCP meetings he attended. He was impressed with the youth of the audience and expressed his pleasure that this age group is interested in the issues in the region.

Councilmember Feller (Oceanside) asked that a workshop be scheduled in Oceanside early next year.

12. SPECIAL REPORT ON TRANSIT PROJECTS (INFORMATION)

Staff provided a status update on the following major projects underway and their schedules for implementation: Mission Valley East (MVE) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project, San Ysidro Intermodal Transit Center, Nobel Drive Coaster Station, Sprinter Rail Project, Mid-Coast LRT Project, the North Interstate 15 (I-15) Managed Lanes/Bus Rapid Transit (ML/BRT) Project, and the Transit First Showcase Projects. Two projects will continue to be managed by MTDB: Mission Valley East LRT Project, and the San Ysidro Intermodal Transit Center. The Sprinter Rail Project will continue to be managed by NCTD.

Mayor Smith (San Marcos) asked several questions regarding the MVE LRT Project. *Staff responses follow: the loop to San Diego State University (SDSU) will be double tracked, the grade is 4.3 percent, which is the maximum grade the light rail vehicles can handle, an at-grade alignment would have required a very wide loop and the taking of a large amount of property along Montezuma Road, and the tunnel and underground station section cost about \$100 million.*

Mayor Murphy (City of San Diego) asked how realistic the implementation dates are for the Transit First projects if the *TransNet* extension is not approved. *Staff replied that we can get these projects implementation ready through the design phase, but construction of any of the Transit First projects would rely upon a future funding source, which has not been identified.*

Councilmember Feller (Oceanside) wanted assurance that we are staying on track with the Sprinter Rail Project. *Staff responded that the Sprinter Project is moving forward but there is a cash flow problem.*

Mayor Pro Tem Finnila (Carlsbad) asked about efforts at securing smart card technology. *Staff replied that MTDB, SANDAG, and NCTD are working together on this project. Smart card technology will be used for all transit systems in San Diego County. It is one of the projects on our list for financing. We are moving forward with the smart card contract.*

A break was called at 10:55 a.m., and the meeting was reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

13. AMENDED FY 2004 FINAL PROGRAM BUDGET (APPROVE)

Chair Morrison stated that the functional elements of the new regional agency are in place. This budget incorporates the initial and subsequent transition per SB 1703, and the projected revenues and expenditures reflect this. There are now 172.5 positions on the payroll. We will need to house over 200 people in the new lease. The entire budget has been amended and the numbering system has been changed due to a much-needed accounting system update.

Action: San Marcos – City of San Diego (B). A motion and second was made to approve the FY 2004 Final Program Budget as amended. Yes – 15 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Chula Vista, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Santee.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Morrison announced that the next Policy Development meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2003, at 10:15 a.m. This meeting will consist of a tour of East County. He encouraged all of the Board members to attend this tour and to invite their alternates as well.

Chair Morrison also announced a joint meeting between SANDAG and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on October 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the Temecula Creek Inn.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Submitted for Board consideration by:

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Secretary