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**Join the Conversation on Our Region's Future**



Join us for an interactive workshop to learn about the current regional transportation system, the investment choices in two possible scenarios, and the performance of each scenario in terms of mobility, air quality, and other factors. Two identical workshops will be held Aug. 4 – one from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the other from 5:30 to 8 p.m. – at the Caltrans Garcia Room, 4050 Taylor St., in Old Town. Bilingual staff will be at both workshops. We want your feedback on the scenarios to help inform the development of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. We hope to see you there!

**Did You Know?**



SANDAG recently updated the San Diego Regional Bike Map. Use this interactive map to plan your ride to parks, stores, school, work, transit stations, and more. The map provides topographic views, layers that highlight rail lines and steep routes, as well as tools to measure distance.

**Mid-Coast Trolley Project Update**



**MID-COAST CORRIDOR  
TRANSIT PROJECT**

On Aug. 27, SANDAG will hold the last of a series of public workshops in cooperation with local planning groups to give the public an opportunity to provide feedback and ideas for the design of nine new stations that will be built as part of the Mid-Coast Trolley extension project. The workshop will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Beach Branch Library. It will focus on the Balboa Avenue, Clairemont Drive, and Tecolote Road stations. Meanwhile, SANDAG also has prepared a supplemental environmental document for the project that evaluates a previously unidentified impact to San Diego fairy shrimp, a federally listed endangered species. The supplement is available for public review through Sept. 2, 2014, and comments are limited to the analysis of impacts to the fairy shrimp. More info

**Upcoming SANDAG Meetings**

8/1/2014  
Transportation Committee  
Regional Planning Committee

8/15/2014  
[Board of Directors](#)

8/28/2014  
[Regional Energy Working Group](#)

**[San Diego Forward Workshops](#)**  
8/4/2014  
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.;5:30-8 p.m.

**[Pacific Beach Community Workshop on Mid-Coast Trolley](#)**  
8/27/2014  
5-6:30 p.m.

## SANDAG Jobs

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

### Current Openings:

[Research Analyst](#)

[Tolling and Customer Information Systems Manager](#)

[Communications Intern](#)

SANDAG is an ADA-compliant agency. If you require special assistance to learn more about our job openings, contact us at (619) 699-1900. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

## 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.

### Current Bids:

[Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Bridge Replacements](#)

[On-Call Transportation Demand Management Planning and Implementation Services](#)

[Orange Line Fiber Optic Cabling Installation Project](#)

## 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.

## \$7M Available in Transportation Grants



SANDAG invites programs providing transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities to apply for \$7 million in grant funding available under a federal and a local program. The federal Section 5310 program (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) has about \$4.2 million over two years to fund projects in the San Diego urbanized area. The *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant program has about \$2.8 million over two years. Matching funds are required for all grants. SANDAG may award grants to local government agencies, tribal governments, social service agencies, private and public operators of public transportation, and nonprofit organizations. A grant application workshop will be held Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. in the SANDAG Board Room, 401 B St., 7th Floor. Draft applications are due Sept. 12, and final applications must be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. [More info](#)

## It's Cool to SchoolPool!



As families get ready to send their kids back to school, the iCommute [SchoolPool](#) program can help busy parents save time. Parents can arrange a carpool to share the driving responsibilities or sign their kids up to bike or walk to school with other students and a parent leader. SchoolPool is free, secure, and open to students in all public and private elementary, middle, and high schools in San Diego County. [Check](#) to see if your school is participating; if not, please encourage your school to register today.



## Trolley Renewal Project on Track for Completion in 2015



Construction will wrap up in August at the first group of Trolley Blue Line stations – Barrio Logan, Harborside, Pacific Fleet, 8th Street, 24th Street, and E Street. Work at the H Street and Palomar Street stations is expected to be completed this fall. To date, Blue Line crews have replaced or upgraded 17.5 miles of track, 35 miles of overhead catenary wire, 9 crossover switches, 10 traction power substations, and 11 grade crossings. Along with the station improvements, the Blue Line also will transition to low-floor vehicles later this year to provide riders with an easier, quicker, and more comfortable transit experience. The entire [Trolley Renewal Project](#) is expected to be completed in late 2015.

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## SANDAG Awarded 300K for Alternative Fuels Planning

Starting this summer, SANDAG will begin a [two-year project](#) to determine what needs to be done in the region to advance the deployment of alternative fuels for vehicles, such as electric power, compressed natural gas, and biodiesel. Funded in April by a \$300,000 grant from the California Energy Commission, the project will assess regional barriers and solutions. Currently the San Diego region has one of the largest plug-in electric vehicle markets in the state – more than 7,000 PEVs on the road and more than 500 publicly available charging stations – and a growing alternative fuels market. Local vehicle fleets have begun incorporating alternative fuels but barriers remain for widespread deployment. On-road transportation represents 46 percent of our region's greenhouse gas emissions. The [2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy](#) and the Regional Energy Strategy both call for SANDAG to coordinate planning for electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the region.