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BOARD ACTIONS

September 24, 2004

REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE PLANNING POLICY: Directors adopted policy revisions to improve the annual process and clarify agency responsibilities among MTS, NCTD, and SANDAG for transit service planning. The new policy allows the transit system to quickly and efficiently respond to changes in travel demand and operating/fiscal environment, while ensuring that the system is adjusted and developed consistent with the region's long-range goals. *(Item #5: Staff contact: Toni Bates, (619) 699-6950; tba@sandag.org)*

REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT: SANDAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan identifies the need for more affordable housing. The Board set the region's share of the state's housing needs for the five-year period as 107,000 units. Directors unanimously accepted the draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for the 2005-2010 housing element cycle. By law, the RHNA process allocates the regional housing need number by jurisdiction and income category. A recommended methodology uses SANDAG's 2030 Forecast to allocate the 88,922 units forecast for the time period, and allocates the remaining 18,078 units based on each jurisdiction's projected share of the region's employment growth. Following a 90-day public comment period, a revised Regional Housing Needs Assessment will be presented to the Board of Directors at its January 28, 2005 meeting for approval. *(Item #18: Staff contact: Susan Baldwin, (619) 699-1943; sba@sandag.org)*

TRANSPORTATION PROGRESS REPORT: *Highway Projects:* Mid-July marked the opening of the middle section of SR 56, the final link between I-5 and I-15...Two sections of the I-15 Managed Lanes project, from Camino del Norte to Duenda Road and from Duenda Road to Lake Hodges will break ground this fall. Both projects are scheduled to open in late 2007...The SR 76 intersection at Olive Hill Road widening project is scheduled to begin in October with completion scheduled for August 2005...*Transit and Bikeway Projects:* The San Ysidro Intermodal Transit Center modifications were completed in July, including new trolley platforms, intercity bus bays, landscaping and freeway ramp elements...The Sprinter rail construction contract was awarded by NCTD in July. Fifteen stations will be built along the 22-mile Oceanside-Escondido line...*Transportation Demand Management:* Vanpool participation grew 17 percent in the last year, from 288 vanpools to 338 vanpools. Currently, 3,171 passengers are participating in the program. *(Item #9, Staff contact: Jose Nuncio, (619) 699-1908; jnu@sandag.org)*

TransNet SALES TAX AUDIT: The Executive Director was authorized to execute a contract for sales tax auditing services to identify potential retail sales taxes that have been misallocated by the State of California and to identify any *TransNet* ½-percent sales taxes that should be reallocated. Other counties that have conducted these specialized audits have received extra funds ranging from \$100,000 per year in Alameda, Orange, and Santa Clara counties to \$1 million per year in Los Angeles County. *(Item #12: Staff contact: Craig Scott, (619) 699-1926; csc@sandag.org)*

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 - Poway
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 - San Marcos
 - Santee
 - Solana Beach
 - Vista
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 - County of San Diego

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- San Diego Unified Port District
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**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

*Policy Meeting
October 8, 2004*

- Pending

*Business Meeting
October 22, 2004*

- Local Technical Assistance Annual Report
- Policy on Transit Fare Setting

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS LAUNCHED: Directors received an informational report on a new public outreach program designed to reduce youth gun violence in San Diego County. The program includes outdoor advertising, posters, and other message distribution. The messages were developed through the analysis of crime statistics as well as interviews and focus groups with youth. Other Project Safe Neighborhoods partners are working with schools to implement an anti-gun violence curriculum. *(Item #19: Staff contact, Cynthia Burke, (619) 699-1910; cbu@sandag.org)*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY: SANDAG will distribute the revised Public Participation Policy for a 45-day public review and comment period. The revised policy will serve as an umbrella policy for all public participation activities related to comprehensive planning, development planning, and design/build construction; transit service and fare changes; and Native American Consultation. The final Public Participation Policy, including comments received and responses to the comments, will be presented for SANDAG's consideration at the November 25, 2004 Board of Directors meeting. *(Item #11: Staff contact, Anne Steinberger, (619) 699-1937; ast@sandag.org)*

SANDAG AGENDA DISTRIBUTION: Directors approved an alternate distribution method for SANDAG and Policy Advisory Committee agendas and supporting materials. Members and alternates will continue to receive printed copies of the materials each month, while interested parties will receive an e-mail notification when the agenda is posted to the SANDAG Web site. A subscription fee to recoup production costs will be charged to parties interested in receiving materials through the mail. A limited number of copies of the agenda and supporting materials also will be available at each meeting. This method provides a savings of \$64,000 a year. *(Item #7: Staff contact: Leslie Campbell, (619) 699-1999; lca@sandag.org)*

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (RCP) TEAM RECOGNIZED: A number of stakeholders worked countless hours to develop the RCP. SANDAG Chair Mickey Cafagna and Board Member Lori Holt Pfeiler, Chair of the Regional Planning Committee, recognized this cooperative team, and presented certificates of appreciation to representatives who were critical to the development of the RCP. The RCP is the strategic planning framework for the San Diego region. It creates a regional vision. The plan provides a broad context in which local and regional decisions can be made that foster a healthy environment, a vibrant economy, and a high quality of life for all residents. It balances regional population, housing, and employment growth with habitat preservation, agriculture, open space, and infrastructure needs. The goal of the RCP is to move us toward a sustainable future — a future with more choices and opportunities for all residents. *(Item #16: Staff contact: Carolina Gregor, (619) 699-1989; cgr@sandag.org)*

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