TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Friday, January 19, 2018
9 a.m. to 12 noon
SANDAG Board Room
401 B Street, 7th Floor
San Diego

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT: STATUS UPDATE

• SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM: PREPARATION FOR CYCLE 10 CALL FOR PROJECTS

• CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGENCY: PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND FUTURE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT

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ITEM NO.  RECOMMENDATION
+1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES  APPROVE

The Transportation Committee is asked to review and approve the minutes from its January 5, 2018, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Transportation Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on this agenda. Anyone desiring to speak shall reserve time by completing a “Request to Speak” form and giving it to the Clerk prior to speaking. Public speakers should notify the Clerk if they have a handout for distribution to Committee members. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. Committee members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.

CONSENT

+3. SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM QUARTERLY STATUS UPDATE (Jack Christensen) INFORMATION

SANDAG manages two competitive grant programs for specialized transportation projects: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) and TransNet Senior Mini-Grant. This report provides an overview of the progress made by the grant recipients in each program.

REPORTS

+4. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT: STATUS UPDATE (John Haggerty) INFORMATION

Staff will provide an update on the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project as well as five additional capital projects in the corridor.

+5. PROPOSED FY 2018 PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENTS: BRIDGE 257.2 Replacement Project (Sharon Humphreys) RECOMMEND

The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors: (1) approve amendments to the FY 2018 Program Budget to create a new Capital Improvement Program [CIP] Project No. 1146500 for the Bridge 257.2 Replacement project by transferring the associated scope and budget from the Elvira to Morena Double Track Project (CIP Project No. 1239811) and accepting $3.387 million from North County Transit District to fully fund the project; (2) adopt Resolution No. 2018-12, authorizing the use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor construction delivery method for the new CIP project; and (3) authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a construction change order with Mid-Coast Transit Constructors for the project.
+6. PROPOSED FY 2018 PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENTS: INTERSTATE 5/VOIGT DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS AND INTERSTATE 5/GENESEE AVENUE AUXILIARY LANE PROJECTS (Arturo Jacobo, Caltrans)

The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve amendments to the FY 2018 Program Budget to: (1) fully fund design of the Interstate 5 (I-5)/Voigt Drive Improvements Project (Capital Improvement Program [CIP] Project No. 1200507) by adding $500,000 of regional funds and $480,000 of UC San Diego funds; and (2) transfer the I-5/Genesee Avenue Auxiliary Lane Project scope and associated budget from the I-5/Voigt Drive Improvements Project to a new CIP project (No. 1200512) and accept $299,000 in State Highway Operations and Protection Program funding to fully fund the design phase.

+7. 2016 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 9 (Sue Alpert)

The Transportation Committee is asked to adopt Resolution No. 2018-13, approving Amendment No. 9 to the 2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

+8. SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM: PREPARATION FOR CYCLE 10 CALL FOR PROJECTS (Audrey Porcella)

The Transportation Committee is asked to discuss the proposed program goals, objectives, and outreach strategy for the SANDAG Specialized Transportation Grant Program call for projects, anticipated for release this summer.

+9. CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGENCY: PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND FUTURE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT (Brian Lane)

Staff will provide an update on various activities related to Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation, the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency for the San Diego region.

10. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS

If the five speaker limit for public comments was exceeded at the beginning of this agenda, other public comments will be taken at this time. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comment.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Friday, February 2, 2018, at 9 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM: PREPARATION FOR CYCLE 10 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Introduction

The SANDAG Specialized Transportation Grant Program (STGP) funds projects and programs that expand mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Prior to each competitive process, released every two years, evaluation criteria and other program requirements are assessed and adjusted based on lessons learned and input from the Board of Directors, Transportation Committee, TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC), the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), and other stakeholders. In preparation for the next call for projects, the Transportation Committee is asked to discuss the draft STGP goal and program objectives, existing minimum and maximum grant request amounts, and TransNet Senior Mini-Grant matching fund requirements. The result of this discussion will help shape potential changes to current eligibility and evaluation criteria.

Discussion

Background

SANDAG is responsible for distributing specialized transportation funds through the TransNet Senior Mini-Grant and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program. Since it began in 2006, the STGP distributed funds under two former FTA programs: Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom. In total, SANDAG has awarded over $24 million in federal grant funds and $14.6 million in TransNet funds through nine competitive grant cycles to support a total of 190 specialized transportation projects. SANDAG provides status updates on grantee performance on a quarterly basis to the Transportation Committee. The most recent update is included as Item No. 3 of today’s agenda.

