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Memo to: Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee
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Subject: 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

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In February 2020 staff informed the Transportation Committee and the Board that, due to restrictions created by the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) rule, California would not be preparing an update to the FSTIP. In order to comply with the requirements of the *TransNet* Ordinance, SANDAG is instead preparing an update to the *TransNet* Program of Projects which is scheduled for SANDAG Board adoption on September 25, 2020 as Amendment No.14 to the 2018 RTIP.

On April 28, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency agreed that the impact on the conformity model software created by Part 1 of the rule had been resolved by the California Air Resources Board and that Part 2 of the rule would have no impact. The state is once again able to demonstrate conformity to air quality regulations and therefore has decided to proceed with updating the FSTIP.

This memo outlines the process and schedule for the next update to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) which will cover the five-year period from Fiscal Year 2020/21 through Fiscal Year 2024/25. The 2021 RTIP is scheduled for SANDAG Board adoption on February 26, 2021 and is due to Caltrans on March 1, 2021.

Programming Process

Because we have prepared an update to the 2020 *TransNet* program of projects, SANDAG will use the projects submitted for Amendment No. 14 as the basis for the RTIP adoption. The software vendor for ProjectTrak has copied these projects in to the 2021 RTIP as submitted for Amendment No. 14.

SANDAG will ask local agencies to submit updates for other projects not included in Amendment No. 14. For most agencies this will be very few projects and a list of project IDs by agency is provided in Attachment 1.

As a reminder, every project in the current 2018 RTIP must be touched during the 2021 Update. There are four options possible for the 2021 RTIP – Carry Over from the 2018 or a previous RTIP, Delete a project (only if there have been no payments,) Complete a project or Delay a project (no funding programmed in the new TIP Period.) Please remember that a project needs to have funding in the current period to be carried over.

SANDAG will update any SANDAG grant projects held by a local agency such as Smart Growth or Active Transportation Grant Projects and Caltrans will update Highway Safety Improvement Program Projects.

San Diego Forward: The 2019 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (2019 Federal RTP):

The 2019 Federal RTP is the long-range transportation vision for the region. The RTIP implements the projects identified in the initial years of the RTP. The RTIP is required to be consistent with the projects in the RTP including scope, cost, and schedule. The current RTP was approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors on October 25, 2019. Capacity Increasing (CI) capital projects, beyond the initial study phase, cannot be included in the RTIP unless they are also included in the RTP.

Agencies can add new projects to the 2021 RTIP that are either consistent with the 2019 Federal RTP or are exempt from air quality conformity analysis.

Federal Air Quality Conformity Requirements

Federal regulations require that SANDAG conduct an air quality conformity analysis of all regionally significant projects that increase the transportation system capacity. This includes major local and developer funded projects and any other state or federally funded projects that might not otherwise appear in the RTIP, as well as new projects or major changes in project scope for existing programmed projects. Agencies are asked to review all their CI projects in the current 2018 RTIP and provide updated information as necessary.

Performance Management Requirements

Beginning with the 2018 RTIP, SANDAG was required to report on progress toward implementing federal regulations related to the performance-based program established by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, signed into law in 2015.

In compliance with these federal mandates, agencies have been asked to provide additional information when programming projects in the RTIP related to safety, pavement, and bridge improvements. Staff will be reviewing submitted projects and reach out for clarification or more information.

Funding

At this time, the funding will remain the same to any projects submitted for amendment 18-13 and 18-14. After the projects go through interagency consultation and modeling, there will be an opportunity to update funding in late September and October before we release the draft for public comment in December. If an agency wishes to make changes to the TransNet programmed, a new resolution will be required by November 6.

2021 RTIP Review, Adoption and Update Schedule

The 2021 RTIP is due to the state by March 1, 2021. Attachment 1 provides the RTIP schedule. Important dates to remember include the following:

- July 15, 2020 – Projects due in ProjectTrak
- November 6, 2020 – Signed resolutions for any changes made to TransNet funded projects included in Amendment No. 14 to the 2018 RTIP must be uploaded in ProjectTrak

- December 11, 2020 – SANDAG Board is scheduled to release the draft 2021 RTIP and conformity determination for public comment
- February 5, 2021 – Transportation Committee is scheduled to hold a Public Hearing
- February 26, 2021 – SANDAG Board is scheduled to adopt the 2021 RTIP
- April 16, 2021 – Anticipated federal approval of the Final 2021 RTIP

Due to the anticipated February adoption of the 2021 RTIP, for *TransNet* purposes, the 2018 RTIP will continue to be in effect until February 2021. For federal and state funded projects, the 2018 RTIP will be in effect until the federal adoption of the 2021 RTIP, anticipated to be in mid-April 2021.

