



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FEBRUARY 25, 2005**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 05-02-1B  
ACTION REQUESTED - APPROVE**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS  
JANUARY 28, 2005**

Chairman Mickey Cafagna (Poway) called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors to order at 9:06 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Jim Madaffer (City of San Diego) and a second by Mayor Joe Kellejian (Solana Beach), the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the minutes from the December 17, 2004, meeting.

2. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

Chuck Lungerhausen, a member of the public, announced his fundraising effort for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk on April 9 and 10. His team will be doing their water walking on April 2 at 10 a.m. in the Mission Beach Plunge. He invited all to observe their activity, and solicited donations for this cause. He thanked those who previously provided financial support. He said that because of the support provided, he and others with MS are able to swim at the Mission Beach Plunge for exercise, and research continues around the country to find a cure.

Luis Cabrera Cuaron, Counsel General of Mexico, provided background information about the formation of the Borders Economic Commission, and noted that this is an important means of cooperation along the border. He said that it was time to revise this organization to focus on today's border reality. He thanked SANDAG for its support in allowing them to meet in the SANDAG Board Room. The purpose of the Commission's meeting was to raise the awareness of the new reality of the border, note changes in the administration in the United States with the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, and to gather together newly elected authorities from the City of Tijuana. Three primary committees have been created: public safety and civil protection, ports of entry and reconstruction, and migration and conservation protection. There is also a committee on the environment and natural resources. Previously this committee was focused only on water issues, but it has been expanded to other matters under this category. He also thanked Tijuana Mayor Jorge Hank for the support of Tijuana's new administration in all of these activities

Chair Cafagna expressed his appreciation for those joint efforts, and said that we will continue to support them.

### **CONSENT ITEMS (4 through 6)**

4. ACTIONS FROM POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES (APPROVE)
5. TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY (TEA-21) REAUTHORIZATION AND FY 2006 APPROPRIATIONS FUNDING REQUESTS (APPROVE)

To continue to pursue federal funding for transportation projects, the Transportation Committee recommends that the Board approve the list of federal transportation funding requests under the multi-year TEA-21 reauthorization process and the FY 2006 annual appropriations process.

6. REVISED 2005 SANDAG MEETING CALENDAR (APPROVE)

The SANDAG Board of Directors approved the 2005 SANDAG Meeting Calendar at its October 2004 meeting. Since that time, changes have been made to the Calendar to accommodate scheduling conflicts that have been brought to staff's attention.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego) and second by Councilmember Madaffer, the SANDAG Board voted to approve Consent Item Nos. 4 through 6. Yes – 15 (weighted vote, 100%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – El Cajon, Imperial Beach, National City and Vista.

### **CHAIR'S REPORTS**

7. INTRODUCTION OF HON. JORGE HANK, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TIJUANA, MEXICO

Chair Cafagna announced a very special guest. The honorable Jorge Hank was elected as Mayor of Tijuana for the 2004-2005 term. Mayor Hank visited SANDAG in October 2004 when he was the mayor-elect. SANDAG representatives attended his inaugural ceremony in Tijuana on November 30, 2004. Three weeks ago, Chair Cafagna witnessed the installation ceremony of the City of Tijuana's Border Affairs Commission. One of Mayor Hank's first actions was to appoint Alfonso Bustamante as the Director for International Relations. One of Mr. Bustamante's responsibilities is to work with and at SANDAG. The Mayor's visit represents a new phase in the city's relationship with SANDAG. Chair Cafagna also wished Mayor Hank a happy birthday.

Mayor Hank thanked SANDAG for the invitation to attend this Board meeting. He acknowledged the importance of the relationship between San Diego and Tijuana, and he stated that he wants to publicize this relationship because he believes that San Diego and Tijuana belong to one region. He has started to inform people in Tijuana about this relationship, and that San Diego does care about Tijuana. The Mayor acknowledged that Tijuana needs assistance. He appreciated the opportunity to attend this meeting and

thanked SANDAG for providing an office for Mr. Bustamante. He also thanked the Consul General and offered his assistance to work together on mutual interests. He commented that the City of Tijuana is making a significant effort to bring back a sense of security for tourists. Eighteen bilingual police officers have been selected to patrol the area between the border and Avenue Revolucion, and there will be a special telephone number for tourists who may experience problems in Tijuana.

