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SANDAG Executive Director's Report

As part of an ongoing effort to keep our member agencies and everyone in the region informed about SANDAG initiatives, as well as promote transparency, this month the agency is launching a new publication – "SANDAG boardinfo." This monthly update will include information about important actions and items considered by the Board of Directors. As the region's premiere transportation planning and implementation agency, actions taken by the Board touch all walks of life in the region, ranging from fighting traffic congestion, to environmental preservation and climate planning, to the construction of multiple transit corridors. This initial edition highlights the key information presented to the Board and the key actions taken by the Board during October and the first part of November 2018.

We hope you find value in this new resource. Thank you.

Kim Kawada
SANDAG Chief Deputy Executive Director

November Executive Committee Meeting

FY 2018 Program Budget: Year-End Report

The FY 2018 SANDAG Program Budget resulted in the investment of nearly \$935 million to implement San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, improve mobility, develop and implement strategies to improve quality of life, enhance organizational effectiveness, and pursue new funding and innovative solutions. The largest component of the budget was the capital program, which included 57 *TransNet* Early Action Program projects, 25 regional bikeway projects, and 48 regional capital projects, totaling approximately \$837 million.

FY 2018 major projects and work efforts included the Regional Plan, Mid-Coast Trolley, I-5 North Coast Corridor Program/Build NCC, Otay Mesa East Port of Entry and State Route 11, South Bay *Rapid*, Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program, SR 125 operations, regional modeling and data management, and Advancing 21st Century Mobility.

During the 2018 fiscal year, SANDAG completed construction of nine projects, opened ten projects to the public, completed environmental documents on five projects, and advertised three projects for construction.

The Executive Committee will begin consideration of the FY 2020 Program Budget in early 2019.

For more information, visit sandag.org/budget.

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October Board Business Meeting

TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program: FY 2019-2020 Work Plan

Directors approved a two-year, \$4 million work plan for regional land management and monitoring as part of the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP). The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance approved by voters in 2004 includes the EMP, which provides funding to mitigate habitat impacts from regional and local transportation projects, as well as for regional land management and biological monitoring. Implementation of the FY 2019-2020 work plan will help prevent the need to add additional species to the threatened or endangered lists. The program also promotes recovery of endangered species by providing biological monitoring and land management to proactively address the decline of species and their habitats. For more information, visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/EMP.

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Funding Recommendations for Cycle 4 TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program Capital Grants

Directors approved \$22.3 million in *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) capital grants to 11 improvement projects throughout the San Diego region. To date, SANDAG has awarded more than \$80 million to more than 140 SGIP and Active Transportation Grant Program projects regionwide, leveraging approximately \$54 million in matching funds. This represents a total investment of more than \$134 million for smart growth and active transportation projects in local communities since 2009. For more information, visit sandag.org/cycle4grants.

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SANDAG Climate Action Planning Activities

Directors received an update on SANDAG climate action planning activities related to implementation of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan and regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets. SANDAG is required to develop a Regional Plan that meets Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008) GHG reduction targets for passenger vehicles. The plan also must analyze and identify mitigation for overall GHG impacts of the Regional Plan under the California Environmental Quality Act.

SANDAG climate action planning work supports these efforts through (1) direct investments in the Regional Plan; and (2) by helping local jurisdictions implement their local climate action plans and other related activities. GHG inventory updates, GHG reduction measure monitoring reports for member agencies, and the Energy-Climate Programs Study are expected to be available by mid-2019.

SANDAG climate action planning work is funded primarily through grant programs, including a Local Government Partnership with San Diego Gas & Electric Co.

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October Board Policy Meeting

San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan – Network Concepts

The SANDAG Board of Directors took part in an interactive workshop to review and discuss three transportation network concepts developed by staff as initial ideas that could be further developed into detailed transportation networks for consideration for inclusion in the 2019 Regional Plan, which is a blueprint for how the region will grow and how SANDAG will invest in transportation strategies and infrastructure. Each of the concepts includes investments of approximately \$180 billion (in year of expenditure dollars) through 2050.

The three concepts discussed were:

Concept A: Shared Mobility - emphasizes more transit connections through earlier delivery, increased frequency, and additional services and routes. Flexible funding is focused on investments to support transit, with earlier delivery of a system of *Rapid* routes (community and major corridors) and reduced transit fares. This concept also includes pricing on Managed Lanes for solo drivers and two-person carpools.

Concept B: Connected Corridors - emphasizes major corridor improvements for highway and transit services within the region's existing regional freeway and highway system and concentrates on completing a connected system of Managed Lanes. Flexible funding is focused on Managed Lanes/highway projects, and Managed Lanes are priced for solo drivers and two-person carpools.

Concept C: Policy Possibilities - emphasizes actively managing the transportation network through new technologies, policies, and programs. Flexible funding is focused on transit with reduced fares and mobility management programs and incentives. Other considerations include tolled Express Lanes for all private vehicles (not for buses), parking pricing and pooled ride incentives, adoption of automated and connected vehicles, enhanced electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and incentives to purchase electric vehicles.

The Board of Directors is scheduled to further consider draft transportation networks this winter, select a preferred network scenario in early 2019, and consider adoption of the 2019 Regional Plan in spring 2020.

For more information, visit SDForward.com.

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Next Board of Directors Meeting

The next SANDAG Board of Directors meeting will take place on November 16, 2018. For more information, visit sandag.org/calendar.