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AGENDA

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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Staff Committee Liaison: Tom Lichterman

Thursday, October 2, 2008 – 3:00 PM
311 South Tremont, Oceanside, California

1. Open Meeting
2. Changes to the Agenda
3. Federal 5311(f) Grant Applications for Operating Assistance - Routes 306, 386 and 388
(Attachment 3A)
4. Resolution for Funds Swap with SANDAG for SPRINTER Project (Attachment 4A)
5. Public Hearing for Proposed October 2008 COASTER Schedule Changes (Attachments 5A and 5B)
6. Other Matters
7. Public Comment
8. Next Meeting: Thursday, **November 6, 2008**, 3:00 p.m., 311 South Tremont, Oceanside, CA
9. Adjournment

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STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item # 3

TITLE: FEDERAL 5311(f) GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR OPERATING ASSISTANCE – ROUTES 306, 386 and 388

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the NCTD Board of Directors adopt Resolution # 08-08 authorizing NCTD’s submittal of grant applications for Federal 5311(f) funding to provide FY09 operating assistance for Routes 306, 386 and 388.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program in California is designed to address the “intercity bus transportation needs of the entire state” by supporting projects that provide transportation between non-urbanized areas and urbanized areas that result in connections of greater regional, statewide and national significance.

Approximately \$3.2 million in Federal funding will be available for this year’s cycle. Funding is allocated based on a statewide competitive basis. Operating projects can receive up to 55.33% in federal funding, up to a maximum federal amount of \$300,000 per project.

NCTD has submitted applications for operating assistance to support Routes 306, 386 and 388. In addition to the applications, Caltrans requires a resolution from the NCTD Board.

Below is some additional background on the three routes:

Route 306 - Links the rural communities of Bonsall and Fallbrook to Vista Transit Center (VTC). VTC provides access to rural residents from these communities to local BREEZE bus services and to the SPRINTER, which in turn will link Vista to Amtrak, COASTER and Metrolink, as well as Greyhound. NCTD is applying for \$300,000 in operating assistance for this route.

Route 386 - Links downtown Escondido at the Escondido Transit Center (ETC) to the community of Ramona via SR-78. Service operates during commuter hours only. ETC is a regional multi-modal hub for NCTD BREEZE buses, Greyhound, MTS Commuter Service to San Diego and the SPRINTER. NCTD is applying for \$97,155 in operating assistance for this route.

Route 388 – Links the Pala and Rincon Indian reservations via SR-76 and the communities of Valley Center and Pauma Valley to downtown Escondido at the Escondido Transit Center (ETC), with connecting services available to San Diego. NCTD is applying for \$290,040 in operating assistance for this route.

ATTACHMENT: 3A - Resolution 08-08

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this action. However, if NCTD's applications are approved for funding, NCTD would receive federal funding to support operations for the designated routes in the amounts approved for each grant. There is no guarantee that any of NCTD's applications will be approved.

**COMMITTEE
REVIEW:**
10/2/08

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STAFF REPORT TO THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item #
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TITLE: RESOLUTION FOR FUNDS SWAP WITH SANDAG FOR SPRINTER PROJECT

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**STAFF
RECOMMENDATION:**

That the NCTD Board of Directors adopt Resolution # 08-07 authorizing NCTD’s swapping of Proposition 1B bond funds for TransNet funds on the SPRINTER Project.

**BACKGROUND
INFORMATION:**

In December 2006, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved an amendment to the *TransNet* Ordinance to add the SPRINTER project as part of the Early Action Program (EAP). Concurrent with the amendment, the SANDAG Board also approved a funding plan revision to increase the total SPRINTER project budget to \$484.2 million. The NCTD Board of Directors also approved the revised total SPRINTER project budget of \$484.2 million and the revised project funding plan in December 2006.

