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Hasan Ikhrata
Executive Director, SANDAG

Executive Committee
Friday, October 9, 2020
9 to 10 a.m.
**Teleconference Meeting**

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The 18 cities and county government are SANDAG serving as the forum for regional decision-making. SANDAG builds consensus; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; plans, engineers, and builds public transit; and provides information on a broad range of topics pertinent to the region’s quality of life.

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Executive Committee
Friday, October 9, 2020

Item No. | Action
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+1. | Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its September 11, 2020, meeting.

2. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Executive Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Other public comments will be heard during the items under the heading “Reports.”

3. Executive Director’s Report
Hasan Ikhrata

An update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives, including the agency’s response to COVID-19, San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan, and the Airport Connectivity project, will be presented.

Consent

+4. Service Bureau FY 2020 Year-End Status Report
Cheryl Mason, SANDAG

In accordance with SANDAG Board Policy, this report provides a periodic progress report on the project activities and financial status of the Service Bureau.

Reports

+5. Review of Draft Board Agendas
Victoria Stackwick, SANDAG

The Executive Committee is asked to approve the draft agenda for the October 23, 2020, Board Business meeting and November 6, 2020, Board Policy meeting.

+6. Legislative Status Report
Brooks Ellison, Pat Whalen, and Kirk Blackburn, Ellison Wilson Advocacy LLC; Peter Peyser, Peyser Associates LLC; Michael Camuñez, Monarch Global Strategies

SANDAG advocates will provide an overview on federal, state, and binational legislative and policy issues.

7. Continued Public Comments

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8. Upcoming Meetings

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2020, at 9 a.m.

9. Adjournment
September 11, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Catherine Blakespear (North County Coastal) called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 9 a.m.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Bill Wells (East County) and a second by Mayor Rebecca Jones (North County Inland), the Executive Committee voted on approval of the minutes from its July 10, 2020, meeting.

The motion passed.

Yes: Council President Georgette Gomez (City of San Diego), Mayor Jones, Vice Chair Blakespear, Mayor Wells, Mayor Mary Salas (South County), and Supervisor Jim Desmond (County of San Diego). No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

2. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments (Information)

Mayor Jones requested an update on the financial status of SANDAG transportation projects. Hasan Ikhrata, SANDAG Executive Director, advised that a quarterly budget update will be presented to the Board of Directors.

3. Executive Director’s Report (Discussion)

This item was deferred.

Reports

4. Review of Draft Board Agendas (Approve)

Director of Government Relations Victoria Stackwick presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Council President Gomez and a second by Supervisor Desmond, the Executive Committee voted on approval of the draft agenda for the September 25, 2020, Board Business meeting, as amended to include a Closed Session item related to the San Diego River Bridge project.

The motion passed.

Yes: Council President Gomez, Mayor Jones, Vice Chair Blakespear, Mayor Wells, Mayor Salas, and Supervisor Desmond. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

6. Proposed FY 2021 Program Budget Amendment: Potential Litigation Related to 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment Plan (Approve)

Senior Regional Planner Seth Litchney presented the item.
Action: Upon a motion by Council President Gomez and a second by Mayor Salas, the Executive Committee voted on approval of an amendment to the FY 2021 Program Budget, transferring $100,000 from the Overall Work Program Contingency Reserve Fund to Work Element No. 3100400 to fund litigation expenses for potential legal action related to the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment Plan.

The motion failed.

Yes: Council President Gomez, Vice Chair Blakespear, and Mayor Salas. No: Supervisor Desmond, Mayor Wells, and Mayor Jones. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

5. Board Policy: Campaign Contributions (Discussion/Possible Action)

The Executive Committee was asked to discuss and consider the development of a Board Policy regarding campaign contributions by the SANDAG Executive Director.

Action: Discussion only.

7. Legislative Status Report (Information)

Borders Program Manager Hector Vanegas and Manager of Government Relations Robyn Wapner presented an update on SANDAG legislative and policy activities.

