

SANDAG

Board of Directors Agenda

Friday, April 30, 2021

9 a.m.

****Teleconference Meeting****

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Mission Statement

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.

Our Commitment to Equity

We hold ourselves accountable to the communities we serve. We acknowledge we have much to learn and much to change; and we firmly uphold equity and inclusion for every person in the San Diego region. This includes historically underserved, systemically marginalized groups impacted by actions and inactions at all levels of our government and society.

We have an obligation to eliminate disparities and ensure that safe, healthy, accessible, and inclusive opportunities are available to everyone. In 2021, SANDAG will develop an equity action plan that will inform how we plan, prioritize, fund, and build projects and programs; frame how we work with our communities; define how we recruit and develop our employees; guide our efforts to conduct unbiased research and interpret data; and set expectations for companies and stakeholders that work with us.

We are committed to creating a San Diego region where every person who visits, works, and lives can thrive.

Board of Directors

Friday, April 30, 2021

| Item No. | | Action |
|----------------|--|-------------|
| 1. | Non-Agenda Public 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 Board on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. If the number of public comments under this agenda item exceeds five, additional public comments will be taken at the end of the agenda. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comment. | |
| Consent | | |
| +2. | Approval of Meeting Minutes <i>Francesca Webb, SANDAG</i> The Board of Directors is asked to approve the minutes from its April 23, 2021, meeting. | Approve |
| +3. | Executive Director Delegated Actions <i>Kim Monasi, SANDAG</i> In accordance with various Board Policies, this report summarizes delegated actions taken by the Executive Director. | Information |
| +4. | Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG <i>Francesca Webb, SANDAG</i> Board members will provide brief reports on external meetings and events attended on behalf of SANDAG. | Information |
| +5. | Audit Committee and Compensation Ad Hoc Subcommittee <i>Chair Catherine Blakespear, City of Encinitas</i> The Board of Directors is asked to approve the creation of an Audit Committee and Compensation Ad Hoc Subcommittee. | Approve |
| Reports | | |
| 6. | Non-Agenda Member Comments Board members may provide information and announcements on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. | |
| +7. | 2021 Regional Plan: Aligning State, Regional, and Local Planning <i>Coleen Clementson and Allison Wood, SANDAG</i> SANDAG staff will be joined by a panel of representatives from state and local governments, and local research institutions to describe how the 2021 Regional Plan supports state policy and local planning across land use, climate, mobility, and equity. | Discussion |

- +8. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Quintero v. San Diego Association of Governments (San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2019-00017834-CU-NP-CTL)

Amberlynn Deaton, SANDAG

The Board of Directors will be briefed on the status of the referenced litigation.

- 9. **Upcoming Meetings**

Information

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 14, 2021, at 9 a.m.

- 10. **Adjournment**

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April 23, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Chair Catherine Blakespear (Encinitas) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 8:02 a.m.

Action: **Approve**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the minutes from its April 23, 2021, meeting.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments

Mayor Serge Dedina, City of Imperial Beach, spoke regarding sewage issues in the border region and Imperial Beach.

2. First Reading of Proposed Amendments to the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance* (Conduct First Reading)

Senior Financial Programming and Project Control Analyst Ariana zur Nieden, SANDAG, presented the item.

Action: Chair Blakespear introduced the item by reading the full title of RTC Ordinance No. CO-2021-01, related to administrative expenses. Following a staff presentation on the item, upon a motion by Councilmember Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Jack Shu (City of La Mesa), the Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, was asked to waive full recitation of the proposed amendment to the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance, by reading the title and waiving full recitation of the Ordinance for this and all future readings.

The motion failed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Mayor Mary Salas (City of Chula Vista), Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer (County of San Diego), Mayor Serge Dedina (City of Imperial Beach), Councilmember Shu, Mayor Racquel Vasquez (City of Lemon Grove), Councilmember Mona Rios (City of National City), Councilmember Moreno, and Mayor Lesa Heebner (City of Solana Beach).

No: Mayor Matt Hall (City of Carlsbad), Mayor Richard Bailey (City of Coronado), Mayor Bill Wells (City of El Cajon), Councilmember Christopher Rodriguez (City of Oceanside), Mayor Steve Vaus (City of Poway), Mayor Rebecca Jones (City of San Marcos), Mayor John Minto (City of Santee), and Mayor Judy Ritter (City of Vista).

Abstain: None

Absent: City of Del Mar and City of Escondido.

There were no public comments on this item.

Consent

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its April 23, 2021, meeting.

Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego) requested that his attendance be corrected in the minutes.

There were no public comments on this item.

4. Policy Advisory Committee Actions (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to ratify the delegated actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees.

There were no public comments on this item.

5. Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program of Projects (Approve)

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 and Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act apportionments of Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program funds for the San Diego region

There were no public comments on this item.

6. FY 2022 Transit Capital Improvement Program (Approve)

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. approve the submittal of Federal Transit Administration grant applications for the San Diego region; and
2. adopt Regional Transportation Commission Resolution No. RTC-2021-06, approving Amendment No. 1 to the 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

There were no public comments on this item.

7. Regional Active Transportation Program Funding Recommendations (Approve)

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. adopt Resolution No. 2021-18, certifying the results of the San Diego Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP); and
2. recommend that the California Transportation Commission fund the San Diego Regional ATP projects consistent with Attachment 3.

There were no public comments on this item.

8. Proposed Contract Amendment: Centralized Train Control Contract Capacity Increase (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to approve adding \$360,000 in contract capacity to Contract 5000786 with ARINC, a part of Collins Aerospace, in support of ongoing track and signal work by Metropolitan Transit System into the Advanced Information Management Centralized Train Control system currently maintained by SANDAG.

There were no public comments on this item.

9. Transportation Network Company Access for All Grant Program (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to:

1. approve the submission of an application for SANDAG to serve as the San Diego region's Local Access Fund Administrator for the Access for All Program;
2. adopt Resolution No. 2021-20 as required by the California Public Utilities Commission; and
3. authorize the Executive Director to carry out all responsibilities necessary to implement the Access for All Program in the San Diego region.

There were no public comments on this item.

10. Executive Director Delegated Actions (Information)

In accordance with various Board Policies, this report summarized delegated actions taken by the Executive Director.

There were no public comments on this item.

11. Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG (Information)

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

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Heebner and a second by Councilmember Moreno, the Board of Directors voted to approve Consent Item Nos. 3 through 9.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Mayor Hall, Mayor Salas, Mayor Bailey, Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Dedina, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Councilmember Rios, Council member Rodriguez (on all consent items except Item 4), Mayor Vaus, Councilmember Rios, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, Mayor Heebner, and Mayor Ritter.

No: Councilmember Rodriguez (on Item 4 only).

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Escondido.

Reports

12. Non-Agenda Member Comments

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans District 11, spoke regarding litter removal on local highways, ongoing Caltrans safety efforts, and Earth Day special events.

Mayor Gaasterland spoke in support of a high-speed tunnel option for realignment of the Del Mar Bluffs.

13. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Executive Director Hasan Ikhata, SANDAG, provided an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives.

There were no public comments on this item.

14. 2021 Regional Plan: Social Equity (Discussion)

A panel of SANDAG staff and industry leaders discussed the technology trends that have disrupted transportation, and opportunities to leverage technology in support of our goals for fast, fair and clean mobility.

Gretchen Newsom, IBEW 569, spoke in support of social equity efforts in the Regional Plan.

Yasmeen Obeid, Mid-City CAN, spoke regarding inclusion of Arab languages and communities in regional planning, and equity in access to transportation.

Phil Petrie, Interfaith Coalition for Earth Justice, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation and climate change.

Carolina, Environmental Health Coalition, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation.

Craig Jones, member of the public, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation.

Danielle Zhang, member of the public, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation.

Tristan, member of the public, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation.

Maria Cortez, member of the public, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation.

Cris Sotomayor, member of the public, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation.

Mike Bullock, member of the public, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation and options for parking revenue.

Noah Harris, Climate Action Plan, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation.

Barry Pollard, Urban Collaborative Project, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation.

Nicole Burgess, member of the public, spoke regarding equity in access to transportation.

Dr. Gina Yamut, Arab American Association of Engineers and Architects, spoke regarding social equity and the inclusion of the Middle Eastern community in planning efforts.

Esperanza Gonzalez, City Heights resident, spoke regarding environmental justice issues along I-15 and I-805.

Alicia Sanchez, South Bay Coalition and National City resident, spoke regarding environmental justice issues and in support of express Blue Line service from the border for South Bay residents.

15. Upcoming Meetings

The next Board Policy meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 30, 2021, at 9 a.m.

