



BOARD ACTIONS

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BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTS REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (RCP): SANDAG voted to adopt the RCP and certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Escondido Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler led the presentation that included statements from Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, Chula Vista Councilmember Patty Davis, Lemon Grove Councilmember Jerry Jones, and City of San Diego Planning Director Gail Goldberg. The presentation summarized two years of meetings, public outreach, policy discussions, and review that has resulted in the development of a long-term planning framework for the San Diego region. The RCP aims to strengthen the relationships among local and regional plans and policies, and the connection between land use and transportation. It enables local governments as well as the region to proactively plan for change and growth. The RCP contains an incentive-based approach to encourage and channel growth into existing and future urban areas and smart growth communities. One key will be in determining how best to use regional funding dollars to make smart growth a reality. The next steps are to work with the Regional Planning Committee and Technical and Stakeholders Working Groups to launch the RCP implementation process. *(Item #11: Staff contacts Carolina Gregor (619) 699-1989 or cgr@sandag.org and Rob Rundle (619) 699-6949 or rru@sandag.org)*

I-15 INTERREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP REPORT APPROVED: SANDAG unanimously approved the Final Interstate 15 Interregional Partnership (I-15 IRP) Report – a collaborative effort between the SANDAG and southwestern Riverside County. Board Member and Del Mar Councilwoman Crystal Crawford, Co-Chair of the I-15 IRP Committee, outlined the plan’s short and long-term strategies. The plan offers strategies to reduce the demand for interregional commuting by creating a better balance between jobs and housing in the San Diego and southwestern Riverside County, and ease traffic congestion by offering more effective transportation alternatives. It has been determined that job growth in the southwestern Riverside area does not mirror the needs of its residents. Therefore, positions that better suit the skills of its workforce need to be created in that vicinity. For those who do travel into the San Diego region – especially those driving solo – improved commuting services including expanded commuter bus service, vanpool, carpool and rideshare programs must be offered; the I-15 bus rapid transit (BRT) system and interregional HOV lanes should eventually be expanded to meet their needs; and a high speed rail service should be created. In terms of housing, San Diego must find ways to develop more affordable housing to deter migration into the currently less expensive southwestern Riverside County area (e.g. Temecula and Murrieta). Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Executive Director Rick Bishop and Temecula Assistant City Manager Jim O’Grady were also

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Upcoming Meetings

Policy Meeting
September 10, 2004

Business Meeting
September 24, 2004

- Annual ridesharing report
- Transit Fare Setting Policy
- Draft Public Participation Policy

The August Policy and Board Business meetings are cancelled.

present. The I-15 IRP was initially funded by a grant from the California of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and has recently been awarded an additional \$240,000 grant from Caltrans. A cluster analysis survey is now planned to identify areas of optimal interregional economic development. The final I-15 IRP goes before the WRCOG Board of Directors in August. *(Item 12: Staff contact: Susan Baldwin, (619) 699-1943 or sba@sandag.org)*

BOARD ADOPTS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP): The goal of the RTIP is to implement the region's overall strategy for enhancing mobility and improving the efficiency and safety of the transportation system while reducing transportation-related air pollution. These efforts help the region attain federal and state air quality standards. The RTIP also incrementally develops the adopted long range Regional Transportation Plan for the region. The \$4.8 billion, five-year RTIP covers the period FYs 2005 to 2009 and includes major highway, transit, arterial, and nonmotorized projects funded by federal, state, *TransNet* local sales tax, and other local funding sources. Major highway projects included in the RTIP will improve segments of I-5, I-15, SR 52, SR 56, SR 125, SR 905, and highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects...Major transit projects include Mission Valley East Light Rail Project, Sprinter Rail, I-15 Bus Rapid Transit, Mid Coast Corridor Project, regional fare technology, and new bus/rail vehicles replacement/purchase/rehabilitation. More than \$700 million is going to local street and road projects and another \$47 million is allocated to bicycle/pedestrian projects. *(Item # 5: Staff contact, Sookyung Kim, (619) 699-6909 or ski@sandag.org)*

MORRISON RECOGNIZED FOR TWO-YEAR TERM: National City Councilmember Ron Morrison was recognized for his two year term as SANDAG Chair. During his tenure, Councilman Morrison helped to lead the completion of the Regional Transportation Plan, the development of the Regional Comprehensive Plan, and the drafting of the *TransNet Extension* Ordinance and Expenditure Plan. He also played a key role in guiding the consolidation of SANDAG as mandated by state law. The July 23, 2004 Board of Directors meeting was the first presided over by the newly elected Chair, Poway Mayor Mickey Cafagna, and Vice Chair, Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Sessom. *(Item #8: Staff contact: Garry Bonelli, (619) 699-1960 or gbo@sandag.org)*