At the time, California voters had just approved Proposition 1B, which included \$4 billion statewide for transit projects, of which \$400 million is for intercity rail and the remaining \$3.6 billion is available for transit agencies to be distributed according to the STA formula. As part of the SPRINTER funding plan, \$50 million in anticipated Proposition 1B bond funds were identified, with the understanding that the policies ruling the distribution of these funds had not yet been established by the state legislature. NCTD and SANDAG programmed the anticipated \$50 million of Proposition 1B bond funds into the SPRINTER project.

NCTD has received and expended all funding sources for the SPRINTER project except the Proposition 1B bond funds. The state has appropriated only \$8,602,925 of the \$50 million in Proposition 1B bond funds, and it now appears that the State will appropriate the remainder of the funds over a period of several years.

NCTD has received and expended the entire \$8,602,925 in Proposition 1B bond funds appropriated to date. The balance of the Proposition 1B bond funds have not yet been allocated by the State, and the Proposition 1B program does not permit the incurrence of costs in advance of appropriation of funds by the State (i.e. no pre-award authority). These factors create a timing problem for NCTD. To address this situation, NCTD and SANDAG propose a revision to the previously approved SPRINTER project funding plan. The proposal consists of replacing the remaining Proposition 1B bond funds yet to be received with *TransNet* Major Corridor funds in the amount of \$41,397,075. *TransNet* funds permit pre-award authority. SANDAG, as the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has many major transit projects that are eligible for Proposition 1B bond funding, whereas NCTD has no other such projects.

This item is scheduled to be reviewed by the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) at its October 15, 2008 meeting; by the SANDAG Transportation Committee at its October 17, 2008 meeting; and will be brought to the full SANDAG Board at its October 24, 2008 meeting for final approval. If approved, this request will be included in Amendment #1 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) scheduled to be brought to the SANDAG Transportation Committee at its November 7, 2008 meeting for approval.

ATTACHMENT: 4A - Resolution 08-07

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this action. This action simply changes the composition of capital project funding for the SPRINTER project, while keeping the overall SPRINTER budget at the same level.

**COMMITTEE
REVIEW:**
10/2/08

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STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item # 5

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED OCTOBER 2008 COASTER SCHEDULE CHANGES

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Committee set a Public Hearing for October 16, 2008 to hear public comment regarding proposed COASTER service changes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The purpose of this item is to inform the Committee of the recommended COASTER schedule adjustment to go into effect October 27, 2008. All changes to weekday service are relatively minor in nature and are adjustments for better "meets" and efficiency. The requirement of a public hearing is necessitated by the proposed changes to the Saturday service. NCTD's existing Public Hearing Policy states that the District must conduct a public hearing for any service changes that changes trip times by more than ten minutes.

When our current expanded Saturday service was initiated in April 2008, it was with the intent of keeping the late-night service seasonal and removing it for the winter months. What staff is recommending to the Board with this action is the adoption of a Saturday summer schedule and a Saturday winter schedule. This schedule change would occur with our April and October changes, coincident with the beginning and ending of our annual Padre service.

The spring/summer schedule would be essentially as it is today, with the last northbound from San Diego departing at 10:45 p.m. on Saturdays. The fall/winter schedule, along with different departure times during the day, would have the last northbound depart from San Diego at 6:39 p.m. on Saturdays. This would allow us to serve the summer peak ridership season and avoid running empty trains in the winter. NCTD's FY 2009 budget currently assumes this change is made during the winter months.

ATTACHMENT: 5A - Proposed COASTER schedule effective October 27, 2008
5B - Existing COASTER schedule effective March 28, 2008

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

COMMITTEE REVIEW: 10/2/08

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October 2, 2008

TO: North County Transit District Board Members
FROM: Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: POSTING OF BOARD AGENDA

In Compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, As Amended, the following information is provided.

The Agenda for this meeting of the Planning Committee was posted as follows:

Meeting Date and Time:	October 2, 2008; 3:00 p.m.
Posted At:	810 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA and 311 So. Tremont, Oceanside, CA
Date & Time of Posting:	September 26, 2008; 5:00 p.m.
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