Chair Cafagna thanked Mayor Hank for creating the Border Economic Commission. We will work to schedule a joint meeting with the Commission and SANDAG's Borders Committee. We also want to set up a regular dialogue between the two cities to work together on some of the issues and solutions, and to exert pressure on our governments to accept those solutions.

#### 9. PRESENTATION OF AWARD OF RECOGNITION TO SENATOR DENISE DUCHENY

Chair Cafagna thanked Senator Ducheny on behalf of the 18 cities and county government for the leadership in putting together this bill and ensuring that it became law. This new law extends until June 2010 the authority for our cities and county to self-certify general plan housing elements. It also allows our jurisdictions to retain funding eligibility pursuant to the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act. The extension of the self-certification coincides with the housing element sunset date allowing our cities and SANDAG time to integrate local plans with our new Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). He presented Senator Ducheny with a plaque of appreciation.

Senator Ducheny thanked everyone for their help with this two-year bill. She said that a lot of people looked to San Diego as the model for self-certification. What you have been doing to integrate land use and housing on a regional basis is a model, and you should strive to make it work. She said that SANDAG's efforts to share affordable housing and to create affordable housing in this county are appreciated. She hoped the work will continue to integrate at the level where Tijuana is a part of our regional planning. SANDAG moved in the right direction with the RCP. She suggested that the Imperial Valley be considered as well due to the number of housing that is being built in that area.

#### 8. PRESENTATION OF AWARD OF RECOGNITION TO ASSEMBLYMEMBER HORTON

Chair Cafagna stated that Assembly member Horton could not attend today's meeting.

#### 10. RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (APPROVE)

In accordance with the revised SANDAG Bylaws, the Chairman appointed a Nominations Committee in December 2004. The Nominations Committee Chair, Vice Mayor Ron Morrison (National City), will provide the Board with the Committee's recommendations for SANDAG officers for 2005.

Vice Mayor Morrison stated that the process this year was different due to changes to the Bylaws, including the addition of a Second Vice Chair position and transitioning from a fiscal year to a calendar year rotation. The officers selected from this point on will serve from January through December.

Vice Mayor Morrison said that the Nominating Committee consisted of himself, Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler, Deputy Mayor Crystal Crawford, Councilmember Hal Ryan, and County Supervisor Dianne Jacob. He stated that this was a difficult process because you are dealing with people with whom you have relationships and friendships. The Committee reviewed a number of different factors including availability, abilities, personalities, and regionality. It developed a slate of three individuals for this year. The concept of a Second Vice Chair changes the dynamics, as there is no longer the expectation of automatic succession. The Committee met and deliberated very earnestly on this matter. He expressed his appreciation for the candidness and openness of the Committee members and the amount of time they spent on deliberations. The recommendation that comes before the Board was the unanimous recommendation of the committee. The recommendations are for a continuation of Chair for this year, Mickey Cafagna, Mayor of Poway, the First Vice Chair Mary Sessom, Mayor of Lemon Grove, and Second Vice Chair, Jack Dale, Councilmember from Santee.

Mayor Holt Pfeiler stated that the Committee carefully considered everything and the decision was unanimous.

Jack Limber, General Counsel, pointed out that based on a recent Fair Political Practices Commission opinion letter the nominees may not vote or participate in the matter since they would have a personal, economic interest where the chair and both vice chairs are additionally compensated. He recommended that the three people nominated not participate in this vote.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer and a second by Mayor Murphy, the SANDAG Board approved the nominations of Mickey Cafagna for Chair, Mary Sessom for First Vice Chair, and Jack Dale for Second Vice Chair for calendar year 2005. Yes – 14 (weighted vote, 98%). No – 1 (Encinitas) (weighted vote, 2%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Imperial Beach. Note: Lemon Grove, Poway, and Santee did not vote on this matter.

#### 11. SELECTION OF POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS BY SUBREGIONAL BOARD MEMBERS (INFORMATION)

Every year, SANDAG Board members from each subregional area appoint members to SANDAG's five Policy Advisory Committees: Executive, Transportation, Regional Planning, Borders, and Public Safety. A membership list for each of the Policy Advisory Committees was distributed at the meeting.

