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BOARD ACTIONS

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DRAFT REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Directors unanimously approved distribution of the draft Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) for public review and comment. The RCP is the long-term planning framework for the San Diego region. It lays out a regional vision and provides a broad context in which local and regional decisions can be made that balance regional population, housing, and employment growth with habitat preservation, agriculture, open space, and infrastructure needs. The RCP emphasizes the critical link between transportation and land use planning and development, and demonstrates how these connections can be strengthened. It calls for focusing transportation and other infrastructure investments in smart growth opportunity areas, introducing an incentive-based approach to achieving our urban form goals and meeting our infrastructure needs. Comments on the draft RCP are encouraged and will be accepted through March 1, 2004. Comments received through March 1 will be considered for the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will be presented to the Board at the March 19, 2004 meeting. Public outreach will include presentations at city and county council/supervisory meetings and public workshops in the spring to secure additional public comments for the final EIR. The RCP will be presented to the Board in June 2004. For more information, visit www.sandag.org/rcp. (Item #11: Staff Contact: Carolina Gregor, (619) 595-5399 or cgr@sandag.org)

FINAL 2030 CITIES/COUNTY GROWTH FORECAST: The Board approved the Final 2030 Cities/County Forecast for use in regionwide planning. The forecast is the benchmark for the first Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). It forecasts an increase of a million people, 439,000 jobs, and 314,000 housing units by the year 2030. The forecast reflects the likely distribution of growth across the region based on adopted land use plans and policies of the 18 cities and the most recent information from the County's general plan update (GP2020). The final forecast updates the Preliminary 2030 Regional Growth Forecast approved by the Board in October 2002. (Item #5: Staff Contact: Paul Kavanaugh, (619) 595-5349 or pka@sandag.org)

FINAL ARJIS/SANDAG CONSOLIDATION PLAN: The Board approved the final Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS)/SANDAG consolidation plan. Key highlights of the plan include the creation of a SANDAG Policy Advisory Committee, the transfer of administrative and financial functions to SANDAG, and modifications to ARJIS JPA and SANDAG board policy. Benefits of consolidation include the provision of seamless regional public safety policy and enhanced legislative outreach and funding opportunities. Next steps include adoption and execution of the modified JPA by ARJIS member agencies, and the implementation of consolidation, which is scheduled for completion by July 2004. The new committee will be asked to consider an appropriate name. (Item #6: Staff Contact: Pam Scanlon, (619) 533-4204 or psc@arjis.org)

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Upcoming Board Meetings

January 9, 2004
Policy Meeting
Draft *TransNet* Extension
and Expenditure Plan

January 23, 2004
Business Meeting

REGIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION: The Board approved recommendations from the Executive Committee and an Energy Task Force to move forward to implement the Regional Energy Strategy (RES), the region's energy policy and action plan. It contains specific objectives for increased opportunities for energy development, energy efficiency, renewable resources and large and small scale, highly efficient electric generation facilities. Increased efforts in these areas will create substantial economic and environmental benefits for the region. The Board agreed that SANDAG will accept the responsibility of implementing the RES, establish an Energy Working Group, and seek permanent funds to carry out these responsibilities. The new Energy Working Group will report to the Regional Planning Committee. *(Item #14: Staff Contact: Nan Valerio, (619) 595-5365 or nva@sandag.org)*

MID-COAST LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) ALIGNMENT: The Board unanimously approved the alignment of a future LRT line from Balboa Avenue north to the heart of University City as the Locally Preferred Alternative. The Board approved the start of preliminary engineering and environmental document preparation. The Mid-Coast LRT project would extend the San Diego Trolley north from Old Town, with stations serving the University of California San Diego (UCSD) campus and University Towne Center. For additional Mid-Coast corridor project information visit <http://www.sdcommute.com/MPs/midcoast/index.asp>. *(Item #12: Staff Contact: Christine Rychel, (619) 557-4540 or christine.rychel@sdmts.com.)*

FREEWAY DEFICIENCY PLAN CENTRAL INTERSTATE 5 CORRIDOR: The Freeway Deficiency Plan for the Central I-5 Corridor was accepted by the SANDAG Board after its earlier adoption by the cities of San Diego and National City. The Plan identifies congestion solutions for Interstate 5 including carpool lanes and the missing freeway connectors at Interstates 5 and 8. The Plan also was a mitigation requirement of the Ballpark environmental report. *(Item #13: Staff Contact: Mike Hix, (619) 595-5377 or mhi@sandag.org.)*

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