PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Friday, December 10, 2004
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
SANDAG
401 B Street, 7th Floor Conference Room
San Diego, CA

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
• INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS)
• REGIONAL PUBLIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

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1. ROLL CALL

+2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12, 2004, MEETING MINUTES (pp. 5-12)  

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Public Safety Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers are limited to three minutes each and shall reserve time by completing a “Request to Speak” form and giving it to the Clerk prior to speaking. Committee members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.

CONSENT

+4. AMEND THE FY 2005 PROGRAM BUDGET AND OVERALL WORK PROGRAM TO ADD ONE NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH DIVISION PROJECT (Cynthia Burke) (pp. 13-15)

At their November 19, 2004, meeting, SANDAG’s Board of Directors approved an amendment to their Bylaws and Board Policy No. 026 that authorizes the Public Safety Committee (PSC) to approve financial transactions for the Criminal Justice Research Division and ARJIS up to $500,000. We are seeking the PSC’s approval to amend the FY 2005 Program Budget and OWP to add a new work element and accept $235,120 from Phoenix House to evaluate a substance abuse treatment program for juveniles reentering the community from local detention facilities.

REPORTS

5. REPORT FROM CHIEFS'/SHERIFF'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Chief Davis)

Chief Davis will report on the December 1, 2004, meeting of the Chiefs’/Sheriff’s Management Committee.
6. EVALUATION OF THE REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (Pam Scanlon) (pp. 16-17)

A panel of experts will discuss the evaluation of the Regional Domestic Violence Communication System (DVCS) designed to meet the unique needs of criminal justice agencies, community service care providers, and other community partners who address domestic violence issues and assist victims and batterers in San Diego County. The primary goal of the system is for agencies to share domestic violence related information, resulting in more appropriate responses and earlier intervention to break the domestic violence cycle. The evaluation is currently in progress and initial findings will be presented.

7. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) PROGRAM (Samuel Johnson) (pp. 18-19)

SANDAG has been involved in the planning, deployment, and management of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for over ten years. Working in partnership with local cities, transportation operators, Caltrans, and the Federal Highway Administration, the region has developed a vision for the deployment of advanced technologies and coordinated operations that will serve to improve the regions' surface transportation system, support public safety, and provide travelers with system information. Staff will present an overview of ITS with a focus on the potential areas for collaboration with public safety. An ITS overview was presented at the Transportation Committee meeting on December 10, 2004.

8. REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE (Pam Scanlon)

A Scope of Services and associated funding for the regional public safety needs assessment to help establish short- and long-term goals for SANDAG’s Public Safety Committee (PSC) was approved at the November PSC meeting. Staff have identified and secured the services of an independent consultant to assist with the needs assessment. Throughout December interviews will be conducted with members from the PSC meeting and key stakeholders. An initial set of findings will be presented at the January PSC, and a briefing for the February SANDAG Board Retreat. The consultant will also assist staff in developing a work program and budget for carrying out agreed-upon priorities for FY 2005-2006. The consultant will provide a status report on the progress to date.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for January 14, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Chair Padilla (South County). Roll call was made by self introductions. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mayor Mark Lewis (East County) and a second by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego), the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved the minutes of September 10, 2004.

APPROVAL OF RETREAT MEETING SUMMARY

Upon a motion by Mayor Lewis and a second by Supervisor Slater-Price, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved the summary from the October 8, 2004, retreat.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments, communications, or member comments.

CONSENT

REENTRY MAPPING NETWORK IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (INFORMATION)

The Reentry Mapping Network (RMN) is a partnership among community-based organizations and the Urban Institute designed to create community change through the mapping and analysis of neighborhood-level data related to reentry and community well-being. In September 2004, San Diego was selected as one of six new partner sites, joining six already established sites. SANDAG’s Criminal Justice Research Division will be working with the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office to gather information on where parolees and probationers who are returning to local communities live and what barriers they have (e.g., substance use, employment) to successfully reentering after living in jail or prison.
Report: The Public Safety Committee received this report for information.

