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BOARD ACTIONS

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IMPACTS OF GOVERNOR'S FY 2004-05 BUDGET PROPOSAL: Directors were updated on elements of Governor Schwarzenegger's budget proposal that would affect transportation projects. Three key elements in the budget could delay and/or halt construction on major transportation projects in the region: (1) The Governor's proposal repeals the special statutory designation of Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) projects. The TCRP included \$483 million for 20 projects in San Diego. To date \$113 million has been expended. (2) The budget proposal suspends Proposition 42 for fiscal year 2004-05, which is not subject to repayment as in previous years. (3) Reverse the FY 2003/04 budget appropriation for \$189 million to meet cash management needs for TCRP projects statewide. Projects at risk of being delayed include the I-5/I-805 merger widening, SR 56, SR 905, and the East Village Transit Station improvement project. Other projects scheduled to receive TCRP funding that are in jeopardy of delay include I-15 managed lanes, SR 52, SR 94, Oceanside – Escondido Rail Line (SPRINTER), double track modifications on the Amtrak/Coaster corridor, and the purchase of buses. SANDAG is identifying options to keep projects under construction and on schedule including: bond financing for high-priority local projects; extension of the local *TransNet* half-penny sales tax, and providing assistance to state and federal elected officials to secure reauthorization of TEA-21. SANDAG staff will follow the state and federal budget processes and provide periodic updates to the Board. *(Item #18: Staff contact, Ellen Roundtree, (619) 699-6960 or ero@sandag.org)*

TEA-21 REAUTHORIZATION AND FY 2005 APPROPRIATIONS: The Board of Directors approved a transportation project list for federal funding consideration in the ongoing multiyear TEA-21 reauthorization and FY 2005 appropriations process. The list of 25 projects includes funding requests for SR 52, SR 76, SR 67, I-805, and I-5 projects. Transit projects include Mission Valley East Trolley extension, Mid Coast Light Rail Project, SPRINTER, and for the Solana Beach Transit Center, and Mira Mesa and Spring Valley Multi-modal centers. The list also includes rail improvement projects on the LOSSAN (Los Angeles – San Diego), San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway, and the SPRINTER rail corridor. For FY 2005 appropriations, there are two additional projects proposed: direct freeway-to-freeway connections from SR 125 to SR 94; and an NCTD appropriations request for funding for a new transit center in the San Luis Rey area of Oceanside. *(Item #17: Staff contact: Ellen Roundtree, (619) 699-6960 or ero@sandag.org)*

CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION AGENCY: On January 1, 2003, Senate Bill 1703 (Peace), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (Kehoe), called for the consolidation of all the roles and responsibilities of SANDAG with many of the transit functions of the Metropolitan Transit System and the North County Transit District. Staff presented SANDAG Directors with an informational report detailing the consolidation processes during the past year and the results to date. SANDAG is now responsible for transit planning, programming, project implementation, and construction of transit projects in the region. The consolidation also means

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 - Poway
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 - San Marcos
 - Santee
 - Solana Beach
 - Vista
 - and
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- San Diego County Water Authority
- Baja California/Mexico

Upcoming Board Meetings

There is no February 13 Policy Meeting

**February 27, 2004
Board Meeting**

- Draft *TransNet* Ordinance and Expenditure Plan
- Draft Overall Work Program

that the agency is no longer a voluntary association of local governments. Instead, SANDAG is a statutorily created agency. Voting amongst the agency's 18 cities and county government is now based on both membership and the population of each jurisdiction, providing for a more accountable and equitable representation of the region's residents. Under the new law, SANDAG is required to prepare and submit a progress report on the consolidation to the Governor and Legislature by December 2004, and then make a similar report on a biennial basis. Also, the California Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) is charged with evaluating SANDAG as the new consolidated agency, and making recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by December 31, 2005. The LAO will examine four areas: (1) effectiveness of current governance structure; including, but not limited to, public participation, accountability, proportional representation, and examination of various alternative governance structures; (2) effectiveness in addressing transportation needs of the region, including coordination and efficiencies in transportation planning and implementation as a result of the consolidation; (3) effectiveness of addressing quality of life indicators, including, but not limited to, land use patterns; and (4) adequacy of scope and authority for regional decision-making. After discussing the informational report, Directors requested staff to provide more quantifiable measurements to help them determine potential efficiencies. *(Item #16: Staff Contact: Ellen Roundtree, (619) 699-6960; ero@sandag.org)*

APPOINTMENTS TO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES: Members and alternates for the Borders, Executive, Regional Planning, Transportation and the new Public Safety Policy Advisory Committees were announced. Ron Morrison will Chair the Executive Committee and Mickey Cafagna, will serve as the Committee Vice Chair; Joe Kellejian will Chair the Transportation Committee and Dick Murphy will serve as the Vice Chair; Lori Holt Pfeiler will chair the Regional Planning Committee, and Patty Davis will serve as the Vice Chair; the Borders Committee will be Chaired by Crystal Crawford and Patricia McCoy will serve as Vice Chair. On the new Public Safety Committee, Steve Padilla, Mayor of Chula Vista will serve as the Committee Chair, Christy Guerin of the City of Encinitas will serve as Committee Vice Chair, other committee members are Vista Mayor Morris Vance, El Cajon Mayor Mark Lewis, and San Diego City Councilmember Charles Lewis. The County of San Diego representative to this committee will be appointed in February. *(Item #15: Staff contact: Garry Bonelli, (619) 699-1960 or gbo@sandag.org)*

ASSEMBLYMEMBER KEHOE RECOGNIZED: SANDAG Directors recognized Hon. Christine Kehoe for her work on Assembly Bill 361. The legislation enhanced key aspects of SB 1703 (see above) and provided valuable guidance on the preparation of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. *(Item #14: Staff Contact: Ellen Roundtree, (619) 699-6960; ero@sandag.org)*

FY 2005 TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: The Board approved the FY 2005 Transit Capital Improvement Program (CIP) of more than \$85.3 million for MTS and NCTD operational and replacement projects. MTS area projects include: completion of the San Ysidro Intermodal Transportation Center, improvements at the Chula Vista H Street Transit Center; and upgrading the natural gas fueling station at the Kearny Mesa bus facility. North County projects include purchasing new vans that comply with the Americans With Disability Act, overhauling Coaster locomotives, and replacing bridge and track infrastructure. The FY 2005 CIP funding will come from more than \$61.8 million in Federal Transit Administration funds, \$17.7 million in local match, \$4 million in carryover funds from previous years, and \$1.8 million in project transfers. *(Item # 10: Staff Contact, Kimberly York, (619) 557-4517 or Kimberly.York@mtdb.sdmts.com)*