



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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ACTION REQUESTED - INFORMATION

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
ON DRAFT SMART GROWTH CONCEPT MAP AND THE
COMPREHENSIVE 2007 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN
(RTP) UPDATE

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Introduction

On July 23, 2004, the SANDAG Board of Directors adopted the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) for the San Diego region. The RCP provides an overall vision and policy framework for better connecting transportation and land use within our region.

A key step in RCP implementation is the preparation of a Smart Growth Concept Map to identify specific locations where smart growth development exists, is planned, or has the potential to exist in the future. The map will be used in the update of the comprehensive 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and in determining eligibility to compete for the future *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) funding.

Earlier this month at its annual retreat, the SANDAG Board discussed the Smart Growth Concept Map and the 2007 RTP update. As part of the public involvement effort, SANDAG will hold subregional workshops this April on the draft Smart Growth Concept Map and the comprehensive 2007 RTP update.

A workshop schedule is attached for the Board's information (Attachment 1). The schedule, which includes eight workshops during April, reflects input by the Regional Planning Committee and the Regional Planning Technical and Stakeholders Working Groups. Workshop invitations will be mailed in early March.

Board members, local planning commissioners, local planning and public works directors, and interested stakeholders and residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the workshops.

Discussion

Focus of the Workshops

Over the past year, SANDAG staff, local planning directors, stakeholders, and the Regional Planning Committee have prepared a Draft Smart Growth Concept Map. Working together, we have identified approximately 200 existing, planned, and potential smart growth areas in the San Diego region, based on land use and transportation targets included in the RCP. Because of the relationship between the Smart Growth Concept Map and the comprehensive 2007 RTP update, SANDAG will hold a series of subregional workshops this April on both of these topics concurrently.

It is anticipated that the workshops will focus on generating greater public awareness of the links between smart growth land uses and transportation choices, including transit, walking, and biking, and obtaining public input on the resources and urban design elements necessary for successful smart growth development. Staff is working with the Regional Planning and Transportation Committees and the Regional Planning Technical and Stakeholders Working Groups to refine the format and content of the workshops.

Board members and alternates are encouraged to attend the workshops in their subregion. In addition, SANDAG is soliciting the opportunity to make presentations on the draft Smart Growth Concept Map to each city council and the Board of Supervisors during March and early April in an effort to generate awareness of the draft map and its links to the 2007 RTP update, and to promote attendance at the workshops.

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Attachment: 1. Dates and Locations for Public Workshops

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**Dates and Locations
for Public Workshops on the Draft Smart Growth Concept Map and the Comprehensive
2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update**

Subregion	Locations	Dates*
North County Inland	Escondido – City Hall – Mitchell Room	Monday, April 3, 2006
North County Coastal	Del Mar – Powerhouse Community Center	Tuesday, April 4, 2006
South Bay	National City – South County Regional Education Center	Thursday, April 6, 2006
South Bay	San Diego – San Ysidro Multicultural Center	Monday, April 10, 2006
Central	San Diego – Kearny Mesa Recreation Center	Tuesday, April 11, 2006
East County	La Mesa – La Mesa Community Center	Monday, April 17, 2006
Central	San Diego – Balboa Park Club	Wednesday, April 19, 2006
North County Coastal	Oceanside – Oceanside Community Room	Thursday, April 20, 2006

*All workshops are scheduled from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm except for the San Diego at Balboa Park which will be held from 11 am to 1:30 pm.