Chair Cafagna welcomed to the Board past chair Michael Bixler representing the San Diego Unified Port District, and Councilmember Jerome Stocks (Encinitas) representing the North County Transit District (NCTD).

Mayor Kellejian introduced Councilmember Lesa Heebner as the new alternate member from Solana Beach.

Mayor Art Madrid (La Mesa) asked if this list was final. Chair Cafagna replied that the East County members have not yet supplied their recommendations.

Action: This report was presented for information.

## REPORTS

### 12. "STATE OF THE COMMUTE" REPORT (ACCEPT FOR DISTRIBUTION)

Alex Estrella, Associate Engineer, reported that staff has been working with our regional partners to share ideas for this report, which will set the basis for future reporting. It will provide an overview of challenges and solutions. The challenges are not new. He stated that travel has outpaced other indicators such as employment, population, and housing stock. Travel has also outpaced highway construction and transportation funding, and travel delays have increased. Commuter solutions include providing managed lanes to increase capacity, making transit a more competitive option, and getting more cars off the road through vanpooling. He stated that improving highway capacity saves time. An efficient transportation system with practical choices is what we are working on. He reviewed a list of construction projects scheduled for 2005.

Councilmember Madaffer asked if the hours saved per person per year are divided by per capita. *Mr. Estrella responded that it is divided by per person using those segments. Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, added that the time noted is the hours we saved with the implementation of the State Route (SR) 125 extension.*

Councilmember Phil Monroe (Coronado) asked if the time frame for this information was now. *Mr. Estrella replied affirmatively.*

Mr. Estrella noted that with the 25 major projects to be implemented, the state of the commute will improve. Key to that success is the funding challenge, which means we have to use our local transportation dollars wiser, and *TransNet* is the best bet for improving our transportation now. We have a plan to jumpstart key transportation projects.

Mayor Mark Lewis (El Cajon) stated that several years ago the concept of alternative work hours for businesses was a factor. He asked if there is any way to offer incentives to businesses to implement alternative work hours. He also suggested offering incentives to encourage employees to telecommute. *Jose Nuncio, Senior Engineering/Programming Manager, pointed out that we have staff that work with employers on flextime, telecommute, and vanpool programs.*

Mayor Madrid asked if SANDAG has factored in the number of vehicles and population over the past ten years. *Mr. Nuncio replied affirmatively.*

Mayor Madrid stated that he has been a strong proponent of telecommuting. He thought there should be incentives for employers to encourage their employees to telecommute. He requested that we refocus our efforts toward telecommuting as a priority action.

Councilmember Monroe supported the strategy for providing transportation choices. He thought that we will be better off in the future with *TransNet* than without it. However, our transportation models show that in 30 years congestion will be worse than it is today. We are still in a losing battle when it comes to traffic congestion due to the growth of vehicles being projected in San Diego County. We are not building to accommodate the

increased capacity, and we need to develop a public information piece that makes that clear.

Chair Cafagna clarified that this is a people-moving plan rather than a vehicle-moving plan.

Mr. Gallegos added that we have never said we will resolve congestion, but will work to reduce it.

Supervisor Slater-Price stated that one suggestion she made a number of years ago was the idea of large employers using zip code matching with employees and their branches. Various large employers can use this concept. She didn't know if this has been pursued or successful, and suggested that staff look at this. The County of San Diego tried the 4-day, 10-hour work schedule; however, for 7/24 operations, this doesn't work well. She said that telecommuting was popular with employees. The problem was that supervision wasn't what it should be. Telecommuting could be offered on a limited scale. One of the sources of our congestion problems was moving from a land use grid system to a trunk-and-branch system, and eliminating frontage roads. This has been a problem from choices made 40-50 years ago, and we have to address it in some way. We should offer incentives to make this kind of change to divert traffic off of freeways.

Vice Mayor Morrison wondered what traffic congestion would be like in the future without *TransNet* and its cumulative effects. He noted that there is another time when traffic is much less, and that is on days when schools are closed (e.g., holidays). We forget the impact the education system has on the traffic situation. We need to dialogue with the education system with regard to transportation, and public agencies should consider staggering hours. These are some of the things that we can do to improve traffic congestion.

