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**MEETING of the
NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
Board Room
810 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92054**

**THURSDAY
October 19, 2006
1:45 P.M. – Special Meeting /
Closed Session
2:00 P.M. - Regular Meeting**

NCTD's Mission

*To deliver safe, convenient,
reliable, and user-friendly
public transportation services.*

NCTD's Vision

*To build an integrated transit
system that enables our
customers to travel easily
and efficiently throughout
our growing region.*

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SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS
- CLOSED SESSION
- A. Closed Session Pursuant To Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – William Wardrop v. NCTD; Superior Court Case No. GIN 049827
- B. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Jacqueline Laurel, et al v. NCTD; Superior Court Case No. GIN 051359.

REGULAR MEETING BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG
- CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
- PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS
- C. Presentation of September 2006 Employees of the Month Commendations to:
 - Mr. Daniel L. Hardie, Facility Maintenance Mechanic
 - Mr. Boris Post, Coach Operator
- PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

(There is a time limit of 15 minutes for this section of Public Communications and each speaker is limited to three minutes for their presentation.)

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 (Pages 6-12)
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF SAN DIEGO NORTHERN RAILWAY OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 (Pages 13-14)

ESTIMATED TIME: 2:15 P.M.

1. Presentation: Update on Rail Activities for the Weekend of September 23-24, 2006 (S)
(No Staff Report)

(All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion, unless members of the Board, the Executive Director, or the public, request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. A request from the public to discuss an item must be filed with the Clerk of the Board on the "Request to Speak" form before that agenda item is called.)

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT WILL BE MOVED TO THE END OF THE AGENDA

ESTIMATED TIME: 2:20 P.M.

CONSENT ITEMS (Tabs 2 - 8) Items reviewed and recommended for approval by the Governance Committee (G), Planning Committee (P), Monitoring Committee (M) or Staff (S)

2. Adopt: Final Report from August 3, 2006 Board Workshop (G) (ATTACHMENT 1)
3. Award: Contract for 40-foot Bus Procurement (M)
4. Award: Contract for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and Video and Audio Public Address (VAPAS) Maintenance (M)
5. Award: Contract for Sealing and Striping of Parking Lots (M)
6. Receive: Quarterly Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 (M)
(ATTACHMENT 2)
7. Approve: Amended State Transit Assistance Fund Claim for FY 07 (P) (ATTACHMENT 3)
8. Review: Escondido Rapid Bus and Transit Priority Concept Study (P)

ESTIMATED TIME: 2:25 P.M.

REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Jerome Stocks, Board Chair

ESTIMATED TIME: 2:30 P.M.

REPORT OF MONITORING COMMITTEE (Tabs 9 - 10)
Norine Sigafoose, Committee Chair

9. Update: Cedros Crossing Project Status
10. Review: COASTER Performance Report

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE (Tabs 11 - 12)
Lesa Heebner, Committee Chair

- C. Update: SPRINTER Project (No Staff Report)
- D. NCTD Chairman's Report on SANDAG Committees and Board Actions (No Staff Report)

- BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- REMAINING PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (For any remaining speakers who have completed a "Request to Speak" form before the start of the meeting.)

All persons wishing to address the Board during the meeting must complete a "Request to Speak" form. These forms are provided in a box at the table in the hallway, and must be completed and given to the Clerk of the Board before that agenda item is called. All speakers are limited to three minutes for their presentation.

- ADJOURNMENT
- CERTIFICATIONS AND RULES (FOR BOARD AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)
 - Posting of Board Agenda (Page 35)
 - Rules for Public Speakers at meetings of the North San Diego County Transit Development Board (Page 36)

***The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held at
2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2006
at 810 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA***

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION AND THE REGULAR MEETING
OF NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 PAGE 1**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jerome Stocks called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Jerome Stocks (City of Encinitas); Bob Campbell (City of Vista); David Druker (City of Del Mar); Ed Gallo (City of Escondido); Lesa Heebner (City of Solana Beach); Bill Horn (County of San Diego); Shari Mackin (City of Oceanside); Norine Sigafoose (City of Carlsbad).

Absent: Hal Martin (City of San Marcos).

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 1:46 p.m. to discuss agenda item A.

- A. Closed Session Pursuant To Government Code Section 54956.9 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation – NCTD vs. Atlantic Richfield Company, et al, United States District Court Case Number 06 CV0213.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 2:00 pm. Paula deSousa, General Counsel, stated that the Board met in Closed Session, discussed Agenda Item A and had nothing to report.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO THE SAN DIEGO NORTHERN RAILROAD (SDNR) MEETING AT 2:01 P.M.

THE SAN DIEGO NORTHERN RAILROAD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT AT 2:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Jerome Stocks (City of Encinitas); Bob Campbell (City of Vista); David Druker (City of Del Mar); Ed Gallo (City of Escondido); Lesa Heebner (City of Solana Beach); Bill Horn (County of San Diego); Shari Mackin (City of Oceanside); Norine Sigafoose (City of Carlsbad).

Absent: Hal Martin (City of San Marcos).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Dave Druker led the Board, staff and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Karen King, Executive Director, stated that there were no changes to the agenda. She drew the Board's attention to updated information related to Agenda Items 7 and 9.

B. Presentation of August 2006 Employees of the Month Commendations to:

Brian Graham, Director of Bus Operations and Maintenance, recognized Mr. John A. Larios, Mechanic II and Mr. William A. Canada, Coach Operator (who was unable to attend the meeting), as the August 2006 Employees of the Month, with the Board's congratulations.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY NORINE SIGAFOOSE TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2006, SECONDED BY BOB CAMPBELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Update: Land Use Studies

Lance Schulte, Economic Development Administrator, reviewed: project background; the primary goals of the land use studies; the workshop results; small group discussions; the next steps.

Lesa Heebner asked for clarification on "destination uses".

Mr. Schulte responded that "destination uses" could be a theatre, health club, a place where riders would want to go.

Shari Mackin requested that more feedback be obtained from the public.