REPORTS

6. REPORT FROM CHIEFS'/SHERIFF’S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (INFORMATION)

Chief Jim Davis (County Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Association) reported that several of the items on today’s agenda cover a lot of what was discussed at the November Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Management Committee meeting. He said that they are eager to start the needs assessment process, and he expressed appreciation to the Chair and Vice Chair for leading this effort. Chief Davis emphasized the importance of the reentry mapping project, and there were some requests for information that the Chiefs and Sheriff would like to see come out of that program. He acknowledged that reentry is a significant problem for our community, and they are eager to see if anecdotal information is supported with scientific data.

Action: The Public Safety Committee accepted this report for information.

7. REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS ASSESSMENT (APPROVE)

Pam Scanlon, Director of Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS), reported that the proposed regional public safety needs assessment was well received at the November Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Management Committee. The Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Committee is excited about this effort to conduct a needs assessment focused on the following four priority areas: regional training, interoperability and regional communication, a regional information system for centralized analysis of data, and a regional public safety service center.

Ms. Scanlon said that staff has been working towards the due date to present a report at the SANDAG Board Retreat in February 2005. To this end, staff has located $16,000 in savings from the ARJIS budget due to consolidation. She explained that ARJIS now saves $16,000 in mapping license fees to the San Diego Geographic Information Source (SANGIS). She also reported staff has identified additional funds from an Intelligent Transportation Systems project in SANDAG’s Mobility Management and Project Implementation Department, so we now have $30,000 for the needs assessment project.

Ms. Scanlon stated we have identified and hired a consultant, who will start during the week of November 15 and we will be asking for representatives from the PSC and the Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Management Committee to be available for interviews, to assist us in surveys, and for other needed information.

Chief Davis stated that there has been a request for information dealing with the interoperability of radio systems being coordinated through Assistant Sheriff Bill Gore’s office.
Ms. Scanlon distributed a scope of services for the needs assessment that includes the seven tasks highlighted and the schedule for completing this project.

Ms. Scanlon announced that the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference meeting starts tomorrow (November 13, 2004) in Los Angeles. Staff will be meeting with the consultant during that time regarding the approach to this project.

Vice Chair Guerin (North County Coastal) thanked staff for moving so quickly on this project.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, said that the joint staff effort that found funding for this project shows a benefit of Public Safety collaborating with other SANDAG departments.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Supervisor Slater-Price and a second by Chief Davis, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved the use of up to $16,000 in ARJIS start-up funds to hire a consultant to conduct the needs assessment, the preliminary results of which will be presented to the Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Management Committee and the Public Safety Committee in January 2005, as well as at the February 2005 SANDAG Board Retreat.

8. **DRUG USE TRENDS AMONG LOCAL ARRESTEES (INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Dr. Cynthia Burke, Director of the Criminal Justice Research Division, shared recent information collected as part of an on-going project called Substance Abuse Monitoring, or SAM (formerly known as DUF and ADAM). As part of this study, staff goes into detention facilities, with the cooperation of the Sheriff’s and the Probation Departments, to interview adults and juveniles about their drug use. These data are useful to track drug trends and also offer a platform for other research efforts, such as prisoner reentry and domestic violence.

In 2003, about two-thirds of adult arrestees and slightly more than half of juveniles tested positive for some type of drug. Juveniles and males were more likely to test positive for marijuana and adult females were more likely to test positive for methamphetamine. Data from new questions asked of juveniles indicates that many of the youth interviewed did not think marijuana was bad for them and the majority reported it was easy to obtain alcohol and other drugs. Juvenile boys and girls who were interviewed reported different risk factors, with girls more likely to have run away, attempted suicide, and have a parent who has used drugs. While juveniles were most likely to be enrolled in a treatment program, they were least likely to successfully complete it.