Councilmember Madaffer said this was a very good status report. He stated that the information in the brochure indicates that some commuters are not living in San Diego County but are using our roads. This is related to the housing supply issue, and jurisdictions have not always made good decisions related to housing. He questioned the 10-hour savings with implementation of SR 52. Chair Cafagna clarified that the information was garnered as an average on a 24-hour day.

Councilmember Madaffer said that *TransNet* is only part of the solution. The state continuously short-changes the people in this region with actions such as taking the Proposition 42 money. These funds are supposed to be transportation dollars, and the Governor is using them to balance the budget. We cannot pass Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bonds as a result. We are being hamstrung by decisions made by others. Locating jobs and housing in the same place makes sense. He wondered why the federal and state governments aren't doing a better job at staggering work hours for their employees.

Mayor Kellejian noted that most of his company's employees are on a four-day work week, and at the City of Solana Beach they are on a 9/80 program. We all need to do a better job at making steps to accomplish the goal of reducing traffic congestion. He said that we have a plan in place to take care of our needs in the future, but we need to have the funding for it.

Deputy Mayor Guerin (Encinitas) pointed out that it is important that people realize the funding situation. It is our responsibility to educate our citizens and the people in the region. The state has taken our transportation money, and a lot of regions support their transportation with higher levels of sales tax funding. Some areas have a one-cent sales tax for transportation purposes. We should explain to the public the amount of subsidy it takes to use transit. Building freeways is not a simple solution. We need to take what we have done and show the public. She would like to see the brochure with more facts and figures; a comparison with other counties, and what other regions in the state are doing with regard to sales tax programs for transportation; and information about the costs of freeways and subsidizing transit.

Councilmember Monroe said he would like to see the four charts in the brochure predicted out until 2030.

Councilmember Stocks noted the correlation between a reduction in traffic congestion and a terrible economy. He agreed that if schools started later, traffic congestion would improve. He disagreed with levying disincentives for employers. He didn't want to penalize private employers without leading by example.

Mayor Lewis mentioned the traffic congestion in the Granite Hills area with a grade school and high school located in close proximity. They are working on getting the school districts to modify start times. This should be done on a regional basis.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Kellejian and a second by Supervisor Slater-Price, the SANDAG Board accepted the "State of the Commute" report for distribution and posting on the SANDAG Web site. Yes – 18 (weighted vote, 99%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (%). Absent – Imperial Beach.

### 13. DRAFT *TransNet* EARLY ACTION PROGRAM (APPROVE)

Chair Cafagna stated that this is one of the most exciting public works projects the County has ever done. We have asked our staff to develop a plan to accelerate projects funded by *TransNet*.

Mayor Kellejian, Chair of the Transportation Committee, stated that it is evident that the people of San Diego County want congestion relief now and that was why Proposition A (*TransNet Extension*) was approved. These Early Action Projects show our intent to live up to this commitment. The Transportation Committee last week voted unanimously to bring these items to the Board today.

Craig Scott, *TransNet* Project Manager, reported that in December 2004 the Board approved a *TransNet* work program. One task was to identify early action projects. Other work tasks currently underway include the Plan of Finance Update, establishment of an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC), the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program that requires a nexus study related to the private developer funding requirement, and the Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP). He noted that the eligibility for the Local Streets and Road program in the *TransNet Extension* is different than that in the original measure. We will be working through the City/County Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) on the Local Streets and Road program.

Jack Boda, Director of Project Implementation and Mobility Management, reported that transportation projects typically take several years to design and construct; therefore staff is proposing to develop a *TransNet* Early Action Program with two tiers of projects. Tier 1 projects are those that are remaining on the existing *TransNet* program. We are committed to finishing those projects. Tier 2 is to complete work on two corridors for construction or to be construction ready, and to complete two environmental documents on two other corridors. Starting with Tier 1, the first item is the widening of State Route (SR) 76 in two phases, the first phase is between Melrose to Mission and the second phase is from Mission to Interstate 15 (I-15). Both phases would be underway concurrently. The second project in Tier 1 is to purchase the necessary right-of-way to relocate residents and businesses for SR 52. The third project is the Mid-Coast Light Rail Transit (LRT) extension from Old Town to University City.

