



## **CHARTER**

### **Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues**

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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues (Working Group) is to serve as a forum for tribal governments in the region to discuss and coordinate transportation issues of mutual concern with the various public planning agencies in the region, including SANDAG, Caltrans, the County of San Diego, and the transit operators. In partnership with the Reservation Transportation Authority (RTA), the Working Group will monitor and provide input on the implementation of the strategies and planning activities related to transportation mutually developed through the San Diego Regional Tribal Summit. There is currently no other working group that can serve this function.

#### **LINE OF REPORTING**

The Working Group reports to the Borders Committee and the Transportation Committee, which report to the Board of Directors on tribal-related transportation activities.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Working Group responsibilities include reviewing current activities and plans being implemented by SANDAG and the tribal governments in an effort to coordinate programs, address issues of concern, and ensure that the needs and issues of tribal governments are being incorporated into the transportation planning process at the regional level. The Working Group will provide feedback and comments on current and planned activities and provide technical advice on the implementation of these activities. The Working Group also assists with the associated outreach to the tribal community on transportation issues of regional significance.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The voting membership of the Working Group shall be comprised of one representative from each of the federally recognized tribal governments and California tribes in San Diego County. These voting members shall be appointed by the leadership of their respective tribes for a term of one calendar year. Caltrans, the County of San Diego, the Reservation Transportation Authority, Metropolitan Transit System and North County Transit District shall each be entitled to appoint one advisory member of the working group. Each entity represented in the working group, whether voting or advisory, may additionally appoint an alternate representative to serve in the primary member's absence. Any member who misses two meetings in a row or three meetings in a calendar year shall be removed and replaced by that member's alternate, if any. Should a vacancy occur in the position of a primary or alternate member, a represented entity shall be entitled to appoint a replacement representative.



## **MEETING TIME AND LOCATION**

The Working Group will meet quarterly as determined by the group. The location will rotate among tribal reservations, and, when deemed appropriate, at the SANDAG offices. Whenever possible, locations will alternate between southern and northern reservations to allow everyone to attend.

## **SELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

The Working Group shall have two "Co-Chairs" – a Tribal Leader and a SANDAG Executive Team representative. In addition, the Working Group shall have a second Tribal Co-Chair, to serve in the capacity of Tribal "Vice-Chair," in the event that the first Tribal Co-Chair is unavailable for the meeting.

The Tribal Co-Chairs will be elected by the voting members of the group every two years, and the representative from SANDAG's Executive Team will be appointed by its Executive Director.

## **DURATION OF EXISTENCE**

The Working Group will continue as long as the tribal governments and participating agencies determine that it serves as an effective means of communication and coordination, subject to annual review.