Chair Padilla asked if there were any internal factors for the runaway numbers or if they were a combination of factors for the drug use. Dr. Burke replied that staff will be putting out a research bulletin that will look at the reasons for running away.

Chief Davis said that one of the things that we should look further into is which treatment programs yield the best results.

Vice Chair Guerin said it was disturbing to see 100 percent of juveniles enrolled in a treatment program, but only 20 percent completing the program. She asked about this
discrepancy. Dr. Burke said they defined the percentage for those who had indicated they had successfully graduated from the program.

Chair Padilla asked if there are programs that deal with the unique needs of female users. He noted that women have a high treatment enrollment figure and a high completion figure, yet they continue to be the majority of users. Dr. Burke said a new curriculum is being implemented in East County at KIVA, which is operated by the McAllister Institute, to try and deal with those trauma issues.

Vincent Iaria, San Diego County Probation Department, stated that the gender-specific programming in the County is good in terms of special treatment. The Probation Department has some gender-specific-programming and a facility designed to do that type of work.

Chief Tom Zoll (County Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Association) asked if the length of stay in custody is calculated in this information. Dr. Burke replied that the interviews were conducted within 48 hours of a person being booked into custody but we don’t know how long they would be in the treatment program. She also noted that one of the advantages of having a drug use research program at the local level is the ability to incorporate new interview questions. Dr. Burke said we just received a new grant with Phoenix House, a treatment provider, to look at juveniles who are reentering from the Juvenile Ranch Facility and who have drug and alcohol issues. This effort will continue past the time the juveniles are released from the camp.

Funding for SAM between 1987 and 2002 was provided by the National Institute of Justice. In 2003, this funding was cut for the juvenile component and in 2004 the entire program was dismantled. Because this information is so useful to the region, the California Border Alliance Group provided $25,000 in 2003 to maintain the juvenile component and fully funded the program in 2004 for $75,000. These funds are used to pay interviewers to collect the data and to reimburse the Sheriff’s Department for assistance provided by reserves.

Sergeant Stetson, Narcotics Section, San Diego Police Department, stated that the information gained from this program is critical. Their sources are limited to obtain this type of information and the people are not as open to talking with law enforcement personnel. This information helps direct enforcement efforts, learn how criminals operate and conduct business, confirm trends we know about, and tell us about new trends. It helps us obtain federal money and grants and is also a good measuring stick of success. Dr. Burke noted that these statistics show that often the mothers are using meth themselves, and it is felt that leaving kids in a home with a drug environment brings perversions and violence. A drug endangered child program has been established that specifically addresses that issue. Sergeant Stetson hoped that the SAM program would be continued.

Vincent Iaria agreed that SAM is an extremely valuable program. He asked why the federal government eliminated funding for our local program. Dr. Burke replied that the NIJ said that this program, in its height, had 35 sites and it took up a large component of funding. NIJ wanted to look at where it could most effectively use these funds and decided that it wasn’t a priority for them to have the local data.
Assistant Sheriff Bill Gore (San Diego County Sheriff's Department) asked how much it is to fund this program. Dr. Burke replied that it is about $75,000 to collect the data. This money funds the interviewers to go into the facilities and it also funds the deputies. In the past, we were able to use Reserves but because we are going into the jail settings, we need to have a Sheriff’s deputy get the inmate and bring them to the interview setting.

Mayor Lewis (East County) wondered if there is a way to work with the judges and get the information out on the street that if you get caught with drugs in your system you will spend 10 percent longer in jail. In his experience, juveniles don’t like incarceration time. He also asked if we have done any follow-up drug use testing after juveniles have left jail so that we can find out where they are getting the drugs. Dr. Burke responded that we do try to ask juveniles while they are incarcerated how they are getting the drugs. We have not followed up with them after they have left incarceration.