Tier 2 projects would be complete within 5-7 years, and we will start work on two environmental corridors. The fourth project is the I-15 Managed Lanes, both the north and south extensions. The fifth project in the Early Action Plan is the SR 52 high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) managed lanes (reversible). The sixth project is the I-5 North Coast Corridor – Environmental Effort, and the seventh project is the Interstate 805 (I-805) Corridor – Environmental Effort (North and South Phases). We are currently working to develop project schedules and cash-flow needs.

Mayor Dick Murphy (City of San Diego – B) said that he was an enthusiastic supporter of the Early Action Plan. He commended staff and the leadership of SANDAG in moving aggressively on this. He asked why the entire I-805 corridor was not included. *Mr. Boda replied that we looked at the whole I-805 corridor and the two major movements are from Chula Vista to SR 94 and from SR 52 to the I-5/I-805 split. We can move with environmental work on these segments faster than on the middle segment. Mr. Gallegos added that the idea here is for the managed lanes to become HOVs. We would propose to do work on the entire corridor. The pieces over Mission Valley are complex projects including replacing a viaduct.*

Mayor Murphy noted that this process seems to be inconsistent with the plan for the other corridors. *Mr. Gallegos suggested that we add the piece of I-805 and work on getting the entire corridor work completed.* Mayor Murphy said that would be his preference.

Pedro Orso-Delgado, Caltrans District 11 Director, stated that one reason why we thought we could get the north and south segments of I-805 started is that they support the bus rapid transit system connections with SR 52 and SR 94, and we felt there was independent utility on both ends. He added that Caltrans is very excited about this plan and they want to get started on the work.

Mr. Orso-Delgado said that they will look at the entire corridor; he cautioned that in doing so we might have to conduct another environmental process.

Councilmember Feller (Oceanside) liked the Early Action Program list and supported using *TransNet* funding for these projects. He hoped that improvements can be made to reduce traffic congestion so there is better opportunity for bus transportation as well.

Mayor Kellejian said that he didn't want to add in the middle segment of I-805 if it will forestall moving forward on the north and south segments. *Mr. Gallegos said that it's possible we can work on the entire corridor that has segments with independent utility.*

Supervisor Slater-Price asked if any of the environmental mitigation money would go towards the San Luis Rey River Valley. *Mr. Gallegos responded that money is directed toward mitigating direct impact from projects.*

Supervisor Slater-Price asked if anything could be done to improve circulation and eliminate stoplights on the frontage road adjacent to SR 76 from Oceanside. *Mr. Gallegos stated that SR 76 was built as a conventional highway and Caltrans did not buy the access rights for adjoining property. This would be expensive and complicated, and it's not in this plan. He suggested that work could be done to synchronize the signals for better traffic flow.*

Supervisor Slater-Price asked about grade separations. *Mr. Gallegos said that option is expensive because you have to buy access rights.*

Mike Bixler, San Diego Unified Port District, asked Mr. Scott about connections between the two port marine terminals and the impacts of truck traffic. He urged staff to bring forward some degree of discussion about those matters, and the adverse impact on the entire transportation system from both congestion and accident perspectives. *Mr. Gallegos stated that there are plans for major improvements on I-5 in the South Bay, but this is not on the priority list. We will bring a detailed Plan of Finance for all of the TransNet projects, including those that will serve our maritime activities.*

**Public Comment:**

Brad Barnum, representing the Associated General Contractors and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, said that he has met with staff to discuss this Early Action proposal. They are excited about it and ready to move forward.

Chair Cafagna mentioned that there was some discussion at the Transportation Committee related to contract size. In order to accomplish this plan, we may have contracts in the \$100 million and up range. He asked if local building contractors would be able to handle this large of a contract or will we have to rely on outside firms. Mr. Barnum said that they have discussed this issue with staff and know that staff is looking to break up some jobs that would help local contractors. They understand the process that is being recommended.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Mayor Kellejian and a second by Mayor Murphy, the SANDAG Board authorized staff to proceed on the identified Early Action projects and to add a section of I-805 as long as it does not affect work on the other recommended projects. Yes – 16 (weighted vote, 90%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, and La Mesa.