Action: Information only.

8. Continued Public Comments

None.

9. Upcoming Meetings

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2020, at 9 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chair Blakespear adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
## Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Executive Committee Meeting

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Service Bureau FY 2020 Year-End Status Report

Overview
In accordance with SANDAG Board Policy No. 012, periodic progress reports on the project activities and financial status of the Service Bureau are provided to the Executive Committee. This report summarizes the financial performance of the Service Bureau during FY 2020 and highlights key projects worked on during the year.

Key Considerations
The SANDAG Service Bureau is a fee-based operation that provides informational and technical services to member agencies, nonmember government agencies, private organizations, and individuals. The Service Bureau provides services through SANDAG and its nonprofit public-benefit corporation, SourcePoint. The Executive Committee serves as the Service Bureau governing body and as the Board of Directors of SourcePoint.

The Service Bureau worked on 45 projects during the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, time period and received revenues of $390,226. Total expenses related to performing these projects were $313,774, meaning that revenues exceeded expenses by $76,452, or 24.4%. Total revenues were up in FY 2020 compared to the previous fiscal year ($390,226 compared to $313,877). The increase in revenues was primarily due to an increase in transportation modeling jobs. More information about the financial performance and highlights of key projects are included in Attachment 1.

Cindy Burke Ph.D., Director Research and Program Management
Key Staff Contact: Cheryl Mason, (619) 699-1951, cheryl.mason@sandag.org

Action: Information
In accordance with SANDAG Board Policy, this report provides a periodic progress report on the project activities and financial status of the Service Bureau.

Fiscal Impact:
Service Bureau revenues of $390,226 were offset by expenses of $313,774, resulting in a net revenue increase of $76,452, or 24.4% for FY 2020.

Schedule/Scope Impact:
None.
Service Bureau FY 2020 Year-End Financial Report

Introduction

The SANDAG Service Bureau is a fee-based operation that provides informational and technical services to member agencies, nonmember government agencies, private organizations, and individuals. The purpose of the Service Bureau is to offer products and services that meet the needs of decision-makers in the public and private sectors while enhancing the quality and extent of demographic, economic, transportation, land use, criminal justice, and other information maintained in the SANDAG Regional Information System (RIS) and the technology used to support it. One of the goals of the Service Bureau is to generate revenue to update and enhance the RIS.

Financial Status¹

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<td>Feasibility Studies and Comprehensive Plans</td>
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| Total All Projects                                   | $390,226 | $309,622 | $80,604                | 26.2%          |

| Non-Project Expenses²                               | –        | $(4,152) | $(4,152)               | –              |

| Net Total                                            | $390,226 | $313,774 | $76,452                | 24.4%          |

¹ The RIS is SANDAG’s fully integrated system of data, models, and computer hardware and software (to process data), along with the staff to perform data processing and analysis.

² Expenses include management and cost of the SourcePoint audit.

Overview of Projects

Forty-five projects were started or carried over from the previous fiscal year and all but two were transportation modeling projects. Staff worked on some larger modeling projects to assist jurisdictions with

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community and general plan updates and other local planning efforts. Staff also worked on a number of requests for estimating traffic impacts due to development projects around the region.

The Service Bureau began a multi-year, binational project to assist Caltrans develop the California-Baja California 2021 Border Master Plan, which coordinates the planning and delivery of Port of Entry and related transportation infrastructure project in the California-Baja California region. This plan will be the second update to the initial plan completed in 2008. In addition, staff began work with the San Diego Housing Commission to develop customized community profiles to help inform clients about characteristics and amenities in different areas of the region.

**Planned Projects for FY 2021**

Requests for transportation modeling have been steady in FY 2021. However, with modeling work for the 2021 Regional Plan in full force, staff will focus modeling work for the 2021 Regional Plan and other agency priorities first, member and government agencies second, and private-sector third, consistent with prior direction from the Executive Committee. New Service Bureau modeling efforts will only be accepted if they do not jeopardize progress on key SANDAG initiatives.
Draft October 23, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

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2. Policy Advisory Committee Chairs' Report | Information
Policy Advisory Committee chairs will provide updates on key Committee activities.