Mayor Lewis commented that unless you remove juveniles from their neighborhood they go back into the same programs. Dr. Burke said that to protect their identity we don’t keep information on anyone we interview so it can’t be used for or against them. We do ask if they have been arrested or spent time in prison before. She said we could ask additional questions about a person’s history of coming in and out of the system, and if they have been interviewed before.

Vice Chair Guerin said that Phoenix House is a facility to get a child into treatment when parents recognize the problem before an arrest occurs. Juveniles without parental participation are the ones that usually end up in jail. What we might be able to do is compare the kids coming out of a treatment facility like Phoenix House and those from jail. She disagreed with the idea of the courts giving juveniles more jail time, but suggested that the courts demand that juveniles go into an outpatient treatment program for a certain period of time.

Mayor Lewis said that it was amazing to him to learn about the amount of parental drug use. This makes it hard for children if the parents are drug users.

Vincent Iaria asked what the surveys say about drug use in the nonarrested population. He also asked if the information on drug use has been mapped. Dr. Burke said in response to the first question that the Juvenile Bulletin is the next one we come out with and it will have that information. There is a survey of high school students that asked questions of that general population so we could do those types of comparisons. On the second question, we asked the meth users specific questions about their dealers and we do have some zip code information. The adults are paranoid to tell us too many details about their drug purchase; however, we will look at mapping it. With juveniles, we asked how they got the substances the first time and most recently, and the answer was from friends and family members. We asked where they took the drugs and the response was at their friend’s and their family members’ houses. She said that it would be interesting to see how many are doing drugs in their own home.

Vincent Iaria commented that drug offenders don’t weigh the amount of jail time, and they have the ability to get drugs in state prisons.
Chair Padilla asked about the numbers on enrollment and completion for treatment programs. He asked if this was all institutional programs or court mandated programs. Dr. Burke replied that it was outpatient and inpatient, but did not include Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous.

Chair Padilla asked about the breakdown between institutional and inpatient programs. Dr. Burke said that they didn’t ask that question.

Chair Padilla said that it would be interesting to know if there is a difference in that program model on success rates.

Chair Padilla asked if the funding issue should be going into SANDAG’s legislative program or be a coordinated effort to secure other applicable grant funding. Dr. Burke replied that we are trying to go out and see who is using the data so that we can get their support. She solicited ideas from Committee members for funding this program.

Mayor Lewis said that since this is a regional issue, perhaps SANDAG could find some funding for this program.

Mr. Gallegos recommended that this program be added to our legislative agenda so we can lobby on behalf of this program.

Assistant Sheriff Gore asked how much of the $75,000 is paid to the Sheriff's department. Dr. Burke said that about $30,000-$35,000 is used for that purpose. (After the meeting, staff rechecked our calculations and found the actual amount to be closer to $25,000.)

Dr. Burke said that she might need a letter of support from the Committee, signed by the Chair, showing the support of the law enforcement and elected officials on this type of issue. The Committee agreed with this action.

Action: The Public Safety Committee directed staff to pursue funding for this program.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Padilla noted that the next meeting will be held on Friday, December 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Scanlon noted that February 9-11 is the SANDAG Board Retreat in Borrego Springs. Vice Chair Guerin asked that the Public Safety retreat item be held on February 10. She expressed her desire that the law enforcement members of this committee attend at least this portion of the SANDAG Retreat.

Ms. Scanlon said that for the December and January meetings there will be the ongoing report from the Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Management Committee. In December, staff will also be bringing a budget amendment to accept the funds for the study of youth reentry and a report on the domestic violence communications sharing system. She noted that the consultant brought on for the public safety needs assessment will be on hand to discuss the approach, tasks, and progress to date. There will also be a report pertaining to SANDAG’s
efforts on creating an Intelligent Transportation System and its collaborative opportunities with public safety.

At the January 2005 meeting, staff will bring a budget amendment dealing with options for using the savings in the FY 2005 ARJIS budget as a result of reduced fees from the San Diego Data Processing Corporation. We will also be presenting the 2006 preliminary public safety work program and budget along with the preliminary findings from the regional public safety needs assessment.