16. Adjournment

Chair Blakespear adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at Board of Directors Meeting

April 23, 2021

| Board of Directors | Title | Name | Attend Virtually |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| City of Carlsbad | Mayor | Matt Hall (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Chula Vista | Mayor | Mary Salas (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Coronado | Mayor | Richard Bailey (Primary) | Yes |
| County of San Diego | Supervisor | Terra Lawson-Remer (Primary) | Yes |
| County of San Diego | Supervisor | Joel Anderson (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Del Mar | Mayor | Terry Gaasterland (Primary) | Yes |
| City of El Cajon | Mayor | Bill Wells (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Encinitas | Chair | Catherine Blakespear (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Escondido | Mayor | Paul McNamara (Primary) | No |
| City of Imperial Beach | Mayor | Serge Dedina (Primary) | Yes |
| City of La Mesa | Councilmember | Jack Shu (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Lemon Grove | Mayor | Racquel Vasquez (Primary) | Yes |
| City of National City | Councilmember | Mona Rios (Alternate) | Yes |
| City of Oceanside | Councilmember | Christopher Rodriguez (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Poway | Mayor | Steve Vaus (Primary) | Yes |
| City of San Diego | Vice Chair | Todd Gloria (Primary) | Yes |
| City of San Diego | Council President | Jen Campbell (Primary) | Yes |
| City of San Marcos | Mayor | Rebecca Jones (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Santee | Mayor | John Minto (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Solana Beach | Mayor | Lesia Heebner (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Vista | Mayor | Judy Ritter (Primary) | Yes |
| Caltrans | | Gustavo Dallarda (1st Alt.) | Yes |
| Metropolitan Transit System | Councilmember | Paloma Aguirre (Primary) | Yes |
| North County Transit District | NCTD Chair | Tony Kranz (Primary) | Yes |
| Imperial County | Supervisor | Sup. Jesus Escobar (Primary) | No |
| U.S. Department of Defense | Executive Director | Dennis Keck (Primary) | Yes |
| Port of San Diego | Commissioner | Garry Bonelli (Primary) | Yes |
| San Diego County Water Authority | Councilmember | Mel Katz (Primary) | Yes |
| San Diego County Regional Airport Authority | | Johanna Schiavoni (Primary) | Yes |
| Mexico | Consul General | Natalia Figueroa (Alternate) | No |
| SCTCA | Chairman | Cody Martinez | Yes |

Executive Director Delegated Actions

Overview

Various Board Policies require the Executive Director to report certain actions to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis or upon taking specified actions.

Delegated Actions

Contract Relief from Maintenance: [SANDAG Board Policy No. 024](#): Procurement and Contracting – Construction Policy, 5.1, authorizes the Executive Director to grant Relief from Maintenance and Responsibility on major elements of each major construction project on behalf of the Board.

Contract Acceptance: [SANDAG Board Policy No. 024](#): Procurement and Contracting – Construction Policy, 5.2, authorizes the Executive Director to accept contracts on behalf of the Board and requires all contract acceptances over \$25,000 to be reported to the Board.

- In a letter dated April 15, 2021, Flatiron/H&H, a joint venture, was granted Full Relief From Maintenance and Acceptance for the Poinsettia Station Improvements Project – Effective July 30, 2020 (CIP No. 1239805, Contract No. 5007025). The contract value was \$21,719,197.95.
- In a letter dated April 19, 2021, Flatiron West, Inc., was granted Full Relief From Maintenance Acceptance for South Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Segments 2A and 2B Project – Effective March 1, 2021 (CIP No.1280504, Contract No. 5007009). The contract value was \$21,770,002.93.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director

Key Staff Contact: Kimberly Monasi, (619) 699-6902, kimberly.monasi@sandag.org

Action: **Information**

In accordance with various Board Policies, this report summarizes delegated actions taken by the Executive Director.

Fiscal Impact:

Executive Director to accept contracts on behalf of the Board in the amount of \$43.5 million.

Scope/Schedule Impact:

None.

Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG

Board members participated in the following meetings and events on behalf of SANDAG. Key topics of discussion are also summarized.

**April 12, 2021: San Diego Regional Rail Corridor Executive Leadership Taskforce Meeting
San Diego, CA**

City of Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear attended the San Diego Regional Rail Corridor Executive Leadership Taskforce meeting as the SANDAG representative. Chair Blakespear participated in discussions on the latest findings of the Long-Term Study; an update on the emergency repairs being implemented due to the recent Del Mar Bluffs collapse; a legislative update; and a recap of funding needs to move forward.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director

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Action: **Information**

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

Audit Committee and Compensation Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Overview

At its February 28, 2020, meeting, the Audit Committee recommended amendments to Board Policy No. 039: Audit Policy Advisory Committee and Audit Activities. The proposed amendments include provisions related to leadership of the Committee and the length of terms of its members.