3. Executive Director's Report | Discussion
*Hasan Ikhrata*
An update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives, including the agency’s response to COVID-19, San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan, and the Airport Connectivity project, will be presented.

**Consent**

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes | Approve
The Board of Directors is asked to approve the minutes from its September 18, 2020, Board Special meeting and September 23, 2020, Board Business meeting.

5. Approval of Proposed Solicitations and Contract Awards | Approve
*Julie Wiley, SANDAG*
The Board of Directors is asked to review and approve the proposed solicitations and contract awards summarized in the attached reports.

6. Policy Advisory Committee Actions | Approve
*Francesca Webb, SANDAG*
The Board of Directors is asked to ratify the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees.
7. **TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program, FY 2021-2022 Work Plan, and FY 2021 Annual Funding**

*Kim Smith, SANDAG*

The Regional Planning and Transportation Committees recommend that the Board of Directors approve the proposed FY 2021-2022 Work Plan for the regional land management and biological monitoring, and allocate $4 million in funding for FY 2021.

8. **Executive Director Delegated Actions**

*Kim Monasi, SANDAG*

In accordance with various SANDAG Board Policies, this report summarizes certain delegated actions taken by the Executive Director since the last Board Business meeting.

9. **Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG**

*Francesca Webb, SANDAG*

Board members will provide brief reports orally or in writing on external meetings and events attended on behalf of SANDAG.

**Chair’s Report**

10. **Appointment of Nominating Committee for SANDAG Board Officers**

In accordance with the SANDAG Bylaws, the Chair will appoint up to a six-person nominating committee for Board officers, made up of Board members from each of the four subregions and a member from the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego. The nominating committee will submit its slate nominees, in writing, for mailing to Board members in or around November.

**Reports**

11. **Approval of Proposed Contract Solicitation – Rancho Lilac**

*Keith Greer and Kim Smith, SANDAG*

The Board of Directors is asked to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement for the transfer and long-term management of mitigation land.

12. **South Bay Expressway**

*André Douzdjian and Ryan Ross, SANDAG*

An overview of the South Bay Expressway (SR 125 toll road) will be presented, including a review of the plan of finance which details projected revenue, operational and maintenance expenses, current and future capital expenses, outstanding debt obligations and reserve balances.
+13. 2020 Census Complete Count Outreach  
_Darlanne Hoctor Mulmat, SANDAG_

An overview of work completed to coordinate Census 2020 outreach efforts throughout the San Diego region to raise awareness about the Census and lessons learned will be presented.

14. Continued Public Comments

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15. Upcoming Meetings

The next Board Policy meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2020, at 10 a.m.
The next Board Business meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2020, at 9 a.m.

16. Adjournment

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The next Board Policy meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2020, at 10 a.m.

9. Adjournment

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Executive Committee

October 9, 2020

Legislative Status Report

Status reports on SANDAG legislative activities are provided to the Executive Committee on a regular basis. Attachments 1 and 2 include summaries from Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC on state legislative activity, and from Peyser Associates LLC on federal legislative activity related to SANDAG for September 2020.

Victoria Stackwick, Director of Government Relations

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Attachments:
1. Report from Ellison Wilson Advocacy
2. Report from Peyser Associates LLC

Action: Information

SANDAG advocates will provide an overview on federal, state, and binational legislative and policy issues.
TO: SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: ELLISON WILSON ADVOCACY, LLC
SUBJECT: SANDAG LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2020

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Overview
The Governor had until September 30 to sign or veto all bills sent to him. Barring bills with urgency clauses that go into effect immediately, all other signed bills will go into effect on January 1, 2021. The Legislature is scheduled to reconvene at the Capitol on December 7 for an organizational session to commence the 2021-22 Legislative Session; however, there is a chance that the Governor will call a special session in the interim.