Chair Padilla said that he was encouraged by the Public Safety Committee Retreat and appreciated the members’ participation in that event. He invited all Committee members to attend the SANDAG Board Retreat.

Chair Padilla announced a Conference on Cross Border Prosecution and Extradition in the U.S./Mexican Context was being sponsored by the University of San Diego’s School of Law and Trans-Border Institute. The event is scheduled for December 2, 2004.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Padilla adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

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Director of Technical Services

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AMEND THE FY 2005 PROGRAM BUDGET AND OVERALL WORK PROGRAM TO ADD ONE NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH DIVISION PROJECT

Introduction

At their November 19, 2004, meeting, SANDAG’s Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Bylaws and Board Policy No. 026 that authorizes the Public Safety Committee (PSC) to approve financial transactions for the Criminal Justice Research Division and ARJS up to $500,000. We are seeking the PSC’s approval to amend the FY 2005 Program Budget and OWP to add a new work criminal justice work element and accept $235,120 from Phoenix House to complete an evaluation that will document implementation and measure their substance abuse treatment program’s effectiveness.

Recommendation

The Public Safety Committee is asked to approve an amendment to the FY 2005 Program Budget and OWP to add a new work element and accept $235,120 from Phoenix House to evaluate a substance abuse treatment program for juveniles reentering the community from local detention facilities.

Discussion

Phoenix House of San Diego, Inc., one of the largest providers of substance abuse treatment services in Southern California, recently received a four-year federal grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). In partnership with the San Diego County Probation Department, Phoenix House will provide services to teens who are returning to the community after receiving substance abuse treatment while incarcerated. These teens will receive an additional 12 weeks of intense follow-up and three months of step-down care that will address their needs related to substance abuse, mental, and physical health, educational, vocational, and housing. SANDAG has previously evaluated a number of other juvenile delinquency prevention projects in partnership with the Probation Department. For this effort, Criminal Justice Research staff would document program implementation and track program successfulness through client interviews and data collection from archival records. In return for these services, SANDAG will receive a total of $235,120 over the four-year grant. The attachment shows the details of this proposed new work element.

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PROGRAM WORK ELEMENT 2004
YOUNG OFFENDER REENTRY EVALUATION

Budget Summary For OWP No. 20041

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Objective

The objective of this work element is to conduct a process and impact evaluation of a new young offender reentry program being implemented by Phoenix House. SANDAG staff will assist Phoenix House in documenting how the program is implemented and managed, as well as what client needs are and how well they were met.

Previous and Ongoing Work

SANDAG researchers have worked with the San Diego County Probation Department on a number of juvenile delinquency prevention projects.

Tasks

1. Meet with program staff. (FY 2005 - 10%)
2. Finalize data collection instruments and protocols and receive IRB approval. (FY 2005 – 10%)
3. Review, code, enter, clean, and analyze client data. (FY 2005 – 20%)
4. Attend cross-site project trainings. (FY 2005 – 5%)
5. Prepare interim project reports. (FY 2005 – 15%)
6. Submit data to the funding source. (FY 2005 - 10%)
7. Collect treatment tracking data. (FY 2005 – 10%)
8. Collect qualitative data from program clients and staff. (FY 2005 – 10%)
9. Collect data from archival records. (FY 2005 – 10%)

Committee: Public Safety Committee; Project Manager – Cynthia Burke
Products

- Interim report to the funding agency. (June 2005)

Future Activities

This project is currently funded for four years for a total of $235,120.
EVALUATION OF THE REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Introduction

In a partnership among the San Diego Police Department, San Diego County Probation, and ARJIS, in 2002, a regional Domestic Violence Communications System (DVCS) was developed and implemented to help reduce domestic violence in San Diego County. The primary goal of the DVCS was to promote information sharing not previously available or encouraged between law enforcement, courts, shelters, victims’ counselors, batterers’ counselors, the District Attorney’s Office, the City Attorney’s Office, the Probation Department, and Child Protective Services. By sharing domestic violence information, each agency can now more effectively assess the overall circumstances and needs, resulting in more appropriate responses and earlier intervention to break the domestic violence cycle.

