



2021 Regional Plan Social Equity Working Group

Working Group Charter

Purpose

The purpose of the 2021 Regional Plan Social Equity Working Group is to provide ongoing public input from disadvantaged or underrepresented communities in the region into key activities associated with developing San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (2021 Regional Plan) and related planning activities with a focus on the social equity perspective. The Working Group also will provide input from a social equity perspective on San Diego Forward: The 2019 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (2019 Federal RTP).

Line of Reporting

The Working Group reports to the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) on specific 2021 Regional Plan elements. Based on the Working Group's input, the RPC makes policy recommendations to the SANDAG Board of Directors. Regular updates on Working Group activities should be made to the RPC to update them on current programs and projects and further strengthen the connection between the two groups.

Responsibilities

The Working Group will review and provide input that will be used to develop and adopt the 2019 Federal RTP and the 2021 Regional Plan. The Working Group also may be asked to provide a social equity perspective on other agency initiatives or planning efforts, such as the Public Participation Plan, the Language Assistance Plan, and the Coordinated Plan. The Working Group will assist with associated public outreach and help inform and encourage diverse, inclusive and active, public involvement in SANDAG planning efforts and services.

Membership

The Working Group is comprised of 13 representatives from community-based organizations (CBOs) or community collaboratives serving underserved/disadvantaged communities selected through a competitive request for proposals process by SANDAG. As a component of the Community-Based Outreach Services Contract formed with each CBO, the Executive Director, Board Member, or designee is expected to serve as a representative on the Working Group. If the appointed representative is unable to attend a given meeting, an alternate must attend. As a public forum, other organizations and individuals are encouraged to attend.

Meeting Time and Location

The Working Group will meet monthly at SANDAG, as well as other times and locations as may be needed.

Working Group Leadership

The Chair of the Working Group shall be a member of the SANDAG Board of Directors, appointed by the Chair of the Board. The Chair will be a non-voting member who will manage meetings and facilitate discussions amongst the members.

Duration of Existence

The Working Group will sunset with the adoption of the 2021 Regional Plan.