Norine Sigafoose said that the Carlsbad participants thought there should be more directional signage to the beach from the Transit Center.

Ed Gallo requested a recap from the three meetings.

Mr. Schulte stated that he would be compiling a detailed summary and would report back to the Board.

Jerome Stocks asked what was the underlining zoning on the properties and would NCTD decide what would be best on the site and seek developers that want to buy the rights to build it, or does NCTD do the basic exploration as to what may work and then put out a request for ideas and let the development community bring us their thoughts.

Mr. Schulte responded that NCTD would work with each city to try and have it work within their system and that NCTD has to ensure that the District's issues are managed properly.

Karen King stated that because the source of funding to complete this study was from Caltrans, there are specific guidelines in terms of what NCTD needs to produce to satisfy the

requirements of the grant which are somewhat more specific than what NCTD may have chosen to do.

Bob Campbell requested clarification on “transit rental uses”.

Mr. Schulte said that the comments brought up in Escondido were renting bikes or cars to go to places such as the Wild Animal Park.

Lesa Heebner asked about the specific requirements for the Caltrans study grant.

Ms. King responded that Caltrans requires that NCTD take the study further in terms of defining specific uses or what the architecture might look like.

No action required.

2. Review: Mobility Training Program

Alana Burkett, Mobility Trainer, reviewed the program that reached 808 individuals, with 181 of those participating in the program from the Senior Centers at Oceanside, Vista, Solana Beach, San Marcos and Encinitas. She stated that 130 individuals participated in a day trip. Ms. Burkett held 1-on-1 classroom training that covered: NCTD services; identifying what monthly pass they could utilize; an explanation of the contents of the Rider’s Guide. She also held special events such as a daytrip for international students that needed to understand how to use the transportation system.

No action required.

CONSENT ITEMS

3. Authorize: Dedication of Easements to the City of Escondido
4. Approve: Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code
5. Increase: Additional Purchase Order for RailPROS for Design Review During Construction of SPRINTER
6. Approve: Replenishment of Executive Director’s Change Order Authority Pool for SPRINTER Project (M)
7. Award: Contracts for On-Call Engineering
8. Approve: Supplemental Agreement to TransitAmerica for Signal Communications Maintenance Services
9. Approve: Memorandum of Understanding with SANDAG to Augment SPRINTER Staff

MOTION BY NORINE SIGAFOOSE TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 9, SECONDED BY SHARI MACKIN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

10. Review: Draft Report from August 3, 2006 Board Workshop

Karen King reviewed the draft report from the workshop. She referred the Board to: page two of the report, the NCTD Vision Statement; page five which is a listing of the most urgent goals or objectives that the Board identified into three categories; page six, the three bullet points that the Governance Committee identified as items to begin working on.

Bob Campbell stated that he thought quiet crossings were a key desire and asked where it was incorporated in the report.

Ms. King responded that quiet zones did not come out of the workshop, but that items could be added to the list. She suggested that a statement be added on page five about supporting the creation of quiet zones under policy direction, and on page six to strike the word "coastal" so it would say "double track the railroad rights-of-way".

Lesa Heebner requested that changes be made to the vision statement on page six. She said that under the section "next steps - called to action", add "with adequate parking for a growing ridership". Ms. Heebner requested that the vision statement be revised and she would work with staff to finalize it.

JEROME STOCKS MADE A MOTION THAT THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES BE ADOPTED, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT MS. HEEBNER BE APPOINTED AS A SINGULAR MEMBER OF AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO WORK ON GRAMMATICAL IMPROVEMENTS. BILL HORN SECONDED AS LONG AS IT WAS BROUGHT BACK TO THE FULL BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

11. Review: Funding Participation in the Cal State Campus Transportation Study and Briefing on the Cal State San Marcos University Master Plan

Stefan Marks, Manager of Service Development, reviewed the projected enrollment and parking structure demands.

Bob Campbell asked if Palomar and Mira Costa Colleges would have a chance to sit in, listen and learn and consider their own conditions.

Mr. Marks responded that Palomar has been invited, and Cal State will invite Mira Costa and the City of San Marcos.

MOTION BY BOB CAMPBELL TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 11, SECONDED BY JEROME STOCKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Adopt: Resolution No. 06-12 Supporting Completion of the North County Parkway Plan Projects in Coordination with the County of San Diego, the City of San Marcos and the City of Escondido

Stefan Marks reviewed the agenda item.

MOTION BY BILL HORN TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 12, SECONDED BY BOB CAMPBELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Review: I-15 Bus Rapid Transit Operations Plan

Linda Culp, SANDAG Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the initial concept plan and the status of the work in the I-15 corridor. She stated that it was important to know that the approach they are taking is that they will ramp up to the full-blown BRT date. Ms. Culp said that as the stations come online and as the managed lane segments are finished, we will use those with MTS's current express routes that are operating in the corridor. She stated that it is key to finish, for our transit riders, how they get to make connections to UCSD or to terminate downtown. Ms. Culp said that they looked at the parking demand when they determined the BRT demand and that the main BRT stations are designed with surface parking lots. She added that the concept plan recommends a parking structure at the Escondido Transit Center, with the Center for Performing Arts as a potential backup plan. Ms. Culp said that there is a vehicle procurement committee, comprised of the three agencies, and an evaluation is under way to determine if there is a need for a storage facility in North County to store some vehicles, and the type of vehicle chosen would impact that storage facility issue. She said that in terms of capital funds, they identified approximately \$370 million for the project through the TransNet program, but parking structures or a centralized maintenance facility are not included in these funds.

Jerome Stocks stated that the articulated bus they test rode had nowhere near the quality needed for people to ride long-haul. He suggested we get a good ride quality with sufficient seating capacity.

Bill Horn said that MTS is planning to run this themselves.

Jerome Stocks said that if MTS wants to use their operating budget to move people along, he doesn't have a desire to replace their operating money with NCTD's money.

Dave Druker suggested that State Route 56 be used instead of Mira Mesa Blvd. because it also picks up Carmel Valley.

Ms. Culp said that she will add that recommendation to the list of things to do.