The DVCS is web-based, with police incident data being loaded every 24 hours. Currently over 200 active users have access to more than 7,000 offenders entered in the system. A legal review was conducted by the San Diego City attorney to determine which data the various agencies are allowed to access based on their responsibilities as related to domestic violence. ARJIS, through a grant from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), is in the process of completing an evaluation of the DVCS. Initial findings of the assessment show that the treatment providers are the heaviest users of the system and have found value in the timeliness of the information they receive, but there is still a need for more technical support for treatment providers and shelters.

Recommendation

The Public Safety Committee is asked to receive this report for discussion and provide comments and direction.

Discussion

In February 2004, ARJIS received a grant from NIJ to undertake an evaluation of the DVCS for the benefit of the domestic violence community. The goal of the evaluation is to determine customer satisfaction and to determine what modifications and enhancements should be implemented. The evaluation also addresses whether or not the DVCS provides public safety officials with useful and appropriate information to improve their productivity. Finally, the evaluation includes a technical assessment to examine system performance, utilization, reliability, and maintainability.

A survey was created that addressed system performance, user satisfaction, and system improvements. It was completed by over 30 domestic violence treatment providers, shelter counselors, and domestic violence detectives. Additionally interviews were conducted with representatives from these agencies, along with judges, probation officers, and members of the
City Attorney’s Office. On-site visits were a valuable method of observing how the departments use the system in real-time. Finally, an audit helped identify who has been using the system the most frequently, and for what specific tasks. A list of technical suggestions was compiled and a cost estimate for implementation has been requested. These efforts have helped to plan for improvements and future enhancements.

In the process of reviewing records and conducting interviews, it was discovered that the courts and probation department were not using the system as often as initially estimated. Additionally an unprecedented turnover in staff due to retirements and transfers resulted in a lack of executive sponsorship for the program. A new Probation Chief has recently taken steps to encourage agencies be more involved in utilizing this important resource. A presentation of the DVCS was made to the Probation Safety Committee outlining the system, and an additional fifty ARJIS connections were installed to facilitate access at Probation. In an attempt to expand the DVCS user base, judges from Central and East County Courts were contacted and discussions are underway to familiarize them with the system. All treatment providers are using the system to post monthly treatment progress reports, which allows Probation and the Courts to easily check on the status of their clients.

There have been an equal number of turnovers of treatment provider and shelter staff. Additional free training sessions for new treatment providers and shelter counselors are being offered in December.

Two new functionalities of the system have been proposed, but funding has not yet been identified. The first is a new intake section to be utilized by San Diego’s Family Justice Center (SDFJC). This section will provide a single location to capture relevant information about victims seeking help at the SDFJC. It will track the location of victims as they travel between the nineteen potential service areas located in the SDFJC, such as Child Protective Services, Children’s Hospital, and the Chaplain’s Office, to ensure victims get the assistance they need in a timely manner. Additionally, there are plans underway to add a case management component. Currently the San Diego Police Department and City Attorneys Office use two different databases to track domestic violence offenders. The new component will combine these databases to enable the two agencies to better track their cases and share statistics.

The U.S. Department of Justice is promoting the SDFJC as a national model for domestic violence services and has announced 12 more centers created using the San Diego model. The DVCS is also being considered as a national model for information sharing within the new centers.

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INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) PROGRAM

Introduction

SANDAG has been involved in the planning, deployment, and management of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for over ten years. Working in partnership with local cities, transit operators, county, CHP, Caltrans, and the Federal Highway Administration, the region has developed a vision for the deployment of advanced technologies and coordinated operations that will serve to improve the region’s surface transportation system, support public safety, and provide travelers with system information.

