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# BOARD ACTIONS

April 22, 2005

**PILOT SMART GROWTH PROGRAM TO OFFER \$17 MILLION:** SANDAG unanimously approved evaluation criteria for a Pilot Smart Growth Incentive Program using \$17 million of federal Transportation Enhancement funds. One of the basic principles in the SANDAG Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) is that coordinated regional planning for smart growth development should be encouraged through the use of incentives. Funding will go to projects that integrate smart growth land uses and transportation facilities. There is a \$2 million cap per project. Eligible projects include: bicycle and pedestrian paths and bridges; on-street bike lanes; pedestrian plazas; pedestrian street crossings; pedestrian bulb-outs or traffic circles; transit stop amenities; streetscape enhancements such as median landscaping, street trees, lighting, and street furniture. Beginning in 2008, a longer term smart growth incentive program (\$280 million) will be funded through the local *TransNet* sales tax program. *(Item #5, staff contact: Stephan Vance, (619) 699-1924; sva@sandag.org)*

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- Carlsbad
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- 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

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**BORDERS COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Del Mar Deputy Mayor Crystal Crawford and Imperial County Supervisor Victor Carrillo presented an informational report about the SANDAG Borders Committee's work during the past three years. The committee has developed working relationships with Riverside, Imperial, and Orange Counties as well as Baja California and local tribal governments on regional issues such as land use and transportation planning, job growth, housing, and the environment. Committee accomplishments include the I-15 Interregional Partnership, in cooperation with Riverside County, to address the job/housing imbalance and traffic congestion on I-15. Similar issues are being pursued with Imperial County to address traffic concerns related to I-8. Within our region, SANDAG has been reaching out to tribal government leaders to address transportation needs. Imperial Beach Councilmember Patricia McCoy has now been appointed to chair the Borders Committee. *(Item #11, staff contact: Hector Vanegas, (619) 699-1972; hva@sandag.org)*

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) UPDATE:** Directors approved the initial work program and schedule for updating the year 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. The \$42 billion RTP, adopted by SANDAG in 2003, increases capacity on highways, buses, trolleys, rail, and bicycle facilities. The plan contains an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to improve the transportation system. Pending passage

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of the omnibus federal transportation bill, Directors are scheduled to complete and adopt the new RTP by the spring of 2007. Staff is proposing a comprehensive update of the RTP, incorporating a new regional growth forecast, strategic initiatives from the RCP, the results of the Independent Transit Planning Review, and the funding impact of the *TransNet* extension. Directors approved a list of issue paper topics that will be developed as part of the process to update the RTP. Topics include: Transportation Project Evaluation Criteria; a Smart Growth Concept Map; Cross-Border and Interregional Travel; Regional Freight Strategy; and Public Safety and Homeland Security. *(Item #12, staff contact: Mike Hix, (619) 699-1977; mhi@sandag.org)*

**U.S. CENSUS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY:** Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau collects demographic and economic information from each resident. Roughly 1 in 6 households nationwide receive a more comprehensive, long form survey. The American Community Survey, started by the Census in January 2005, will collect this detailed information throughout the decade, eliminating the need for the long form and providing important information about the region's residents on an annual basis. As one of five Regional Census Data Centers in California, SANDAG is working with the Census Bureau to encourage maximum participation by the region's residents. *(Item #6: Staff contact: Kristen Rohanna, (619) 699-6918; kroh@sandag.org)*

**SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TRANSPORTATION:** SANDAG endorsed applications from seven eligible social service agencies to receive federal funds to purchase 16 vehicles. The requests total \$850,000 and will be forwarded to Caltrans for final funding approval. The vehicles will be used to transport elderly persons and persons with disabilities. The requesting social service agencies are located in Alpine, El Cajon, Escondido, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, and San Diego. *(Item #4, staff contact: Brian Sheehan, (619) 699-1939; bsh@sandag.org)*

**NATIONAL '2-1-1' DIALING CODE TO LAUNCH:** SANDAG received an informational report from the 2-1-1 San Diego Coalition on the startup of a free, 24-hour telephone number and Web site. Starting June 2005, the services will link residents to health and human services information and referrals. When fully operational, 2-1-1 is expected to handle 300,000 telephone calls and 400,000 Web site visits annually at [www.211SanDiego.org](http://www.211SanDiego.org). *(Item #9: For information, call (858) 300-1242)*

**FY 2006 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM:** Directors approved the SANDAG FY 2006 Overall Work Program (OWP). The OWP contains detailed descriptions of the work that will be accomplished during the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2005. Priority areas encompass the *TransNet* Early Action projects, implementation of the RCP, and updating the RTP. The OWP is a key component in the preparation of the agency's budget, which is scheduled for final SANDAG approval at the May 27 Board meeting. *(Item #10, staff contact: Tim Watson, (619) 699-1966; twa@sandag.org)*

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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**May 13, 2005**

Board Policy Meeting - Cancelled

**May 27, 2005**

Board Business Meeting

- FY 2006 Final SANDAG Program Budget
- *TransNet* Environmental Program
- Collaboration with Tribal Governments