Additionally, at its April 23, 2021, meeting, the Audit Committee considered recommendations to the Board regarding the compensation and classification of the Independent Performance Auditor. Both the proposed Board Policy amendments and the issue of compensation will be before the Board for consideration in the coming weeks.

Key Considerations

It is proposed that an ad hoc subcommittee composed of the Board Chair (Mayor Catherine Blakespear) and the immediate past Board Chair (Mayor Steve Vaus) be created to consider these issues and to make a recommendation to the Board in light of their leadership experience overseeing the work of both the Audit Committee and the Independent Performance Auditor over the past years.

Next Steps

Pending Board approval, the ad hoc subcommittee would convene in the coming weeks and report back to the Board in conjunction with the Board's consideration of the proposed Board Policy amendments and any compensation adjustment.

SANDAG Board Chair Catherine Blakespear, Mayor City of Encinitas

Action: Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the creation of an Audit Committee and Compensation Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

The Subcommittee would be dissolved upon the Board's consideration of the proposed Board Policy Amendments and compensation issues.

2021 Regional Plan: Aligning State, Regional, and Local Planning

The 2021 Regional Plan reimagines our transportation system and puts forth policies, programs, and a land use pattern for the future to address many interrelated challenges, including economic and social inequities, climate resilience, housing affordability, and congestion and safety on our roadways. Addressing these challenges requires collaboration across federal, state, regional, and local governments, each having a unique role to play. State laws related to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and vehicle-miles traveled aim to influence regional and local planning to change how communities and transportation systems are planned and built based on the latest climate science. The regional transportation network and land use pattern envisioned in the Regional Plan set a foundation for local jurisdictions and their planning efforts. SANDAG also implements programs and provides data and analytics that support local planning.

Key Considerations

The 2021 Regional Plan must comply with specific state and federal mandates, including a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), per Senate Bill 375 (SB 375), that achieves GHG emission reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board; compliance with federal civil rights requirements (Title VI); and air quality conformity, environmental justice considerations, and a public participation process. SB 743 required changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines that bring focus to VMT in analysis of transportation impacts and streamlines CEQA review for infill development in transit priority areas (TPAs).

An important component of the SCS is the land use pattern, or subregional allocation, of forecasted growth and development. SB 375 requires the SCS land use pattern to contribute toward the regional GHG reduction targets, accommodate the Cycle 6 Regional Housing Needs Assessment determination, and utilize the most recent planning assumptions. For the 2021 Regional Plan, the SCS land use pattern is based on the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast and focuses future housing and job growth primarily in the regional Mobility Hub network, which also align with TPAs. This would provide more people access to mobility options, employment opportunities, and other key destinations while preserving open space, habitat areas, and a more resilient future.

Action: Discussion

SANDAG staff will be joined by a panel of representatives from state and local governments, and local research institutions to describe how the 2021 Regional Plan supports state policy and local planning across land use, climate, mobility, and equity.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding for development of the 2021 Regional Plan is included in Overall Work Program Element Nos. 3102000 and 3102005 in the FY 2021 Program Budget

Schedule/Scope Impact:

The draft 2021 Regional Plan and draft Environmental Impact Report are expected to be released by the Board of Directors for public review and comment in spring and summer 2021, respectively.

Implementation of the proposed transportation network projects and SCS land use pattern rely on SANDAG and local jurisdictions working together. As such, the Regional Plan includes a package of policies and programs focused on transportation technologies, sustainable growth and development, and innovative demand management. Local programs would provide technical resources and grants for member agencies and tribal nations while regional programs would provide incentives for residents and businesses to implement strategies of the Regional Plan. Implementation of the Regional Plan strategies helps local, regional, and state agencies achieve their goals across several policy areas. Program and policy areas considered in the 2021 Regional Plan include the following:

- Climate Action Planning
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- Curb Management
- Electric Vehicles
- Fix It First
- Housing
- Land Use and Regional Growth
- Parking Management
- Pricing
- Transportation Demand Management
- Transportation System Management and Operations
- Vision Zero

Summaries of the policy and program areas are available online at: <https://sdforward.com/mobility-planning/programs-and-policies>

Next Steps

In the coming months the Board will be asked to:

- Release the Draft 2021 Regional Plan for public review and comment (May 2021)
- Release the draft EIR for public review and comment (summer 2021)
- Consider adoption of the 2021 Regional Plan and certification of the final Environmental Impact Report (fall 2021)

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director / Chief Deputy Executive Director

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