Karen King clarified that there has not been a determination as to how the service will be operated, but there is an operating plan under development. She said that MTS has expressed their intent and desire to be the sole operator of the service, but that is still an issue being discussed. Ms. King said that this item has been scheduled for a JCRT meeting on November 2, 2006 at NCTD.

Ms. Culp said that these comments will be brought to the SANDAG Transportation Committee on October 6, 2006.

MOTION BY JEROME STOCKS TO SEND THIS ITEM TO THE JCRT WITH THE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, SECONDED BY NORINE SIGAFOOSE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Discuss: San Luis Rey Transit Center

Dave Druker stated that the item passed the Oceanside City Council on a 3-2 vote.

C. NCTD Chairman's Report on SANDAG Committees and Board Actions

Jerome Stocks stated that on September 20, 2006 he, and a contingency of NCTD management, met with the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC), a TransNet Two related organization. He complimented Tom Lichterman, Director of Rail Services, on his presentation. Chair Stocks said that ITOC gave consensus that they were supportive of the SPRINTER project and impressed with the management oversight NCTD has provided thus far.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Bob Campbell said he took the COASTER recently and that the COASTER Conductor told him the fare machines at Santa Fe Depot are very unreliable.

Karen King explained that those machines are the original ones installed when the COASTER began service. The manufacturer ceased supporting them approximately five years ago and there has been on-going significant repair and attention to them to keep them in working order. Ms. King said that the regional fare collection project that included the new fare boxes and the SMART card technology, includes new ticketing machines for the COASTER. She said that they are scheduled to be placed into service right after January 1, 2007. Ms. King said that NCTD's mission is to move people, so if we can't collect their revenue, we don't want to not move them, but we want to improve our collection methods.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Karen King informed the Board that: she and some of the Board members will be attending the APTA annual meeting in San Jose October 9-11, 2006; September 23-24, 2006 NCTD will be cutting over the track on Bridge 230.6 at Aqua Hedionda. She said that there will be extensive night work and no trains will be operating on the right-of-way.

REMAINING PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m. Submitted by Jill McNaughton, Clerk of the Board for North County Transit District.

CHAIRMAN: _____

CLERK OF THE BOARD: _____

DATE: _____

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SAN DIEGO NORTHERN RAILWAY, INC.
SEPTEMBER 21, 2006**

OPENING OF MEETING

Chairman Jerome Stocks opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Jerome Stocks (City of Encinitas); Ed Gallo (City of Escondido); David Druker (City of Del Mar); Lesa Heebner (City of Solana Beach); Bill Horn (County of San Diego); Shari Mackin (City of Oceanside); Norine Sigafoose (City of Carlsbad); Bob Campbell (City of Vista).

Absent: Hal Martin (City of San Marcos).

Also present were Karen King, Executive Director, and C. Michael Cowett, General Counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action was taken as the Minutes of the September 15, 2005 meeting were approved at the October 20, 2005 meeting of the North San Diego County Transit Development Board.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

FOR BOARD ACTION – DISCUSSION

E-1 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

That the Board elect Karen King, Executive Director, as President of the SDNR Corporation and C. Michael Cowett, Legal Counsel, as the Secretary.

MOTION BY DAVE DRUKER TO ELECT KAREN KING AS PRESIDENT OF THE SDNR CORPORATION AND C. MICHAEL COWETT AS SECRETARY, SECONDED BY BOB CAMPBELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE, BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS, AND OTHER MATTERS

None

REMAINING PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN STOCKS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 2:03 P.M.

DATED: _____

Secretary

Chairman



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

TITLE: Adopt: Final Report from August 3, 2006 Board Workshop

STAFF CONTACT: Karen King
 Executive Director
 E-mail: kking@nctd.org Phone: 760/967-2867

TIME SENSITIVE: YES NO

Consent Action Information

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt the revised workshop report.

DESCRIPTION:

On August 3, 2006 the Board of Directors held a Workshop to further discuss strategic concerns identified at their January 2006 Workshop. A report was compiled regarding the activities and outcomes from the Workshop.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2006, The Board of Directors held their annual planning workshop, "Getting Back to the Basics." Several recommendations came out of that workshop, one of which was to:

- Conduct a follow-up workshop to further develop and articulate a shared vision for NCTD, and
- Identify longer term strategies to address strategic concerns identified at the January workshop.

On August 3, 2006, a follow-up workshop, "Taking Transit into the Future", was held in response to this recommendation. A report from this second workshop was compiled and presented to the Board at their September 21, 2006 meeting. Based on Board direction, some modifications have been made to the report language. Attachment 1 contains the revised language.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

10/4/06 The Committee discussed the amended text to the Final Report. Edits and/or additions were made to the Vision Statement, Policy Direction, Major Capital Investments and Next Steps/Call to Action sections. There were three changes of substance. References to double tracking of the coastal railroad were changed by deleting the word "coastal" thereby including the SPRINTER rail line. Under Policy Direction, "Support development of quiet zones", was added. And, the action step that refers to the development of livable transit-friendly communities, added the phrase, "...that include adequate parking for growing transit ridership". (See the complete edited text in the attachment to the Staff Report.)



MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT

TITLE: Award: Contract for 40-Foot Bus Procurement

STAFF CONTACT: Brian Graham TIME SENSITIVE: YES [X] NO []
Director of Bus Operations and Maintenance
E-mail: BGraham@nctd.org Phone: 760/967-2854
Consent [X] Action [] Information []

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve a contract award to New Flyer of America for the purchase of twelve transit buses and associated equipment.

DESCRIPTION:

This item proposes a contract award for twelve 40-foot low-floor, CNG buses to New Flyer of America. This contract would be based on an option which is available to the District through a contract which was awarded to New Flyer of America in August of 2004.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2004, the Board awarded a contract to New Flyer of America for the purchase of 23 low-floor CNG buses. The contract contained an option clause for 45 additional buses. In January 2005, the Board exercised an option for with New Flyer of America for 33 additional buses.