ITS efforts and deployments are focused around highways (freeways and arterials), transit, and event/incident management and a robust, comprehensive traveler information system. A key to our ITS vision is the integration of these various modal technology deployments into a comprehensive management system that provides a unified view of the region’s transportation system and resources through initiatives such as fiber optic communications and a Regional Operations Center.

One of our key missions is to build consensus and partnerships between transportation organizations and public safety agencies for information sharing and coordinated operations to maximize the value and resulting benefit of regional ITS investments. We also see significant potential to enhance opportunities for our transportation and public safety agencies to utilize the system and promote coordinated operations through shared and/or virtual facilities. The regional public safety needs assessment will begin to identify more specifically opportunities for collaboration between ITS and regional public safety initiatives for consideration by the Committee.

Recommendation

The Public Safety Committee is asked to receive this report for discussion and provide comments and direction.

Discussion

We have worked with key stakeholders to manage the deployment and integration of technology solutions that improve operations and provide efficiency improvements to our transportation system, but these efforts also can help enhance public safety in the region. Our efforts have focused on key objectives in the highway, transit, and event/incident management with a goal of deploying a state of the art traveler information system.

- **Highway Management** – The objective for highway management is to support dynamic management, performance monitoring, and more efficient management of our transportation and public safety resources using technologies such as traffic monitoring cameras, vehicle detection, automatic vehicle location, synchronized traffic signal system, and changeable message signs.

- **Transit Management** – The objectives for transit management are on operational efficiency and customer satisfaction and increased transit ridership using regional approaches to
technologies such as wireless communications for voice and data, computer aided dispatch, signal priority, and electronic message boards.

- **Event/Incident Management** - The objective for event/incident management is to provide transportation and public safety agencies with information regarding the impacts of planned and unplanned events that affect our transportation system. This would provide for proactive real-time management by transit and public safety operations; resulting in fewer increases in travel time for travelers and faster on scene arrival by emergency personnel.

- **Traveler Information System** - The objective for our traveler information system is to implement an automated service that utilizes advanced technologies and effective information dissemination to serve the broad range of traveler information needs of the region, providing travelers with reliable and timely information with which they may manage individual trips for optimum safety, efficiency, and economy.

Key to our vision is the integration of these various modal technology deployments into a comprehensive management system. Projects under development that have the potential to enhance regional public safety initiatives include:

- **Fiber Optic Communication System** - To support the data connectivity needs of the regional systems and the operators/agencies using them, Caltrans and SANDAG are working to install and/or enhance their communication networks. These efforts will result in the creation of a logical regional network connecting transit, freeway, and arterial systems for integration, traveler information, and coordinated operations.

- **Regional Operations Center** - To maximize use of the resulting transportation management system and promote coordinated operations, SANDAG is working with the transit operators and the City of San Diego to construct a Regional Operations Center. This facility would house the central/integrated components of our ITS deployments, transit dispatch/control operations, City of San Diego special event traffic management operations, and provide virtual coordinated operations through communications and data sharing with the Caltrans Traffic Management Center and other traffic management and emergency operation facilities in the region. SANDAG is currently seeking participation from public safety agencies to identify direct and regional benefits from their use or virtual connection to the facility.

The region is making significant progress in planning and deployment of ITS. Projects/efforts, which will result in significant benefits for the region, are underway and their completions will provide transportation operators, public safety officials, and travelers with vital tools to improve mobility in the region. The deployment, management, and maintenance of ITS and related technologies is complex and expensive and significant cost needs remain to fully implement and operate these systems. These issues underscore the value of identifying appropriate opportunities for collaboration and resource sharing between ITS and regional public safety initiatives that will enhance both public safety and our transportation system. While challenges exist to implementing our ITS vision, continued commitment to this effort will result in a more efficient system that supports transportation operations, aids public safety, and delivers tangible products to the public.

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