Attachment 1 provides a summary of the STGP including text from governing documents, eligible applicants, grant types, as well as the draft program goal and objectives, existing minimum and maximum grant request thresholds, and existing match requirements.
Draft Program Goal and Objectives

Based upon the TransNet Extension Ordinance language, FTA guidance, and eligibility and evaluation criteria adopted by the Transportation Committee and Board of Directors over the previous nine competitive funding cycles, staff has drafted the following STGP goal for Transportation Committee consideration:

*Improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the region by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options.*

Similarly, staff has drafted the following STGP program objectives for Transportation Committee consideration which emphasize innovation, cost-efficiency, and alignment with priorities in the SANDAG Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan):

- **Fund projects that are derived from either the very-high priority or high priority strategies for addressing gaps in transportation service outlined in the Coordinated Plan.**
- **Fund innovative and flexible programs that provide transportation services specifically designed to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the San Diego region.**
- **Provide incentives for the coordination among health and human service agencies, public, private, and non-profit transportation providers to create efficiencies in service delivery, reduce duplication of services, and address any gaps in service for seniors and individuals with disabilities.**
- **Encourage cost-efficient service provision through coordination, innovation, and the leveraging of matching funds.**

Existing Program Requirements

Neither of the governing documents (TransNet or FTA requirements) establish minimum or maximum grant amounts. SANDAG established minimum and maximum grant request amounts based upon input in previous funding cycles. Currently, the minimum is $30,000 and maximum is $200,000 for one year of project funding and up to $400,000 for a two-year project. There is no limit to the number of projects that a single applicant can submit. However, an applicant cannot currently request more than $500,000 per year or $1 million over two years. The Transportation Committee may suggest modifications to existing minimum and maximum project grant amounts as well as the maximum request per applicant.

Regarding matching funds, per FTA guidelines, operating and mobility management projects funded under the Section 5310 grant program require a 50 percent match and capital projects require a 20 percent match. The TransNet Ordinance does not require a match for the Senior Mini-Grant Program. Based upon input in previous funding cycles, SANDAG established a 20 percent match for operating and mobility management projects and an 80 percent match for capital projects. The Transportation Committee may suggest modifications to the match requirements for the TransNet Senior Mini-Grant Program.
Stakeholder Feedback

Staff has compiled comments from the most recent competitive process and comments received in two specialized transportation workshops held with stakeholders in May and June of 2017, for Transportation Committee consideration in developing the STGP goal, program objectives, and other program requirements.

- Maximize number of seniors and individuals with disabilities served
- Provide maximum number of trips
- Maximize cost-effectiveness and benefit of dollars spent
- Promote the use of technology
- Provide service to seniors and individuals with disabilities with the greatest need, such as low income, underserved, isolated, and low mobility
- Encourage coordination and partnerships
- Fill gaps in areas where transit service is unavailable
- Prioritize trips that provide access to healthcare
- Ensure a broad geographic coverage of services
- Encourage increasing efficiencies in service provision over time
- Support a variety of organizations of varying sizes

Next Steps

In addition to seeking initial input today from the Transportation Committee, over the next several months, staff also will assemble a group of current grantees and past applicants as well as seek input from SSTAC and ITOC on the program requirements and evaluation criteria. Based upon the input, SANDAG staff will propose refinements to the STGP program goal and objectives, minimum-maximum grant request amounts, and TransNet Senior Mini-Grant match requirement.

In the summer, the Transportation Committee will be asked to review the refinements, discuss evaluation criteria, and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The call for projects is anticipated to be released in summer 2018.

CHARLES “MUGGS” STOLL
Director of Land Use and Transportation Planning

Attachment: 1. Specialized Transportation Grant Program Summary

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**Specialized Transportation Grant Program (STGP) Summary**

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<td>Three and one-fourth percent of the funds made available under Section 4(C) shall be used to support a competitive grant program for nonprofit organizations and local agencies. The funds shall be used to provide specialized transportation services for seniors focusing on innovative and cost-effective approaches to providing improved senior transportation, including, but not limited to, shared group services, special shuttle services using volunteer forces, and brokerage of multi-jurisdictional transportation services.</td>
<td><strong>STATUTORY AUTHORITY. Title 49 U.S.C. 5310 authorizes the formula assistance program for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and provides formula funding to states and designated recipients (recipients) to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.</strong></td>
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| Eligible Applicants | • Private non-profits  
• Local governmental authorities  
• Public transportation operators  
• Social services agencies  
• Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) |  |

| Grant Types | • Operating  
• Mobility Management (MM)  
• Capital |  |

| Draft Program Goal | Improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the region by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options. |  |

| Draft Program Objectives | • Fund projects that are derived from either the very-high priority or high priority strategies for addressing gaps in transportation service outlined in the Coordinated Plan  
• Fund innovative and flexible programs that provide transportation services specifically designed to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the San Diego region  
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| Existing Min-Max Grant Requests | • Project Minimum - $30,000 per year  
• Project Maximum - $200,000 per year or $400,000 for two-year period  
• Applicant Maximum (all project grant requests combined) per grant program - $500,000 per year |  |

| Existing Match Requirements | • Operating / MM – 20%  
• Capital – 80% | • Operating / MM – 50%  
• Capital – 20% |
Specialized Transportation Grant Program: Preparation for Cycle 10 Call for Projects

Program Overview

- Example projects
  - Volunteer driver program
  - Shopping shuttles
  - Non-emergency medical trips
  - Vehicle procurement
  - Transit travel training

- Funding
  - FTA Section 5310
  - Senior Mini-Grants

- Call for Projects
  - Every two years
  - Approximately $7 million
Draft Program Goal

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Draft Program Objectives

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Draft Program Objectives (Cont.)

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4. Encourage cost-efficient service provision through coordination, innovation, and the leveraging of matching funds.

Program Requirements

• Grant request
  – Project Minimum: $30,000 per year
  – Project Maximum: $200,000 per year

• Match requirement

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