## **PRESS BRIEFING**

Chair Cafagna called a ten-minute break at 11:06 a.m. for a press briefing on the "State of the Commute" report. The meeting was reconvened at 11:31 a.m.

#### 14. POSITION CLASSIFICATION STUDY RESULTS (APPROVE)

Leslie Campbell, Director of Administration, reported that the study results will be brought to the Board in two pieces. This month we're bringing the classification structure and next month we will bring the compensation structure. The last comprehensive study was done in 1991. During consolidation we found that some people that had similar titles but different duties, or similar duties with different titles. We had to go through every position and make sure that everything was level. This study remedies any incongruities or inequities. The objectives of the study were to develop a new classification structure that reflects the proper class levels for the work being achieved, provide clear career ladders, create entry level positions, and provide a classification structure that is flexible and equitable.

Ms. Campbell stated that as the organization has grown, there is a need to specialize and separate duties. We want to recognize the appropriate levels of experience and KSA (knowledge, skills, and abilities) for every department. This requires separating classifications by function. With these KSAs clearly stated, we can target the people with the skills we need to recruit for positions. Also, the manual and classification specifications become legal documents. This is our agency's clear expectations of what staff members must be able to perform when we hire them and as we move them up the career ladder.

Ms. Campbell noted we have also developed flexible positioning to move people up through the ranks as they get experience and, at management discretion, to move them up the ladder as they progress without a competitive process. The career ladders allow management flexibility in rewarding good staff members which is critical for retention, and saves needless personnel work in advertising, recruitment, and selection.

Ms. Campbell explained the process of the study. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and we competitively selected Personnel Concepts, Inc. (PCI), and used them and the Human Resources staff to conduct various studies including a needs assessment, discussions with management and all the staff, job analysis questionnaires, and staff interviews.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer and a second by Deputy Mayor Guerin, the SANDAG Board approved the new classification structure with the recommended position changes. Yes – 16 (weighted vote, 95%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Imperial Beach, La Mesa, and Santee.

#### 15. APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL PLANNING STAKEHOLDERS WORKING GROUP (APPROVE)

Councilmember Madaffer reported that in November 2004 the Board directed the creation of a new Stakeholders Working Group to advise the Transportation and Regional Planning Committees, SANDAG staff, and the Board on matters pertaining to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update and the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) strategic initiatives. The two committees appointed a selection committee to review the over 100 applications received. The selection committee members were Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, Councilmembers Jim Madaffer, Maggie Houlihan, Phil Monroe, Jack Dale, and Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler. The City/County Transportation Advisory Committee (CCTA) was represented by Fred Leudtke and the Technical Working Group was represented by

Nancy Bragado. The selection committee met twice and selections were made based on a set of criteria that included skills and abilities, experience with regional planning issues, and a demonstrated commitment to serve. The committee also made sure that the working group had balanced representation from around the region. The recommended slate of 26 members is attached to the Board report. He asked the Board to appoint the slate of members and to appoint Councilmember Jack Dale to serve as chair of the working group. The next step is to send letters to all applicants notifying them of the final decision.

Councilmember Madaffer said that one of the requirements for selection was a demonstrated commitment to serve and he was proud to say that Clive Richard is amongst the list of people to serve on this working group.

Chair Cafagna asked when this working group will start meeting and how often will it meet. *Mr. Gallegos said that it is envisioned that the working group will meet at least once a month and will have its first meeting in February.*

Supervisor Slater-Price said that there was a huge applicant list, and it took two long meetings to streamline it. She noted that a summary of background of each committee person was distributed.

Councilmember Monroe echoed the Supervisor's comments about the difficulty of streamlining the number of applicants down to 25, and that a member was added that had interest with the area Indian tribes.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Slater-Price and a second by Vice Mayor Morrison, the SANDAG Board approved a recommendation from the Regional Planning and Transportation Committees to create a new Regional Planning Stakeholders Working Group and to approve the list of individuals to the Working Group. Yes – 17 (weighted vote, 97%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Imperial Beach and La Mesa.