AB 2731 (Gloria) Signed by the Governor
AB 2731, authored by Assembly Member Todd Gloria, will strengthen environmental mitigation efforts for the redevelopment of the 70.5-acre Naval Base Point Loma Old Town Campus—including the possible development of a multimodal transportation Central Mobility Hub to serve as a connection to link regional transit to the San Diego International Airport—as well as enhance public participation and government transparency, while providing certainty of process to allow the project to begin construction in relatively short order. The bill was passed by the Legislature without a single “no” vote. On September 29 the Governor signed AB 2731, which means it will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

Governor Issues Executive Order Calling for Ban on Sales of Gas-Powered Vehicles by 2035

In an effort to “mitigate and adapt to climate change,” on September 23 Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-79-20, which provides that:

It shall be a goal of the state that 100% of in-state sales of new passenger cars and trucks will be zero-emission by 2035. It shall be a further goal of the state that 100% of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the state be zero-emission by 2045 for all operations where feasible and by 2035 for drayage trucks. It shall be further a goal of the state to transition to 100% zero-emission off-road vehicles and equipment by 2035 where feasible.

In order to accomplish this, the Order directs various state and local entities, including the California Air Resources Board, Energy Commission, Public Utilities Commission, State Transportation Agency, and others, “to the extent consistent with state and federal law,” to develop rules and policies to facilitate this goal. However, Newsom has clarified that the Order will not prevent Californians from owning gasoline-powered cars or selling them on the used car market.

The Order additionally calls upon the State Transportation Agency, Caltrans, and the California Transportation Commission, by July 15, 2021, to identify near-term actions and investment strategies to improve clean transportation and sustainable freight and transit options, while continuing a “fix-it-first” approach to our transportation system, including where feasible:
• Building toward an integrated, statewide rail and transit network, consistent with the California State Rail Plan, to provide seamless, affordable multimodal travel options for all.

• Supporting bicycle, pedestrian, and micro-mobility options, particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities in the state, by incorporating safe and accessible infrastructure into projects where appropriate.

• Supporting light, medium, and heavy duty zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure as part of larger transportation projects, where appropriate.

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

9/1: Provided updates to SANDAG staff on legislative floor sessions on pertinent legislation.

9/2: Communicated with SANDAG staff and author’s staff on AB 2731 regarding Governor’s signature.

9/3: Communicated with SANDAG staff on AB 2731 regarding Governor’s signature; provided SANDAG staff with an updated list of pertinent legislation passed by the Legislature.

9/4: Conference call with SANDAG staff regarding AB 2731; reviewed and submitted SANDAG AB 2731 signature request letter to the Governor’s office.

9/8: Communicated with Governor’s staff and SANDAG staff regarding AB 2731.

9/9: Communicated with SANDAG staff on AB 2731 regarding Governor’s signature.

9/11: Communicated with author’s staff on pertinent legislation; provided subsequent update to SANDAG staff.

9/14: Met with Governor’s staff regarding AB 2731; provided subsequent update to SANDAG staff and author’s staff; reviewed info from SANDAG staff regarding State Water Quality Control Board fee matters.

9/16: Communicated with State Water Quality Control Board regarding fee matters; provided subsequent update to SANDAG staff.

9/18: Reviewed/analyzed Legislative Analyst’s Office report regarding COVID-19 and state transportation revenues; provided subsequent update to SANDAG staff.

9/21: Provided SANDAG staff updates on Governor’s actions on pertinent legislation.

9/22: Provided SANDAG staff update on pertinent legislation.

9/23: Conference call with SANDAG staff regarding Executive Committee update; provided SANDAG staff with Governor’s Executive Order on zero emission vehicles.

9/28: Communicated with SANDAG staff and author’s staff on AB 2731 regarding Governor’s signature; provided SANDAG staff with an update on Governor’s actions on pertinent legislation.

9/29: Provided SANDAG staff updates on Governor’s actions on AB 2731 and other pertinent legislation.