The Board has made the replacement of older transit buses one of its top priorities during the past nine years. In FY 07, the buses that these will replace will be, on the average, 12.3 years old and have accumulated 855,000 miles. All of the buses being retired are diesel powered.

The contract allows options to be priced from the last option price of \$360,234 calculated from the date that the option is exercised and using PPI WPU 1413. PPI WPU is one of the many government standard pricing indexes, 1413 is the one most closely related to bus manufacturing. Using the submittal date of January 2005, an increase of 4% per year, or \$29,562 per bus, is authorized under the contract. New Flyer has agreed to reduce this cost to \$21,512 per bus. This results in a cost per bus of \$381,796. The buses are currently planned for delivery in the third quarter of calendar year 2007.

In addition to the twelve buses, staff is requesting that spare parts, to include a spare engine, transmission, training, and diagnostic equipment be included in the purchase. Cost for this associated equipment is approximately \$150,000. The total price for the buses, associated equipment, and taxes would be approximately \$5,200,000.

Staff also recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to dispose of the buses that these newer buses will replace in accordance with District policy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact associated with this action is approximately \$5,200,000. Sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available in capital project budgets (#102013, 103005, and 105005).

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

10/5/06 Staff reviewed with the Committee the previous contract award to New Flyer of America in August 2004 for the purchase of 23 buses and the execution of an option for 33 transit buses in January 2006. The replacement of older transit buses continues to be one of the top priorities of the Board. These buses will replace diesel buses that, on average, will be 12.3 years old and have 855,000 miles at the time of replacement. These buses will be fueled by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in keeping with the Board's decision on the use of clean burning fuels and will meet or exceed the requirements of the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Unit cost per bus will be \$381,796, excluding taxes. Staff has also recommended the acquisition of spare parts to include an engine and transmission, along with associated training and diagnostic equipment. Total cost of the buses and associated equipment is approximately \$5,200,000. Sufficient funding is available in capital project budgets 102013, 103005, and 105005.



MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT

TITLE: Award: Contract for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and Video and Audio Public Address (VAPAS) Maintenance

STAFF CONTACT: Tom Lichterman, Director of Rail Services, E-mail: tlichterman@nctd.org, Phone: 760/967-2855. TIME SENSITIVE: YES [X] NO []. Consent [X] Action [] Information []

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board award a five-year contract to Metro Video Services Inc. to service and maintain the District's CCTV and VAPAS systems, for an amount not-to-exceed \$516,047 for the baseline scope of service.

DESCRIPTION:

Award a five-year service contract for the maintenance of NCTD's Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) security systems and the Video and Audio Public Address System (VAPAS) to Metro Video Services Inc.

BACKGROUND:

NCTD's Department of Transit Enforcement operates the District's Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems and the Visual and Audio Public Address system. The original CCTV and VAPAS system was installed approximately eleven years ago. Since that time, many improvements and additions have been made to the system.

Currently, there are CCTV and VAPAS systems at all of the COASTER Stations. These are monitored and controlled from the Control Center at the Oceanside Transit Center. Additionally, there are CCTV systems at the West Division Shop and Yard, Vista Transit Center, Escondido Transit Center, Stuart Mesa Railroad Maintenance facility and the new Oceanside Parking Structure.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for CCTV and VAPAS maintenance was sent out on June 29, 2006 and closed on July 27, 2006. The RFP was advertised twice during this period in one local publication. Request for Proposals were sent to thirty one (31) firms. One firm, Metro Video Systems Inc., submitted a proposal.

A subsequent required cost analysis was conducted and it was determined that Metro Video's proposal was fair and reasonable based on the following. From the original system to be maintained five years ago at \$7,050 per month, there have been significant upgrades and additions to the District's CCTV system to include five new locations. In addition, a cost of living increase and increases in labor wages, insurance and fuel were factored in. Therefore, the proposed monthly price of \$8,100 (\$97,200 annually) is fair.

The annual cost will break down as follows over the next five years factoring in an annual 3% increase:

Year 1:	\$ 97,200
Year 2:	\$100,116
Year 3:	\$103,119
Year 4:	\$106,213
Year 5:	\$109,399
TOTAL:	\$516,047

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this item is not-to-exceed \$516,047 over the five-year life of the contract. A total of \$96,000 has been budgeted in the FY 07 Operating Budget for the Security department under account # 230.503111 and 230.503114. For fiscal years beyond FY 07, the annual cost of the contract will be provided for in future years' operating budgets.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

10/5/06 Staff provided background on the CCTV and VAPAS system that is now in place at all COASTER Stations. A RFP was sent to 31 firms and advertised twice between June 29, 2006 and July 27, 2006. Only one firm, Metro Video Inc., submitted a proposal. A cost analysis of their proposal was conducted and it was found to be fair and reasonable. Fiscal impact of this contract is \$516,047 over five (5) years. FY 07 costs for these services were budgeted at \$96,000. There is sufficient funding in the current budget to cover the cost of these services. Future expenses would be budgeted in the impacted year's operating budget.



MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT

TITLE: Award: Contract for Sealing and Striping of Parking Lots

STAFF CONTACT: Brian Graham TIME SENSITIVE: YES [X] NO []
Director of Bus Operations and Maintenance
E-mail: bgraham@nctd.org Phone: 760/967-2854
Consent [X] Action [] Information []

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Board award a contract to NPG Corporation for parking lot repairs, sealing, and striping at the Oceanside Transit Center, Escondido Transit Center, East Division, Encinitas Station, Poinsettia Station, and the Tremont Office Building in an amount not-to-exceed \$123,811.
DESCRIPTION: Consideration of a contract award for the parking lot maintenance scheduled for FY 07.
BACKGROUND: District parking lots are scheduled for resurfacing to occur every four to five years, depending on the condition of the lot. The work includes repairing broken and raveled pavements, filling major cracks, the application of a two coat seal, and new striping and pavement markings. The lots scheduled for maintenance in FY 07 are the parking lots at the Oceanside Transit Center, Escondido Transit Center, East Division, Encinitas Station, Poinsettia Station, and the Tremont Office Building.
In anticipation of the work scheduled for this fiscal year, an Invitation for Bids (IFB) was developed and advertised for parking lot maintenance. Three responses to the bid were received and the results are as follows:
NPG Corporation \$123,811.00
Kirk Paving Inc. \$173,243.80
Ramona Paving and Construction \$183,822.20
NPG Corporation was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of this item is \$123,811. A total of \$260,000 has been budgeted in the FY 07 Operating Budget for the Facility Maintenance department under account # 220.503311 and 220.503314 for this and other facilities maintenance projects.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

10/5/06 Staff provided background on the maintenance program for the District's parking lots. An IFB for sealing and striping of the District parking lots was advertised and the District received three (3) bids ranging from \$123,811.00 to \$183,822.20. NPG Corporation was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Fiscal impact of this item is \$123,811.00 and is budgeted in the Facilities Department Operating Budget.



MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT

TITLE: Receive: Quarterly Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

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TIME SENSITIVE: YES [] NO [X]
Phone: 760/967-2809
Consent [] Action [] Information [X]

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board receive the financial data for informational purposes.

DESCRIPTION:

Receive and review the Quarterly Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

The Quarterly Financial Report (Attachment 2) provides information on the District's financial position, as well as an overview of budgeted and actual revenues and expenses through the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. It should be noted that only year-end financial reports are independently audited and receive all necessary adjustments for compliance with GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles). Quarterly financial reports are un-audited and are for internal use only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

10/5/06 Staff provided the Committee with the unaudited results for year ending June 30, 2006. Unaudited results show a surplus of \$172,186. Passenger fares were below budget by 2.4%. While ridership was up on the BREEZE by 160,000 boarding, revenue was below budget by \$289,000, indicating a higher usage of passes. COASTER fare revenue fell below budget by \$164,000. State operating grant revenue was approximately \$1.2 million higher than budget due to increased STA funding. Total salary and wages were over budget by 2.2% due in part to an increase in Coach Operator overtime and the addition of one position. Professional services were under budget by \$1.5 million. Even with the large increase in fuel prices, the overall materials and supply category was only over budget by \$73,000.



PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

TITLE: Approve: Amended State Transit Assistance Fund Claim for FY 07

STAFF CONTACT: Diane Hessler, Chief Management Accountant, E-mail: dhessler@nctd.org, Phone: 760/966-6550. TIME SENSITIVE: YES [X] NO []. Consent [X] Action [] Information []

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Resolution 06-13 and provide authorization to submit an amended FY 07 claim for State Transit Assistance (STA) funds in the amount of \$9,006,825, an increase of \$5,514,825 above the original claim amount.

DESCRIPTION:

Adopt Resolution 06-13 (Attachment 3) and authorize the Executive Director to file an amended FY 07 claim for State Transit Assistance (STA) funds in the amount of \$9,006,825, an increase of \$5,514,825 above the original claim amount.

BACKGROUND:

In April of each year, NCTD files the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) claims with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for the subsequent fiscal year, based on revenue allocations provided by SANDAG.

Recently, SANDAG provided an updated FY 07 STAF fund estimate, as prepared by the State Controller's office. This revised allocation reflects an increase in funding in the STA account, which is available for FY 07. NCTD's share of the revised allocation represents an increase of \$5,514,825 above the original claim amount of \$3,492,000, for a total amended claim of \$9,006,825. The original claim amount was designated to be used for operations and is included in the FY 07 operating budget (Account #100.411101). NCTD wishes to file an amended claim to make the additional STA funding available during FY 07 to cover a portion of the SPRINTER project cost increase.

In conjunction with the amended claim, the NCTD Board is required to reassert specific findings as detailed in the attached Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this action is an increase in capital funds for FY 07 in the amount of \$5,514,825, which will be used to fund a portion of the increase in the SPRINTER project capital cost.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

10/5/06 Staff explained that SANDAG recently provided an updated FY 07 State Transit Assistance (STA) Program fund estimate, and that NCTD was eligible to receive an increase of \$5,514,825 over the original amount of \$3,492,000, claimed for FY 07. The result was a total amended claim of \$9,006,825. NCTD proposes to make the additional funding available during FY 07 to cover a portion of the SPRINTER project cost increase. The Committee recommended approval of this item on the Consent Calendar.



PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

TITLE: Review: Escondido Rapid Bus and Transit Priority Concept Study

STAFF CONTACT: Stefan Marks
Manager of Service Development
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TIME SENSITIVE: YES [X] NO []
Consent [X] Action [] Information []

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board receive the presentation and recommend: (1) that SANDAG fund the transit priority portion of the project as soon as financially feasible; and (2) provide \$30,000 to fund continued planning and preliminary engineering.

DESCRIPTION:

Provide an update on the Escondido Rapid Bus and Transit Priority Concept Study, provide \$30,000 to SANDAG to fund continued planning and preliminary engineering, and recommend that the Board request that SANDAG fund the transit priority portion of the project as soon as financially feasible.

BACKGROUND:

NCTD, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and the City of Escondido are working together to evaluate how to implement faster travel times and maintain reliable service on NCTD's Route 350 without adversely impacting local traffic. Route 350 (Escondido Transit Center to North County Fair) was chosen from a short list of candidate routes because ridership is high, several major activity centers are located along the route, and there are heavy student loads at peak times which impact the ability to keep buses running reliably.

The Escondido Rapid Bus and Transit Priority Concept Study was approved by the Board, Escondido City Council and SANDAG Transportation Committee this Spring. Since the recommendations were adopted, SANDAG's and NCTD's consultant has refined the project budget to implement the recommendations.

The follow-up work by the consultant presents a phased approach to implementing enhanced service on Route 350. The first step would be the implementation of signal priority. This step could be completed within a year following funding approval through SANDAG. Subsequent steps would involve preliminary and final engineering of physical improvements, such as the proposed queue jumpers, bus stops and service branding.

SANDAG and NCTD have a real opportunity to implement signal priority in Escondido due in part to the positive working relationships the respective staff, the minimal impacts to traffic along Escondido Boulevard, and the length of the corridor.

