

## **June 7, 2010 – Educational Lecture Series Event**

*Transportation: planning for the movement of people*

Autobiographical notes for each quest speaker are provided to offer brief notes on their respective experience in the field and/or work in the discipline. The notes should be used primarily to gain insight to the content of their presentation material.

**Elisa Arias** is a principal planner for Long Range Transportation and Bi-national Planning at the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Ms. Arias has 20 years of experience in transportation planning and economic analysis. She has managed several U.S.-Mexico border studies, including the model to estimate impacts of border delays on the economy of the San Diego-Baja California border region. She also managed several corridor studies and air quality conformity. She is currently overseeing the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Prior to joining SANDAG in 1994, Ms. Arias was a transportation planner for the San Mateo County Transit District and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. Ms. Arias was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Buenos Aires and a Master's degree in Economics from San Francisco State University.

**Chris Kluth** is a Program Manager for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Active Transportation Program. As the Program Manager, Mr. Kluth oversees planning and implementation of the regional bicycle network and provides policy and technical assistance on bicycle projects to the SANDAG area. The Active Transportation Program has a \$15-18 million bi-annual grant program that funds bicycle and pedestrian master plans, bicycle and pedestrian capital projects, traffic calming projects, bicycle parking, and education and awareness programs. SANDAG recently adopted its first ever Regional Bicycle Plan, a far reaching policy on land use and transportation that makes bicycling a viable transportation option.

**Tim McCormick** is the Director of Service Planning for North County Transit District. He is new to North County, having arrived from Rhode Island in October 2009. Prior to NCTD, Mr. McCormick was the manager of the planning division for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. For the last five years, Mr. McCormick also ran Rhode Island's carpool and alternative transportation promotion program. Mr. McCormick holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island and a Masters degree from City University of New York.

**Terry Austin** is a principal with the transportation consulting firm of Austin-Foust Associates. He has been involved in transportation planning for over 35 years, principally in California, but also in other parts of the country and in Europe. Mr. Austin's educational background includes degrees in engineering, mathematics, and transportation, and he also has a business administration degree from UC Irvine. Prior to 1970 he was a consultant in Europe, participating in major transportation studies in London and Copenhagen. He then worked in San Francisco as a transportation consultant, and was involved in a variety of planning projects, including studies for BART. For the past 25 years, he has been a transportation planning consultant in southern California, integrating transportation needs and strategies into overall land use planning. He has assisted in General Plan Circulation Element updates for many Cities in California, including the Coastal Cities of San Buenaventura, Huntington Beach and San Clemente.