9/30: Provided SANDAG staff updates on Governor’s actions on pertinent legislation.
Transportation Update from Peyser Associates

September 4, 2020

Congress Appears Headed to a “Clean” Extension of Surface Transportation Programs

Based on a round of conversations with congressional staff this week, a clean extension of federal programs for highways, transit, and rail appears to be in the offing. By “clean” the staffers mean a simple extension of existing programs at funding levels comparable, but possibly somewhat higher, than current levels.

This report has noted in the past that the Senate was looking for a clean one-year extension and the House was looking for ways to include some of the programmatic and funding changes it approved for FY 2021 in H.R. 2, which passed in July. House staff this week indicated they are unlikely to be pushing that agenda when Congress returns next week.

The length of the extension is not clear at this point, but a one-year extension appears to be the leading option. This will come into clearer focus next week.

Prospects for a COVID-19 Relief Package in September are Cloudy

This week, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) indicated he is prepared to put a slimmed-down, $500 billion COVID-19 relief package before the Senate. He also said to reporters on Wednesday that he is not optimistic a COVID-19 relief package will be passed in September. Over on the House side, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) indicated the Senate approach will not advance the discussions towards a compromise. She continues to say the House position is that they could support a $2.2 trillion package, but the Senate GOP and the Administration don’t seem to understand the gravity of the economic distress in the country.

As noted last week, neither side in this discussion is behaving like they want to get to a deal at present. Whether this is a game of chicken that will finally result in a deal this month, or actually a recognition that a package won’t be done before the election, remains to be seen.

Continuing Resolution Unlikely to Contain COVID-19 Relief as Part of a Package

Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin yesterday confirmed that they are in agreement that a continuing resolution to keep the government running past September 30 should not contain a COVID-19 relief element. This clearly indicates that both the House Majority and the Administration see the continuing resolution (CR) as a “must-pass” bill that they don’t want to bog down with potentially controversial measures. This approach would not necessarily rule out tacking the surface transportation extension onto the CR – provided it is not viewed as controversial.

Biden Urges Congress to Support Public Transit

Former Vice President Joe Biden in a Tweet on Tuesday expressed his support for congressional action to “save public transit.”

Here is the full text of the Biden Tweet:

“Across the country, people rely on public transportation to get to work, see loved ones, and access essential services. But that’s all under threat because Republicans refuse to do their jobs. Congress must act now to save public transit.”
COVID-19 Package Looking Unlikely Before Election Day

The Senate yesterday failed to gain the necessary 60 votes to take up a “skinny” COVID-19 relief package developed by GOP leadership. The vote was 52-47. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) was the only Republican to vote against taking up the bill. Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) was the only Senator not voting.

The package contained funding for a $300 weekly federal supplement to unemployment benefits and funding for schools and COVID-19 testing. It also included provisions to shield employers from liability claims related to COVID-19.

The failure of the package in the Senate leaves talks for a new COVID-19 package at a standstill. It is becoming increasingly unlikely that Congress and the Administration will agree on a package before October 2, when the Congress goes home for the election. Both sides appear to have made the judgment that they are better off seeking to blame the other for the lack of a package at this point. Democrats are banking on an election victory in November that will give them the opportunity to enact a package to their liking early in 2021. Republicans don’t have enough votes on their side to get a package to the Senate floor that is both acceptable to their Senators and can attract enough Democratic votes to get to 60.

The shape of a package enacted by the next Congress would depend on who wins the White House and who wins the Senate. In the dream scenario for many Democrats, Joe Biden would win the White House, the Democrats would win the Senate and then they would take the historic step of eliminating the filibuster from Senate rules. (Senate rules can be changed with a simple majority vote.) This would allow the enactment of a Democratic sponsored COVID-19 package without the need for any Republican votes. The burgeoning movement to eliminate the filibuster has more to do with the debate on removing vestiges of America’s history of slavery and racial injustice than it does with appropriations for COVID-19 relief.