SANDAG and NCTD have jointly funded the preliminary study which totals \$130,000. Staff is proposing to provide an additional \$30,000 from its FY 07 federal planning allocation to continue to support planning and preliminary engineering for rapid bus planning and preliminary engineering.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this action is \$30,000. A total of \$30,000 has been budgeted for this activity in the FY 07 Operating Budget for the Service Development department under account 260.503111.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

10/05/06 Staff provided an overview of the Escondido Rapid Bus and Transit Priority project which would upgrade existing Route 350 (Escondido Transit Center to North County Fair) to provide faster and more reliable travel times without adversely impacting local traffic. The project would achieve this through implementation of queue jumpers and signal priority concepts. Studies to date estimate up to 16% in reduced travel time with this program. In addition, the project would provide enhanced passenger amenities and program identity.

Staff reviewed the three phases of the project. The first phase would be implementation of signal priority systems, which could be implemented relatively quickly, following further planning and preliminary engineering work and funding for this phase's equipment. Accordingly, staff recommended an additional \$30,000 of NCTD's FY 07 Federal Planning allocation be applied to this effort. Additionally, it was recommended that the Board request SANDAG funding for the transit priority portion of the program as soon as financially feasible. The Committee clarified that the Del Lago Bus Rapid Transit Station being constructed by SANDAG would be used by the current Route 350, once available, regardless of the status of the Rapid Bus program implementation. The Committee recommended approval of this item on the Consent Calendar.



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT

October 4, 2006

Members in attendance: Jerome Stocks, Ed Gallo, Norine Sigafoose and Lesa Heebner

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Final Report from August 3, 2006 Board Workshop

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the revised report from the “Taking Transit into the Future” workshop.

The Committee discussed the amended text to the Final Report. Edits and/or additions were made to the Vision Statement, Policy Direction, Major Capital Investments and Next Steps/Call to Action sections. There were three changes of substance. References to double tracking of the coastal railroad were changed by deleting the word “coastal” thereby including the SPRINTER rail line. Under Policy Direction, “Support development of quiet zones”, was added. And, the action step that refers to the development of livable transit-friendly communities, added the phrase, “...that include adequate parking for growing transit ridership”. (See the complete edited text in the attachment to the Staff Report.)

OTHER ITEMS:

2. 2007 Board Off-Site Workshop

The Committee discussed a 2007 off-site Board Workshop. There was a consensus that it would be advantageous for the Board to continue with the successful and productive recent workshops. The subject matter will focus on transit planning and elements that are considered when scheduling the BREEZE, COASTER, SPRINTER and LIFT services. There should also be a follow-up to last years session on transit funding. The Committee was very pleased with the Executive Director’s efforts last year and suggested that we not hire an outside facilitator. Staff will return next month with a suggested date and location. The Committee’s preference was for a Saturday morning to early afternoon session in late February (scheduled around the SANDAG Retreat) and that the location be in a room with windows and possible access to a patio.

3. Legislative Update

The upcoming election and transportation bond measures were discussed. Materials developed by the Transit Alliance for a Better North County (TABNC) to raise the level of awareness and to encourage the public to vote was distributed and reviewed. TABNC produced both ads and flyers with the headline "Your Vote, Our Future".

4. SANDAG Transportation Committee Agenda Review

The agenda for the October 6, 2006 meeting was reviewed. The FY 2008 Federal Transportation Appropriations Process and Criteria, I-15 Bus Rapid Transit Operations Concept, and the Freeway Transit Lane Demonstration Project were the items noted.

5. Draft Board Agenda for October 19, 2006 Board Meeting

The Draft Board Agenda for October 19, 2006 was reviewed

6. Future Board Agendas (Master Board Agenda)

The Master Board Agenda items were reviewed through November 2006.

7. Other Matters

Staff noted that the Oceanside City Council was scheduled to review their passage of the San Louis Rey Transit Center last month. (Note: The agenda item was pulled from their agenda later that evening.)

Chair Stocks gave an overview of a meeting held on September 27, 2006, at University Towne Center, to explore and raise the level of awareness of a possible tunnel project under UTC. The meeting was well attended with representatives from NCTD, MTS, SANDAG, Amtrak, Caltrans, BNSF, PUC, FRA, UTC, and specialists in financing and economic development. This informational meeting with the affected stakeholders shared a wide range of knowledge and a wide range of perspectives. The conclusion was to keep the project in the region's long term transportation plan.



MONITORING COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

TO THE NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT

October 5, 2006

Members in attendance were: Norine Sigafoose, Ed Gallo, and Bob Campbell.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. CONTRACT AWARD FOR TWELVE 40-FOOT TRANSIT BUSES

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with New Flyer of America for the purchase of twelve 40-foot low floor CNG transit buses and associated equipment.

Staff reviewed with the Committee the previous contract award to New Flyer of America in August 2004 for the purchase of 23 buses and the execution of an option for 33 transit buses in January 2006. The replacement of older transit buses continues to be one of the top priorities of the Board. These buses will replace diesel buses that, on average, will be 12.3 years old and have 855,000 miles at the time of replacement. These buses will be fueled by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in keeping with the Board's decision on the use of clean burning fuels and will meet or exceed the requirements of the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Unit cost per bus will be \$381,796, excluding taxes. Staff has also recommended the acquisition of spare parts to include an engine and transmission, along with associated training and diagnostic equipment. Total cost of the buses and associated equipment is approximately \$5,200,000. Sufficient funding is available in capital project budgets 102013, 103005, and 105005.

2. CONTRACT AWARD FOR FIVE YEAR SERVICE CONTRACT FOR CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) AND VIDEO AND AUDIO PUBLIC ADDRESS (VAPAS) MAINTENANCE

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a five (5) year contract with Metro Video Services Inc. for CCTV and VAPAS maintenance.

