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BOARD ACTIONS

June 25, 2004

NEW BOARD OFFICERS: Directors unanimously elected Poway Mayor Mickey Cafagna as SANDAG Chairman for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Teresa Sessom was elected Vice Chair of the agency. In the same motion, Directors tasked the Nominating Committee to conduct a review of the agency's Bylaws with regard to procedures, timing of the board officer elections, and the possibility of adding a second vice chair as a SANDAG Board officer. *(Item #14: Staff contact Garry Bonelli, (619) 699-1960 or gbo@sandag.org)*

FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ALLOCATIONS: Directors approved \$113.8 million in funding allocations. More than \$112 million in TDA funding will support transit operations and capital purchases for the Metropolitan Transit System and North County Transit District, community transit service operators to provide accessible service for the disabled, express bus services, and Coronado ferry services. Other TDA projects include \$2 million for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Pedestrian projects will be funded in Chula Vista, Lakeside, Del Mar, Encinitas, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, San Marcos, and La Jolla. Bicycle paths and lanes will be added in Imperial Beach, San Marcos, and City of San Diego communities in Mira Mesa, Mission Valley, La Jolla, Tierrasanta, San Ysidro, and the SDSU area. Funding also will be allocated to the Lake Hodges Bridge on the Coast to Crest Trail and for construction of the Inland Rail Trail. The Transportation Development Act provides ¼ percent of state sales tax for operating and capital support of public transportation systems and non-motorized transportation projects. SANDAG is responsible for the allocation of TDA funds to the region's Cities, the County, and transit operators. *(Item #10: Staff contact, Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)*

FY2005 PROGRAM BUDGET: Directors unanimously approved a nearly \$310 million program budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004. Major items contained in the budget include: the current *TransNet* half penny sales tax for transportation improvements; implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Plan; the RideLink ridesharing program; the Freeway Service Patrol; grants developed by the Criminal Justice Research Division as well as the newly consolidated Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS); technical services to SANDAG member agencies; and administration. The Capital Program for transit and rail projects is \$454 million. *(Item #15: Staff contact Renee Wasmund, (619) 699-1940 or rwa@sandag.org)*

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MEMBER AGENCIES

- Cities of
- Carlsbad
- Chula Vista
- Coronado
- Del Mar
- 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

Upcoming Board Meetings

July 9, 2004 at 10:15 a.m.

- Policy (*cancelled*)

July 23, 2004 at 9 a.m.

- Regional Comprehensive Plan and Environmental Impact Report
- I-15 Interregional Partnership Final Report

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROJECTS IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION:

Directors accepted the Department of Defense's (DoD) annual report for distribution to interested agencies, organizations, and individuals. The document summarizes the DoD's regional activities related to implementing smart growth strategies, and lists military construction projects for the current fiscal year and the next two fiscal years. Based on a longstanding agreement to collaborate with SANDAG, the DoD provides unclassified information about plans, policies, and activities. The DoD uses smart growth principles in its planning and policy formulation processes. Furthermore, the DoD representative serves in an ex-officio capacity on the SANDAG Board of Directors. (*Item #8: Staff Contact, Garry Bonelli, (619) 699-1960 or gbo@sandag.org*)

REPORT ON SCAG/SANDAG MEETING: Representatives from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and SANDAG meet twice yearly to exchange information and collaborate on areas of mutual interest and concern. At the May 27, 2004 meeting in Temecula, participants discussed:

- *Rail Service.* The report detailed ridership growth from 400,000 annual Amtrak riders in the 1970s to 12 million riders a year on combined Amtrak, Coaster, and Metrolink trains. The potential for continued growth will be balanced against funding shortages, infrastructure and equipment needs, and parking availability
- *Air Travel.* SCAG's 2030 forecasts project the need to accommodate 170 million air passengers annual in its six-county region (compared to 78.9 million passengers in 2003). The plan recommends developing international airports in Ontario and Palmdale which would be supported by coordinating airline routes, building a magnetic levitation high-speed train system to connect airports and activity centers, and introduction of new planes such as the super-jumbo A380.
- *Housing.* SANDAG's regional housing projections showing that 88,000 homes will be built in the San Diego region between 2003 and 2010 compared to the 107,000 to 111,000 units that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) recommends for this region. SANDAG staff provided background information on the I-15 Interregional Partnership (IRP) on land use and transportation strategies to reduce interregional commuting and its impacts on freeway congestion. Key goals are to increase the supply of moderate cost housing in San Diego while increasing the number of jobs in Riverside County. In addition, it was recommended that a similar partnership be started with Imperial County to address the growing number of people who work in San Diego who are moving to Imperial County to avoid high housing costs.

The next joint SANDAG/SCAG meeting will be scheduled in the fall. (*Item #12: Staff contact, Garry Bonelli, (619) 699-1960 or gbo@sandag.org*)

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