One-Year Extension of Surface Transportation Programs Gains Ground

Key congressional leaders on both sides of the Capitol this week endorsed a one-year extension of the authorization for federal highway, transit and rail programs. Senate Majority Whip John Thune (R-SD), Commerce Committee Chair Roger Wicker (R-MS), Environment and Public Works Committee Chair John Barrasso (R-WY), and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Peter DeFazio (D-OR) are all on board. This broad agreement should pave the way for action on the extension before programs expire on September 30. The key question now is how “clean” the extension will be. Staffs are discussing provisions on which they can agree that go beyond a simple extension of the expiration dates of programs with level funding. One such provision is likely to be another extension of the authority for the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) program to make loans for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) projects.

“Clean” Continuing Resolution Under Discussion to Continue Government Funding

As noted in last week’s report, congressional Democrats and the White House are in agreement that a relatively clean CR should be enacted to extend government programs beyond the end of the fiscal year on September 30. As with the surface transportation bill, the question of how “clean” it will be is up for grabs. Also undecided is the duration of the resolution. Senate Republicans appear to favor an extension into December to give Congress the opportunity to enact full-year appropriations in the post-election “lame-duck” session. Democrats appear to have an interest in kicking the can a little farther down the road in hopes of a better environment in 2021 (see above).
Stopgap Funding Bill to Include One-Year Extension of Surface Transportation Programs

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) on Tuesday told lawmakers that the House will vote early next week on a CR to keep the government up and running past September 30 and to extend for one-year surface transportation programs. This should give the Senate time to clear the measure for the President’s signature by September 30.

The length of the CR is not yet clear. Nor is it clear exactly how “clean” the CR and the surface transportation extension will be. Staffers are confirming for your reporter that the measure will include an extension of TOD loan authority in the RRIF program.

Trump Weighs-in on COVID-19 Relief, Seeking to Reverse GOP Position

President Trump on Wednesday inserted himself into the conversation over a potential COVID-19 relief package. It is not clear his contribution has improved the dim prospects for an agreement before the election.

In a tweet on Wednesday, the President urged GOP Members to “go for the much higher numbers” in a COVID-19 package. Later in the day at a White House briefing, he said he agreed with a lot of what is in the $1.5 trillion package proposed Tuesday by a bi-partisan group of moderate House Members (see below).

Key GOP Leaders on Capitol Hill quickly pushed back on the President’s idea. Both Senate Majority Whip John Thune (R-SD) and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) indicated they did not think their caucuses would support spending at that level. On the other hand, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer D-NY) swiftly issued a statement applauding the President’s comments and indicating they are ready to talk with GOP Leaders and the White House about a more aggressive package.

Even before the President sought to shake up the discussion over a COVID-19 package, Pelosi on Tuesday said she will keep the House in session past its October 2 target for recess and remain in session until a package is enacted. While the Speaker’s announcement could be perceived as an effort to breathe new life into the negotiations, it is more likely a maneuver designed to demonstrate the Democrats’ commitment to getting a package done and the alleged lack of interest on the GOP side in doing so. If the Senate recesses on October 2 for the election, it doesn’t matter that the House will technically be in session. In that scenario, the House would just hold pro forma sessions every day, while Members go about their business at home. That is what the House normally does in recess.

Aside from the President’s comments, the only significant development on the COVID-19 relief front this week was the release on Tuesday of a proposal from the bipartisan, 50-member Problem Solvers Caucus for a $1.5 trillion package. The proposed package includes the following spending provisions:

- **Testing and Health Care - $100 billion** – Including testing and contract tracing, healthcare provider support, and Medicare loan forgiveness to providers.

- **Support for Individuals and Families - $316 billion** – Including new round of $1200 stimulus checks, WIC and SNAP “plus-up,” rental assistance, and student loan forbearance.

- **Unemployment Assistance - $120 billion** – $450/week federal add-on for 8 weeks followed by $600/week or 100% of previous wage, whatever is less, until January 2021.

