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BOARD ACTIONS

February 27, 2004

TransNet Extension: If approved by two-thirds of the voters countywide in November 2004, the Extension of the existing ½-penny transportation sales tax known as *TransNet* would generate about \$9.5 billion in revenue during the 30-year period from 2008 to 2038. The existing *TransNet* program is generating about \$3.3 billion during its 20-year duration, which expires in March 2008. The current program is divided evenly in thirds among public transit, highways, and local streets and roads. However, future *TransNet* Extension revenues would be dedicated differently. Based on the work to date among a working group of elected officials as well as voter research about transportation improvements, the *TransNet* Extension would dedicate approximately: 62 percent to a specific list of congestion relief projects; 13 percent for ongoing transit programs such as bus/rail support and improvements, and senior/disabled transit passes; 18 percent for local road improvements; 6 percent for environmental mitigation; up to 1 percent for administration; and one-tenth of one percent for an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee. After listening to public testimony and detailed discussion among Board members pertaining to the division of *TransNet* Extension revenues, SANDAG voted to hold a series of public meetings leading up to the first reading of the new *TransNet* ordinance now scheduled for April 9 with a second reading scheduled for May 14. Discussions about the *TransNet* Extension are focusing on: (1) the amount of revenue dedicated between public transit and local roads; (2) the potential for development impact fees; and (3) funds for smart growth incentives, and bicycle and pedestrian projects. In a related action, SANDAG approved expending up to \$1,050,000 for a public information program about the *TransNet* Extension. (Items #11 and 12: Staff Contacts: Craig Scott, (619) 699-1926; or csc@sandag.org and Garry Bonelli; 619) 699-1960 or gbo@sandag.org)

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- Cities of
- Carlsbad
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- El Cajon
- Encinitas
- Escondido
- Imperial Beach
- La Mesa
- Lemon Grove
- National City
- Oceanside
- Poway
- San Diego
- San Marcos
- Santee
- Solana Beach
- Vista
- and
- County of San Diego

ADVISORY MEMBERS

- Imperial County
- California Department of Transportation
- Metropolitan Transit System
- North San Diego County Transit Development Board
- United States Department of Defense
- San Diego Unified Port District
- San Diego County Water Authority
- Baja California/Mexico

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (RCP) PUBLIC WORKSHOPS A third round of public workshops will be held in April to continue the public outreach and involvement effort to secure input on the draft RCP and the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Workshops will be held at six locations throughout the region (see listing on page 2). For workshop location and other information, visit www.sandag.org/rcp or call (619) 699-1916. (Item # 9: Staff contact Carolina Gregor, (619) 699-1989 or cgr@sandag.org)

FINAL TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ADMINISTRATION POLICY Directors adopted the final Transportation Development Act administration policy. TDA provides ¼ percent of the State sales tax for operating and capital support of public transportation systems and non motorized transportation projects in the San Diego region. This new policy removes administration duplications and incorproates a streamlined approach for SANDAG as the consolidated transportation agency to analyze and approve TDA claims. SANDAG now will act as the single claimant for operators in the Metropolitan

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RCP Public Workshops

April 17, 2004
Encinitas
9 to 11 a.m.

April 19, 2004
Vista
6 to 8 p.m.

April 21, 2004
San Diego
6 to 8 p.m.

April 22, 2004
Chula Vista
6 to 8 p.m.

April 24, 2004
El Cajon
9 to 11 a.m.

April 26, 2004
Oceanside
6 to 8 p.m.

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Transit System (MTS) service area. The North County Transit Development Board (NCTD) will file a separate claim. SANDAG also approved a new evaluation process for TDA bicycle and pedestrian projects and *TransNet* bicycle projects. The process has been revised to be more consistent with the evaluation and prioritization of other transportation systems such as arterial, highway, and transit projects. *(Item #6: Staff contact, Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)*

2004 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ALTERNATIVES:

The Board received a report outlining three funding options for the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The five-year funding plan is renewed every two years; however unlike previous STIP renewals, this one does not include any new funds. Given the limited funding, several transportation projects would be delayed unless new funding sources were available. SANDAG is reviewing three different STIP funding options. Option A is built on using STIP funds to pay-as-you-go; Option B would authorize issuance of a limited number of Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE bonds); and Option C would maximize the use of GARVEE and other bonds. All three options carry certain risks in terms of final approval by the California Transportation Commission as well as additional costs associated with debt service or costs due to project delay. SANDAG is scheduled to make a decision at its March 26 meeting. *(Item #13: Staff contact, Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908 or jnu@sandag.org)*

TRANSIT OPERATING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND ALLOCATIONS: The transit operators within the SANDAG region receive various revenues to support both ongoing operations and major capital projects. Each year, SANDAG provides revenue estimates to the operators. This report provides the apportionments for FY 2005 and estimates of transit revenues available for Fiscal Years 2006 to FY 2009 for each fund type. Pursuant to SB 1703, SANDAG proposes, in cooperation with the staffs of MTS and NCTD, to conduct a review of the allocation methodology for federal formula funding. The allocation methodology would be developed in consultation with the Joint Committee on Regional Transit (JCRT) and the Transportation Committee for adoption by the SANDAG Board. The Transportation Committee reviewed this information at the February 20, 2004 meeting and the SANDAG approved the recommendations to: 1) Adopt the FY 2005 Apportionments; 2) Approve the revenue projections for FY 2006 to FY 2009; and 3) Direct staff to work with the staff of NCTD and MTS in consultation with JCRT to develop a formal funding allocation methodology for federal formula funding. *(Item #8: Staff contact, Sookyung Kim, (619) 6909 or ski@sandag.org)*

STUDIES FOR RAIL IMPROVEMENTS IN ENCINITAS AND SOLANA BEACH:

Directors approved two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to partner with the City of Encinitas and NCTD on the development of studies for four grade separations over the San Diego Northern Railway in Encinitas. Three are pedestrian grade separation studies and one is for a vehicular grade separation study. The action also approved an MOU between the City of Solana Beach and SANDAG in which SANDAG will cooperate in identifying funding for a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the railway at Cliff Street in Encinitas. *(Item #7: Staff contact, Jack Boda, (619) 699-6930 or jbo@sdandag.org)*

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