PURPOSE

The purpose of the Regional Planning Technical Working Group (TWG) is to review and make recommendations on key activities associated with the preparation and implementation of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, the Regional Growth Forecast, and other SANDAG land use, transportation, housing, public health, social equity, environmental, and related planning activities.

LINE OF REPORTING

The TWG acts in an advisory capacity to the Regional Planning and Transportation Committees primarily on regional planning activities. The Regional Planning and Transportation Committees report to the SANDAG Board of Directors. The Board makes final decisions on San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan and other related planning activities.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The TWG makes recommendations on key regional planning and implementation activities. These tasks include the preparation of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, and the development/update of the Smart Growth Concept Map, the Smart Growth Incentive Program/Active Transportation Grant Program, land use, housing, and transportation efforts, including transit oriented development and complete streets, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, public health as related to the built environment, social equity and environmental justice, and other related items. The TWG also assists with associated public outreach activities and helps inform and encourage active public participation by citizens and groups throughout the region. In general, the TWG’s focus is on land use, transportation, and environmental planning activities of regional significance.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the TWG includes the planning/community development directors of the 19 local jurisdictions in the region (or their alternates). Representatives of Caltrans, the Local Agency Formation Commission, San Diego Unified Port District, San Diego County Water Authority, San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, U.S. Department of Defense, North County Transit District, and Metropolitan Transit System are advisory members.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

The TWG meets on a monthly basis at SANDAG. Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of the month from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. in the Seventh Floor Conference Room at SANDAG. Additional meetings may be scheduled as deemed necessary by the TWG Chair.

SELECTION OF THE CHAIR

The TWG elects a Chair and Vice Chair on a periodic basis. At the discretion of the Chair, the TWG may elect a second Vice Chair as needed to help manage the group’s workload and responsibilities. The Chair will coordinate with staff to determine the time period for the second Vice Chair’s term prior to the time of the election.

DURATION OF EXISTENCE

The TWG is a standing working group.