

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 306886

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 15 2011

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2011 the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) presented its Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to the City's Land Use and Housing (LU&H) Committee; and

WHEREAS, at that meeting, the LU&H Committee voted to form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Councilmembers Lightner and Alvarez to return with a draft comments to the June 22, 2011 LU&H Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2011, the LU&H Committee considered the draft comments, Committee member comments and comments from the public and voted to forward the draft comments with certain amendments to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Councilmembers Lightner and Alvarez have received the following correspondence regarding the Draft RTP: "Position Paper on SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan," submitted by Torrey Pines Community Planning Board, May 25, 2011; "Comments on the draft RTP update pertaining to the planning review area of the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board," submitted by Carmel Valley Community Planning Board, June 4, 2011; "2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update," submitted by the City of San Diego Economic and Environmental Sustainability Task Force letter, May 24, 2011; "Recommendations for Improving SANDAG's 2050 RTP and for Post-RTP Actions," submitted by TransForm, May 23, 2011; "Item 2 – 2050 RTP draft, June 10, 2011 SANDAG Board meeting," submitted by MoveSD, June 10, 2011; "California Air Resources Board (CARB) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Targets, Issued to SANDAG, in Accordance with SB 375, for the Year 2035," submitted by Mike Bullock, April 20, 2011; "Comments on the Draft 2050

Regional Transportation Plan,” submitted by the Otay Mesa Property Owner’s Association, June 8, 2011; “Comments Regarding SANDAG’s Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan,” submitted by Southeastern Economic Development Corporation, June 8, 2011; “Comments on the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan,” submitted by the East Otay Mesa Property Owners Association, June 9, 2011; “Comments on the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan,” submitted by National Enterprises Incorporated, June 9, 2011; “Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP),” submitted by Otay Mesa Planning Group, June 15, 2011; “United States 2010 Census versus SANDAG 2050 RTP Demographics,” submitted by the Torrey Pines Community Planning Board, June 21, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to communicate the priorities and recommendations of the LU&H Committee and the City Council regarding SANDAG’s Draft 2050 RTP; and

WHEREAS, the City Council looks forward to a response from SANDAG on the priorities and recommendations; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council believes that that the following priorities should guide the regional transportation infrastructure planning outlined in the Draft 2050 RTP:

1. That the regional transportation policy and projects planned for the City of San Diego should align with principles outlined in the General Plan’s City of Villages growth strategy and should adequately meet the infrastructure demands resulting from the City’s projected density growth. The City’s long-term transportation infrastructure policy and priorities are reflected in the General Plan’s Guiding Principles, including Guiding Principle No. 3. “Compact and walkable mixed-use villages of different scales within communities” and Guiding Principle No. 5. “An integrated regional transportation network of walkways, bikeways, transit,

roadways, and freeways that efficiently link communities and villages to each other and to employment centers”.

2. That the RTP should prioritize mass transit infrastructure and sustainable transportation projects over highway expansion in order to reduce vehicle miles traveled.

3. That the RTP should accelerate the timeline of funding projects supporting active transportation, increasing transit ridership, and transit frequency.

4. That transit infrastructure should be expanded in smart growth centers, and project priorities should support smart growth.

5. That the RTP projects should strive to meet the needs of the City’s older adult population and should aim to improve the link between riders and labor market opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council project-specific priorities include:

1. The Carmel Valley Community Planning Board (CVCPB) notes that a rapid bus route along SR-56 remains a high priority, widening of SR-56 should be completed earlier, and concerns exist regarding proposed projects in the I-5 North Coast Corridor.

2. CVCPB has requested the creation of a SR-56 corridor transportation task force to coordinate SANDAG, CalTrans, and community interests.

3. For Project SD102A “Otay Truck Route Widening,” revise project description to a more general overview of the project, deleting specific street names.


4. The streetcar projects in San Diego’s Mid-City communities should be accelerated.

5. The completion of the CenterLine Mid-City BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) and I-15 bicycle lane facilities should be accelerated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council provides the following
recommendations on the Draft 2050 RTP:

1. That the RTP prioritize public transportation and mass transit projects and minimize the expansion of single-vehicle general purpose highway lanes.
2. That the RTP advance the timeline of funding for key commute routes, improving transit frequency, and active transportation projects.
3. That the RTP provide greater clarity about how greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets are being met in the long term, specifically how the aims of SB 375 will be met through the life of the Plan out to 2050.
4. That the Sustainable Communities Strategy consider implementing concepts such as the "Safe Routes to Transit" program, prioritizing a "Transit First" system of projects, and ensuring that a Transit-Oriented Development strategy is developed to link mass transit with affordable housing development.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUN 27 2011.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Please note the Mayor did not sign this resolution within the specified time limit. See San Diego City Charter Section 280(c)(4).