Several revisions have been made to the February 2021 SANDAG Transportation Development Act (TDA) Manual since the FY 2018 TDA Triennial Performance Audit of SANDAG was conducted. Related SANDAG Board Policy No. 027: Transportation Development Act changes are anticipated to be considered by the SANDAG Board in spring 2021. A brief overview is provided below, and SANDAG staff, transit operators, and the Coordinated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) are encouraged to review the relevant sections of the TDA Manual for more information.

Major Updates

- Updates to SANDAG Board Policy No. 027: Transportation Development Act are anticipated to be considered by the SANDAG Board in spring 2021 and will include revisions to be consistent with the updates to the TDA Manual noted below.

- Revisions have been made to the urban fare recovery ratio for MTS (decreasing from 31.9 percent to 20 percent).

- The submittal date for the State Controller’s Transit Operator Report was revised to be consistent with Assembly Bill 1113 (July 21, 2017) requirements.

- Reference to Assembly Bill 90 (passed on June 29, 2020) has been included to note various statutory relief measures for calculation of State Transit Assistance Program, STA-State of Good Repair, and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) allocations.

- Additional detail for the State Transit Assistance (STA) revenue formula allocation was added to clarify the timeline for preparing claims, types of projects eligible for State of Good Repair funding, STA qualifying criteria, and population estimate provisions per AB 1113 requirements.

- Appendix A was updated to include the definition for a Public Transportation Operator for STA purposes.

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