Staff provided background on the CCTV and VAPAS system that is now in place at all COASTER Stations. A RFP was sent to 31 firms and advertised twice between June 29, 2006 and July 27, 2006. Only one firm, Metro Video Inc., submitted a proposal. A cost analysis of their proposal was conducted and it was found to be fair and reasonable. Fiscal impact of this

contract is \$516,047 over five (5) years. FY 07 costs for these services were budgeted at \$96,000. There is sufficient funding in the current budget to cover the cost of these services. Future expenses would be budgeted in the impacted year's operating budget.

3. CONTRACT AWARD FOR SEALING AND STRIPING OF PARKING LOTS

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with NPG Corporation for the sealing and striping of parking lots.

Staff provided background on the maintenance program for the District's parking lots. An IFB for sealing and striping of the District parking lots was advertised and the District received three (3) bids ranging from \$123,811.00 to \$183,822.20. NPG Corporation was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Fiscal impact of this item is \$123,811.00 and is budgeted in the Facilities Department Operating Budget.

ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS:

4. CEDROS CROSSING PROJECT STATUS REPORT

The Committee received a review and update on the Solana Beach Train Station Mixed-Use development project.

Staff provided an update on the current status of the project. The City of Solana Beach's Draft Environmental Report (DEIR) completed its review period and the City has scheduled meetings in January 2007 for public hearings. If approved at the City level, it will then go to other state and federal agencies for approvals. Due to the timing of the project, there are possible issues with the \$6 million in STIP funding which is due to expire in June 2007. Staff is working with other agencies to try and ensure the availability of funds past that date.

5. COASTER PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The Committee received an update on COASTER performance for the first quarter of FY 2007 and an update on the transition of contractors.

Staff provided an update on the COASTER performance during the first quarter of this fiscal year. On-time performance is averaging over 89%, and for August it was 92.7%. The COASTER also achieved its highest ridership for a one month period, over 161,000 passengers. Padre games have had a very positive effect on ridership, increasing ridership by over 15% on days when games are played. Additionally, passenger satisfaction has shown a dramatic increase since July 2006.

6. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006.

The Committee received a quarterly financial update for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

Staff provided the Committee with the unaudited results for year ending June 30, 2006. Unaudited results show a surplus of \$172,186. Passenger fares were below budget by 2.4%.

While ridership was up on the BREEZE by 160,000 boardings, revenue was below budget by \$289,000 indicating a higher usage of passes. COASTER fare revenue fell below budget by \$164,000. State operating grant revenue was approximately \$1.2 million higher than budget due to increased STA funding. Total salary and wages were over budget by 2.2% due in part to an increase in Coach Operator overtime and the addition of one position. Professional services were under budget by \$1.5 million. Even with the large increase in fuel prices, the overall materials and supply category was only over budget by \$73,000.



MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT

TITLE: Update: Cedros Crossing Project Status Report

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TIME SENSITIVE: YES [] NO [X]
Phone: 760/966-6683

Consent [] Action [] Information [X]

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board receive the current project status report.

DESCRIPTION:

Review and update of the Solana Beach Train Station mixed-use development project.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Solana Beach's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the non-transit related portions of the Cedros Crossing project recently completed its 87-day extended public review period. Responses to all the public review comments are being prepared by City staff, for consideration by the City Council. The City Council on September 27, 2006, set January 17 and 18, and if needed, January 30 and 31, 2007, as the public hearing dates for the Cedros Crossing project and associated DEIR, comments and responses.

If ultimately approved by the City, the project would then be required to obtain California Coastal Commission (CCC), State Lands Commission, and other Federal/State environmental resource agency approvals.

The project has taken longer than planned to process through the City's permit approval process. The extended processing time will require NCTD to apply for an extension of NCTD's \$6 million 2006 STIP ITIP grant. Additionally, the City Council has requested a summary of the history of prior agreements and cooperation between NCTD and the City that preceded the current Cedros Crossing project phase. City staff has indicated they would be preparing that history in conjunction with NCTD staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approximately \$6 million in 2006 STIP ITIP grant funding will require an application for a time extension that would be contingent on project implementation, according to the redefined schedule.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

10/5/06 Staff provided an update on the current status of the project. The City of Solana Beach's Draft Environmental Report (DEIR) completed its review period and the City has scheduled meetings in January 2007 for public hearings. If approved at the City level, it will then go to other state and federal agencies for approvals. Due to the timing of the project, there are possible issues with the \$6 million in STIP funding which is due to expire in June 2007. Staff is working with other agencies to try and ensure the availability of funds past that date.



MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT

TITLE: Review: COASTER Performance Report

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TIME SENSITIVE: YES [] NO [X]
Consent [] Action [] Information [X]

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board review the performance report and discuss its conclusions.

DESCRIPTION:

Staff will present a report on some of the key indicators of the COASTER service including: ridership; on-time performance; and customer feedback.

BACKGROUND:

The function of this report is twofold: to indicate to the Committee the highlights of the first quarter for the COASTER service; and to update the Committee on the transition of contractors within the COASTER operation. This will be accomplished with a brief presentation which draws on performance statistics and staff observations and conclusions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

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PLANNING COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
TO THE NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD

October 5, 2006

Members in attendance were: Committee Chair Lesa Heebner, David Druker, Bill Horn, and Jerome Stocks (substituting for Shari Mackin).

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Amended State Transit Assistance Fund Claim for FY 07

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt Resolution # 06-13 authorizing the Executive Director to file an amended claim for FY 07 State Transit Assistance Program Funding for Capital Support for the SPRINTER project.

Staff explained that SANDAG recently provided an updated FY 07 State Transit Assistance (STA) Program fund estimate, and that NCTD was eligible to receive an increase of \$5,514,825 over the original amount of \$3,492,000, claimed for FY 07. The result was a total amended claim of \$9,006,825. NCTD proposes to make the additional funding available during FY 07 to cover a portion of the SPRINTER project cost increase. The Committee recommended approval of this item on the Consent Calendar.

