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Did You Know?

The Criminal Justice Research Division at SANDAG compiles and analyzes regional crime data using FBI Index crime information provided by local law enforcement agencies, as well as crime data obtained from the Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS). The research staff provides brief monthly faxes on current projects and topics of interest to criminal justice agencies, school administrators, public officials, city and county administrators, social service and health agencies, the media, and the general public. In addition, staff also produces CJ Bulletins on arrests, crime, and arrestee drug use on an annual basis, along with other special bulletins. Criminal justice policymakers throughout the region rely on SANDAG as an authoritative source for crime trend analyses.

SDForward.com Launched to Enhance Regional Planning

It's now easier than ever for San Diegans to learn about San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan and find ways to engage in the community-based effort to build a better future for our region. SANDAG recently launched SDForward.com, which provides a wealth of information about the planning process and policies that will make up the plan. We designed the site (practically speaking, it's a website within the larger SANDAG website) to make it easy for you to share your priorities for the Regional Plan, including hands-on activities and details on upcoming meetings and hearings where you can get involved. We will add more interactive tools and update the site regularly to provide the most current information about progress on the Regional Plan. Please visit the website to learn about the plan and tell us what you think!

Six Blue Line Stations Under Renovation

As part of the $660 million Trolley Renewal project, all the stations along the Trolley Blue Line will be modernized. Six stations are currently under renovation: Barrio Logan, Harborside, Pacific Fleet, 8th Street, 24th Street, and E Street. These stations remain open with temporary platforms in use while the permanent platforms are being renovated. Most construction takes place during the day, with occasional work activities scheduled during nights and weekends. Once complete, the upgraded stations will include new shelters, next-arrival signs, enhanced lighting, security cameras, and other amenities. These improvements, in conjunction with new low-floor vehicles, will provide Blue Line passengers with easier access, quicker rides, and a more comfortable transit experience. Trolley Renewal is expected to be completed in 2015.

Public Safety Spending Facts & Figures

$1.78 billion: Amount spent regionwide in FY 2012-13

$561: Amount spent per resident in FY 2012-13

Upcoming SANDAG Meetings

2/4/2014
Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities

2/6/2014
Uptown Regional Bike Corridors Project Community Update

2/7/2014
Regional Planning Committee

2/11/2014
Coastal Rail Trail Encinitas Community Meeting

2/12/2014
TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

2/14/2014
Executive Committee

2/19/2014
North Park - Mid-City Bike Corridors Open House

2/21/2014
Transportation Committee
Public Safety Committee

2/28/2014
Board of Directors
Borders Committee

SANDAG Jobs

Are you interested in a career with SANDAG? Sign up for email notifications of job openings and internship opportunities.

Current Openings:

Borders Planning Intern

Digital Data Analyst

Systems Administrator

Environmental Planner

Toll Operations and Maintenance Intern

Doing Business with SANDAG

Want to do business with SANDAG? First, register your firm in the SANDAG vendor database to receive emails about upcoming projects. View a list of current bids online and browse the tentative list of upcoming projects to find future contracting opportunities.

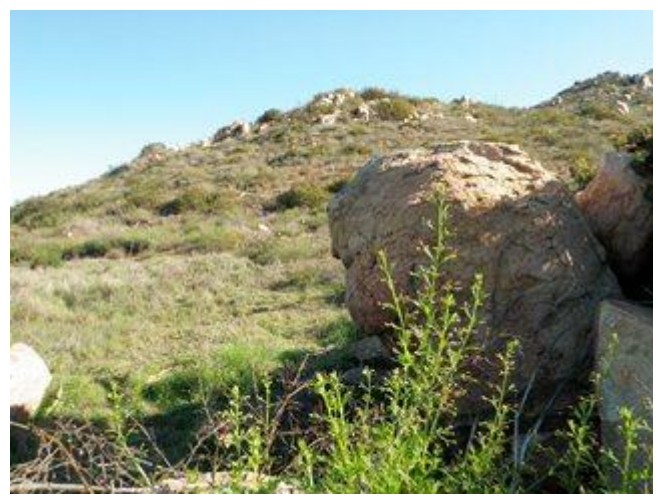
Wanted: Nominations for Diamond Awards

Companies, organizations, schools, and agencies throughout the San Diego region are encouraged to apply for the Diamond Awards, which recognize employers and individuals for promoting alternative transportation choices that reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. The SANDAG iCommute program will accept nominations through 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 18. Diamond Awards winners promote alternatives to driving alone — vanpool, carpool, walk, bike, take transit, telework, work a compressed workweek schedule, or a combination of these.

San Luis Rey Transit Center Opens

The San Luis Rey Transit Center, located at the intersection of Vandegrift Boulevard and North River Road in Oceanside, is scheduled to open to the public on Sunday, Feb. 2. SANDAG, in collaboration with the North County Transit District, built the transit center to replace the interim facility in the Wal-Mart shopping center at College Boulevard and State Route 76. The new transit center features 12 bus bays, covered shelters with seating, and restroom facilities designed to meet growing demand for transit services in the area. Five local and regional bus services will operate from the transit center, including connections to Camp Pendleton and the SPRINTER rail line, as well as local BREEZE service within northeast Oceanside.

TransNet EMP: A Driving Force in Environmental Conservation



The *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) is only six years old, but it has already achieved a string of successes. The EMP, administered by SANDAG, plays a major role in funding habitat conservation, scientific research, and

Bid Opportunity:

On Call Appraisal and General Right-of-Way Management Services

About SANDAG

The 18 cities and county government are SANDAG, the San Diego Association of Governments. This public agency serves as the forum for regional decision-making. SANDAG builds consensus; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; plans, engineers, and builds public transportation, and provides information on a broad range of topics pertinent to the region's quality of life.

environmental stewardship throughout the region. To date, the program has acquired 25 properties for habitat conservation, totaling 3,334 acres; distributed 70 grants for land management activities, such as invasive plant removal and trail maintenance; and generated $24.4 million in leveraged funding from acquisition partners and grantees. In the coming years, the EMP will shift from acquisition of uplands to acquisition and restoration of wetlands.

New Report Sheds Light on Poverty in SD Region

A new report by SANDAG shows that 13 percent of individuals (387,565) and 9 percent of families (64,675) in San Diego County live below the federal poverty level. Of the families living in poverty, 28 percent reported receiving public assistance, such as Supplemental Social Security Income and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, SNAP (formerly known as food stamps). Of the individuals living in poverty, 46 percent were male and 54 percent female. The report, titled Poverty in the San Diego Region, includes a complete breakdown of poverty levels by jurisdiction, as well as by race/ethnicity.

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