Supplemental Information

This memo and all attachments will be available on the 2021 RTIP Web site – www.sandag.org/2021RTIP.

Should you have any questions please contact me at (619) 595-5318 or Sue.Alpert@sandag.org or you can contact Richard Radcliffe at (619) 595-5649 or Richard.radcliffe@sandag.org.

Attachments: 1. 2018 Projects not included in Amendment No. 14
2. Schedule for the 2021 RTIP

Chula Vista, City of

CHV69

CHV76

Coronado, City of

COR19

COR23

Encinitas, City of

ENC46

ENC47

Escondido, City of

ESC43

ESC46

Imperial Beach, City of

IB18

La Mesa, City of

LAM27

LAM50

Lemon Grove, City of

LG13

National City, City of

NC22

NC26A

NC38

NC39

NC40

NC41

North County Transit District

NCTD113

NCTD18

NCTD20

Oceanside, City of

O22

Poway, City of

POW46

San Diego Unified Port District

PORT02

PORT03

San Diego County

CNTY79

CNTY84

CNTY87

CNTY92

CNTY93

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

MTS23A

MTS28

MTS29

MTS30

MTS31

MTS34

MTS35

San Diego, City of

SD190

SD208

SD234

SD235

SD246

SD247

SD251

SD32

SD34

SD83

San Marcos, City of

SM19

SM49

Santee, City of

SNT28

Vista, City of

VISTA59

VISTA60

Schedule for 2021 RTIP Update

1-Jul	Consultation with San Diego Conformity Working Group (CWG) on conformity criteria and procedures including: revenue-constrained program assumptions, latest planning assumptions, transportation control measures, emissions model, emissions budgets, exempt projects, consultation and public involvement.
15-Jul	All projects proposed for 2021 RTIP due in ProjectTrak including new/updates to capacity increasing projects.
30-Jul	Issue 2021 Project List to CWG for interagency consultation (NCI and CI)
5-Aug	Discuss 2021 RTIP Project List at CWG meeting
14-Aug	Close of CWG project list interagency consultation (NCI and CI)
14-Sep	Complete coding of 2021 RTIP Capacity Increasing (CI) projects/review project submittals
28-Sep	Complete model runs of 2021 RTIP Capacity Increasing (CI) projects
6-Oct	Issue 2021 RTIP Draft Conformity Analysis for 30-day CWG review and comment
4-Nov	Discuss 2021 RTIP Conformity Analysis at CWG meeting
	Signed resolutions with proof of public hearing due from all jurisdictions
6-Nov	30-day CWG comment period for 2021 RTIP draft Conformity Analysis ends
13-Nov	Incorporate CWG comments for 2021 RTIP into revised draft Conformity Analysis
9-Dec	Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) reviews draft 2021 RTIP
4-Dec	Transportation Committee recommends the release of draft 2021 RTIP including its air quality conformity determination for public comment
11-Dec	Board requested to release the draft 2021 RTIP including its air quality conformity determination for a 30-day public comment period; and set February 5, 2021 TC meeting to hold public hearing SANDAG submits draft 2021 RTIP to state for review and comment
11-Jan	30-day comment period ends for draft 2021 RTIP including the Draft Conformity Analysis
5-Feb	Transportation Committee holds public hearing to review the draft 2021 RTIP including its air quality conformity determination and recommends Final 2021 RTIP to the SANDAG Board for approval
26-Feb	SANDAG Board asked to adopt the Final 2021 RTIP including its air quality conformity
1-Mar	Deadline to submit Final 2021 RTIP to state
8-Mar	Start of state FSTIP Public Participation process
22-Mar	State Public Participation process ends
1-Apr	FSTIP submittal to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
16-Apr	Federal approval for FSTIP