2. Escondido Rapid Bus and Transit Priority Concept Study

The Committee recommends that the Board:

- 1) Approve funding of \$30,000 to support planning and preliminary engineering for the Rapid Bus program;**
- 2) Request that SANDAG fund the transit priority portion of the project as soon as financially feasible.**

Staff provided an overview of the Escondido Rapid Bus and Transit Priority project which would upgrade existing Route 350 (Escondido Transit Center to North County Fair) to provide faster and more reliable travel times without adversely impacting local traffic. The project would achieve this through implementation of queue jumpers and signal priority concepts. Studies to date estimate up to 16% in reduced travel time with this program. In addition, the project would provide enhanced passenger amenities and program identity.

Staff reviewed the three phases of the project. The first phase would be implementation of signal priority systems, which could be implemented relatively quickly, following further

planning and preliminary engineering work and funding for this phase's equipment. Accordingly, staff recommended an additional \$30,000 of NCTD's FY 07 Federal Planning allocation be applied to this effort. Additionally, it was recommended that the Board request SANDAG funding for the transit priority portion of the program as soon as financially feasible. The Committee clarified that the Del Lago Bus Rapid Transit Station being constructed by SANDAG would be used by the current Route 350, once available, regardless of the status of the Rapid Bus program implementation. The Committee recommended approval of this item on the Consent Calendar.

3. SPRINTER Corridor Service Plan

The Committee received an update on planning activities and outreach conducted to date on the SPRINTER corridor service plan. Staff reviewed the anticipated schedule of events for the BREEZE service restructuring to support implementation of the SPRINTER. The underlying Service Concept was also reviewed, which includes:

- Maximize travel demand
- Develop priorities based on feedback from the Board, riders, and general public
- Identify a Tier 1 network of baseline services and a Tier 2 network of a higher level of service, which could be added when funding is available

The Plan is intended to focus on work, school and college trips, and would lead to faster east-west corridor trip times based on the SPRINTER. Staff pointed out that the current express bus route on Highway 78 takes about 70 minutes and only serves five locations; the SPRINTER will cover the entire Oceanside to Escondido corridor in about 53 minutes and serve 15 locations, thus offering many more travel opportunities to the public with travel in just a single vehicle, and in less time. In addition, SPRINTER trip times will be more reliable because freeway traffic congestion will not be a factor.

The Service Plan will also explore the potential for off-peak community services for seniors, which may offer service a few days a week utilizing bus and driver resources that are available in mid-day periods.

Staff then reviewed the service concepts for the coastal communities of Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Encinitas. New or revised routes were described, and current services which are not performing at optimal levels were also identified as services which will need to be monitored in the next several months for possible revision or reduction to fund other portions of the Plan. Some of the key concepts identified included:

Oceanside:

- Focus on three major corridors: coastal, Mission Avenue, and Oceanside Blvd.
- Retain hourly service on Route 318 on most of Oceanside Blvd., despite its proximity to the SPRINTER line, due to station spacing in this area.
- Preserve an express route between OTC and Plaza Camino Real
- Enhance service to the new Quarry Creek shopping area
- Enhance north-south links from the Rancho Del Oro SPRINTER station to Mira Costa College, El Corazon, and Ocean Ranch.

Carlsbad:

- Revise Route 309 (currently Encinitas to north Oceanside) into two routes, splitting at Plaza Camino Real due to highly variable travel times and difficulty of maintaining schedules. One route would turn at Plaza Camino Real to become the express to OTC. The other would serve the north El Camino Real Corridor all the way into Camp Pendleton, also providing a connection to the SPRINTER station at El Camino Real.
- Develop service concepts for the new Bressi Ranch area for long term implementation.
- Evaluate the continued viability of the Carlsbad Village Coaster Connection.

Encinitas:

- Revise Route 309 service as noted above
- A new circulator route in the Olivenhain and Cardiff area is being considered.
- Provide fixed-route service to the San Elijo Campus of Mira Costa College.
- Evaluate the continued viability of the Encinitas Coaster Connection and Encinitas FAST.

At the next Committee meeting, service concepts for the inland communities will be presented. The Committee opted to receive today's report as information for the Committee only at this time, with formal presentation to the Board at a later date.

October 19, 2006

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 Board was posted as follows:

Meeting Date and Time:	October 19, 2006; 1:45 p.m.
Posted At:	810 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA
Date & Time of Posting:	October 13, 2006; 5:00 p.m.
Posted By:	Clerk of the Board

TO: North County Transit District Board Members
FROM: Jerome Stocks, Chairman
SUBJECT: RULES FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS OF THE NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT

Per Board policy, all public communications at meetings of the North County Transit District shall be made and received in accordance with the following procedures:

I. COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

- A. Total time limit all speakers:
- Beginning of Meeting: Fifteen (15) minutes
 - End of Meeting: No time limit.
- B. Time limit per speaker per meeting: Three (3) minutes, with no donation of time allowed
- C. Priority: First come first served. All Speaker Slips will be numbered as the Clerk of the Board receives them. Those not allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting due to limit stated above, will be called at the end of the meeting.
- D. Order on agenda: Items will be heard at the beginning of the meeting and if the time limit stated in paragraph A is exhausted, those who filled out a speaker slip and have not yet spoken, will be given an opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting under "*Remaining Public Communications*".

Comments not addressing items on the agenda are out of order.

II. TIME LIMITS FOR ADDRESSING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

- A. Total time limit: None.
- B. Time limit per speaker: Three (3) minutes, with one donation of three minutes, for a maximum of six minutes
- C. These rules apply to both public hearing and non-public hearing items listed on the agenda.

Comments made not germane to the subject matter of the agenda are out of order.

III. CUTOFF FOR TURNING IN SPEAKER SLIPS

Speakers wishing to speak to an item on the Board Agenda must submit a speaker slip to the Clerk of the Board before that agenda item is called. Speaker slips will be available at the meeting.

Speakers turning in slips after discussion begins on an item will be heard at the end of the meeting under "*Remaining Public Communications*".

IV. MODIFICATION OF RULES BY CHAIR

The Board Chair may, in his or her absolute discretion, relax the requirements of these rules. However, a decision of the Chair to do so in one instance shall not be deemed a waiver of the rules as to any other instance or matter.