16. **PUBLIC HEARING:** AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF THE 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE 2030 RTP (APPROVE)

Heather Werdick, Associate Planner, reported that the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) is proposing to construct the Foothill Transportation Corridor South (FTCS) as a limited access toll road from I-5 in San Diego County to the existing SR 241 in Orange County. The majority of the 16-mile facility is located within the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region, and the portion within San Diego will have about five miles in three out of the ten proposed alternatives. TCA has requested that SANDAG amend the 2030 RTP to designate the FTCS as a toll facility. The previously RTP adopted in 1996 defined this facility as an 8-lane facility. There are no substantial changes to the plan that will require major revisions to the Final EIR due to new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified in the Final EIR. Additionally, TCA has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIS/SEIR) for the FTCS project that analyzes environmental impacts for all ten project alternatives. TCA received over 6,000 comments and are working to respond to them. The preferred alternative and adoption of the final environmental document is expected in 2005.

Public Comment:

Chuck Lungerhausen, a member of the public, wondered how adding two lanes has no significant impacts when there will be an impact to San Diego County from this freeway. *Rob Rundle, Senior Planner, responded that the EIR does identify impacts with the entire program and acknowledges impacts with this facility. It doesn't quantify impacts for each individual corridor. Those are the subject of subsequent environmental documents. Only three alternatives have portions within San Diego County.*

Board Comment:

Deputy Mayor Crawford asked staff to clarify the changes from an 8-lane to a 6-lane, and back to an 8-lane facility in various versions of the RTP. *Ms. Werdick replied that SANDAG has always envisioned this facility as having eight lanes. There was some miscommunication in the 1996 RTP that listed it as a 6-lane facility.*

Deputy Mayor Crawford asked if the environmental impacts of the various alternatives for this project will be dealt with in the project EIR. *Mr. Rundle replied affirmatively. He added that SANDAG will have an opportunity to respond to comments received pertaining to the portions in San Diego County.*

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Morrison and a second by Mayor Murphy, the SANDAG Board closed the public hearing. The motion was unanimously approved.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Morrison and a second by Mayor Murphy, the SANDAG Board approved the Addendum to the 2030 RTP EIR (Resolution No. 2005-14), made a finding of conformity of Amendment No. 1 to the 2030 Revenue Constrained RTP and Amendment No. 2 of the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), and adopted Amendment No. 1 of the 2030 RTP and Amendment No. 2 of the 2004 RTIP (Resolution No. 2005-15). Yes – 14 (weighted vote, 85%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, and Vista.

17. REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) AND CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING PROPOSALS (APPROVE)

Mr. Nuncio reported that there is approximately \$18.3 million in unprogrammed RSTP and CMAQ programs funds in FY 2004/05. These unprogrammed funds are a combination of a modest increase in the anticipated apportionments over what had been originally assumed, project savings, and postponing the needs for funds on projects to future years due to schedule delays. This report proposes to program these funds on high-priority regional projects that are experiencing loss of access to funds due to the continuing state budget crisis, contract claims, cost increases, or a combination of these factors.

In order to utilize the apportionments and the Obligation Authority that the region receives on an annual basis, it is necessary to program the funds and obligate them prior to the end of the federal fiscal year. The specific projects include funds for the Mission Valley

East Light Rail Transit Project, SANDAG's Intermodal Transportation Management System, I-15 Managed Lanes, Plaza Boulevard Widening Project, and SR 125 Rock Removal. The Transportation Committee reviewed this proposal and recommended approval.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Murphy and a second by Mayor Kellejian, the SANDAG Board approved Resolution No. 2005-16 to program \$18.3 million in RSTP and CMAQ funds and \$65,000 in local matching funds, and to amend the 2004 RTIP to reflect these programming actions. Yes – 13 (weighted vote, 79%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Oceanside, and Vista.

18. COMMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ON THE DEFAULT CRITICAL PEAK PRICING RATE WHICH WOULD INCREASE ELECTRIC PRICES DURING PERIODS OF PEAK DEMAND (APPROVE)

Mr. Rundle reported that there is growing concern at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) about insufficient energy capacity to meet peak demand this summer. The CPUC is requiring the state's investor-owned utilities to implement programs that reduce peak demand by providing economic disincentives to customers that use power during these peak periods. The CPUC is requiring the utilities to file a default Critical Peak Pricing rate by January 30, 2005, which would go into effect on June 1, 2005. Under this rate, during periods of high demand, utility companies would provide a signal to customers using greater than 200 kilowatts which would give those customers the opportunity to shift their peak demand and avoid additional charges. The critical price rate is a rate that would impact local governments, educational institutions, hospitals, and other medium and large commercial and industrial businesses. The Energy Working Group (EWG) supports reducing demand but it does not support the approach to penalize users. It would rather employ a voluntary strategy to encourage long-term demand reduction. The short-term approach does not achieve the CPUC's goals. The EWG developed comments to submit to the CPUC, subject to approval by the SANDAG Board.

Mayor Holt Pfeiler commented that Escondido's sewer plant is one of these major users and we cannot control the energy need for that facility.

Supervisor Slater-Price pointed out that this would be a great opportunity for some of these large users to start utilizing solar energy. The Del Mar Fairgrounds has put in solar receptors and, in the first year, saved \$250,000 in energy bills. She suggested that anyone in the East County and east of mid-county could get use this alternative. It is time to start utilizing this technology. There are state rebates available for using energy alternatives such as solar power.

Mr. Rundle stated that the EWG does encourages this technology involvement, but this action is to address this summer's energy needs which doesn't leave sufficient time to implement alternatives by June 2005. He agreed that the goal is to implement these long-term energy efficiencies.

Councilmember Madaffer said there is a need to create greater incentive to utilize energy in nonpeak periods.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Madaffer and a second by Deputy Mayor Crawford, the SANDAG Board approved the forwarding of comments to the CPUC on the potential impacts of the proposed Critical Peak Pricing rate. Yes – 13 (weighted vote, 79%). No – 0 (weighted vote, 0%). Abstain – 0 (0%). Absent – Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Oceanside, City of San Diego (B), and Vista.

#### 19. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Policy Board meeting for February has been cancelled. The next regular Board of Directors business meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 25, 2005.

Chair Cafagna stated that the Board Retreat agenda will be mailed out the middle of next week. The North Coastal bus tour will be on March 11.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

GARY L. GALLEGOS  
Secretary

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**ATTENDANCE**  
**SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**JANUARY 28, 2005**

JURISDICTION/ ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
City of Carlsbad	Matt Hall (Member)	Yes	
City of Chula Vista	Steve Padilla (Member)	Yes	
City of Coronado	Phil Monroe (Member)	Yes	
City of Del Mar	Crystal Crawford (Member)	Yes	
City of El Cajon	Mark Lewis (Member)	Yes	
City of Encinitas	Christy Guerin (Member)	Yes	
City of Escondido	Lori Holt Pfeiler (Member)	Yes	
City of Imperial Beach	Patricia McCoy (Member)	No	
City of La Mesa	Art Madrid (Member)	Yes	
City of Lemon Grove	Mary Sessom, Vice Chair (Member)	Yes	
City of National City	Ron Morrison (Member)	Yes	
City of Oceanside	Jack Feller (Member)	Yes	
City of Poway	Mickey Cafagna, Chair (Member)	Yes	
City of San Diego – A	Jim Madaffer (Member A)	Yes	
City of San Diego - B	Dick Murphy (Alternate)	Yes	
City of San Marcos	Pia Harris-Ebert (Member)	Yes	
City of Santee	Jack Dale (1st Alternate)	Yes	
City of Solana Beach	Joe Kellejian (Member)	Yes	
City of Vista	Morris Vance (Member)	Yes	
County of San Diego	Pam Slater-Price (Member)	Yes	
<b>ADVISORY MEMBERS LISTED BELOW (ATTENDANCE <b>NOT</b> COUNTED FOR QUORUM PURPOSES)</b>			
Caltrans	Pedro Orso-Delgado (Alternate)	Yes	
MTDB	Leon Williams (Member)	Yes	
NCTD	Jerome Stocks (1st Alternate)	Yes	
Imperial County	Victor Carrillo (Member)	Yes	
US Dept. of Defense	CAPT Daniel King (Member)	Yes	
SD Unified Port District	Michael Bixler (Alternate)	Yes	
SD County Water Authority	Marilyn Dailey (Member)	Yes	
Baja California/Mexico	Luis Cabrera Cuaron (Member)	Yes	