- **Small Business and Non-profits - $290 billion** – All but $50 million for Paycheck Protection Program. The balance for Targeted Employee Retention Tax Credit.

- **Schools and Child Care - $145 billion** – $100 billion for K-12. Balance for higher education and childcare providers.

- **State and Local Aid - $500.3 billion** – Covers both documented previous costs and future costs.
• **Election Aid - $400 million** – Covers incremental election costs.

• **Broadband, Agriculture, Postal Service & Census - $52 billion** – Funding for broadband, agriculture producers, and postal service and extension of Census deadlines.

The package also includes employer liability protections sought by the GOP and was opposed strongly by most Democrats.

House Democratic leaders swiftly distanced themselves from the package, saying it did not invest enough in the relief and recovery effort.

For transit advocates, it is disappointing that transit has not risen to the level of rural broadband and agricultural assistance. While this package represents the view of less than 12% of House Members, one would have hoped that a group led by a Democrat from New Jersey and a Republican from New York would have included something for public transportation.

As the week comes to a close, despite all the sound and fury there still appears to be, there is only a slim chance a COVID-19 package can be enacted before the election. Only two weeks remain to get it done.

**Department of Transportation Announces FY 2020 BUILD Grant Awards**

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao on Wednesday announced the award of 70 BUILD grants to 44 states. As before, the Department awarded 50% of the funds to Rural Areas. Of the 70 projects, 13 were for transit or passenger rail, for a total of $220 million – or 22% of the total.

The list of awards does NOT evince significant political influence on the bulk of the awards, i.e., they are not overly concentrated on swing states or states with GOP governors. There are at least three anomalies though, that probably have a political explanation. One is California receiving only 3.6% of the national total of funds and the other two are New York and New Jersey receiving no funds at all.

Click [HERE](#) to see a list of the awarded projects and fact sheets on each.

September 25, 2020

**Stopgap Spending Bill with One-Year Surface Transportation Extension Attached Advances**

The House on Tuesday passed a Continuing Resolution to fund government programs at current levels until December 11, 2020. Included in the measure was a one-year extension of all federal programs for highways, transit, and rail. Included in the extension was a provision to extend the TOD loan authority in the RRIF loan program.

The Senate took a procedural vote yesterday to tee the package up for final passage next Tuesday. It is expected to pass comfortably and head to the President’s desk for him to sign before the close of business on Wednesday, which is the last day of the fiscal year.

**Aviation Industry Ramping Up Demands for Immediate Aid – Will Transit Benefit from the Momentum?**

The aviation industry ramped-up its lobbying this week for immediate aid for their industry. CEO’s of major airlines and labor leaders joined together to seek aid to avoid the potential of thousands of layoffs this fall. They have gained significant traction and Senate GOP leaders are testing the waters as written to see if they could pass next week a new version of their “skinny” COVID-19 bill, with aviation relief attached. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is also developing a proposal to advance a new version of COVID-19 relief to include aviation relief.

If Congress feels compelled to aid the airlines now because they have been convinced of the urgency of it, there may be an opportunity for transit aid to piggyback on that momentum. Transit advocates are reaching out to Capitol Hill today to ensure the needs of the transit industry stay on legislators’ minds.
While the leaders of both parties appear to be supportive of aiding the airline industry now, it will be a challenge – particularly in the House – to push through a package that aids a private sector industry unless it also includes significant aid to public sector employers such as state and local government, transit, and education. If the House passes a bill with significant aid to state and local governments, it is likely to run aground in the Senate. So even this new momentum may not be sufficient to bridge the difference between the House on the one hand and the Senate and White House on the other.

**Department of Transportation Awards FY 2020 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement program Grants**

The Department of Transportation on Wednesday announced the award of $320.6 million in FY 2020 grants from the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement program (CRISI). Rural projects received 60% of the funds. As with the BUILD grants awarded last week, California received a paltry sum, equal to less than 1% of the national total, and New York and New Jersey received no funds whatsoever.

Click [HERE](#) to see the list of grants announced.