

COMPLETE STREETS IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

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This table provides a series of Policy Implementation Options for SANDAG and member agencies consideration. For each implementation category, potential actions and potential benefits are provided. These solutions are intended to be a discussion point, both for available resources and importance of implementation in each category. In some cases, SANDAG has already invested substantial effort, so continued action may be the status quo. In other cases, SANDAG and member agencies may choose to further enhance implementation resources, or may decide that going beyond the current level of effort is unnecessary.

Category	Potential Actions	Potential Benefits
Technical Support	Expand existing technical resources to include Complete Streets best practices for design, construction, operation, and maintenance	Easier access to Complete Streets resources for local agency staff
	Provide training on using existing SANDAG guidelines for SANDAG and local projects	More knowledgeable planning and engineering staff
	Adapt existing complete streets design best practices as templates for the San Diego region	Easier to adapt Complete Streets best practices to local projects
	Develop complete streets design guidance for the San Diego region	Common and easily implemented local standards for complete streets
	Support the development of updated traffic impact study guidelines	Updated regional guidelines that are more consistent with current state, regional and local laws and policies Added certainty in the development review process
	Provide technical assistance to member agencies on the development of individual design guidelines and policies. Use model as starting point, but provide assistance in developing unique set of guidelines for particular agency.	Common and easily implemented local standards for complete streets
Operations and Maintenance	Compile and make available best practices as a checklist for incorporating Complete Streets changes into routine operation and maintenance activities	Facilitate low-cost Complete Streets improvements
	Develop checklist to incorporate routine accommodations into Operations & Maintenance	Minimize missed opportunities for improvements
	Identify opportunities in SANDAG funding programs to encourage jurisdictions to develop preventative maintenance programs that identify and implement Complete Streets enhancements in routine operation and maintenance activities.	Increased cost efficiency
	Require agencies to prepare and submit checklist identifying all potential routine accommodations for operations & maintenance projects in order to be considered for funding.	Increased accountability
Project Development Checklists	Compile library of project development checklists.	Easy access to best planning and design practices for local planners and engineers
	Develop a custom project development checklist for the San Diego region	Common understanding of how to develop complete streets and coordination between agencies and departments within agencies

	Develop a checklist and procedures for use by SANDAG in its project development and oversight role.	Regional projects provide examples of good Complete Streets development and consistency between SANDAG projects and local complete streets efforts
	Provide assistance in developing unique checklists for member jurisdictions.	Improved integration of CS elements in projects linked to local priorities
Funding	Add "priority points" for project applications in jurisdictions that have addressed complete streets at the local level. Review selection criteria to encourage social equity for agencies with limited resources in high-need areas.	Increased delivery of highest value and performing projects
	Require that member agencies have Complete Streets policy language or update General Plans in order to be selected for Complete Streets funding through regional grant opportunities.	Encourages timely local resolution of barriers and conflicts related to policy and implementation
	Create a new grant funding mechanism dedicated to Complete Streets projects.	Increased delivery of highest value and highest performing projects
Reporting and Monitoring	Provide member agencies with opportunities to provide periodical reports to SANDAG policy committees showcasing model complete streets projects.	Member agencies learn from local best practices
	Develop basic benchmarking checklist for SANDAG project managers and member agencies	Improved integration of CS elements in projects
	Develop model monitoring document, which can be used by SANDAG project development staff and as template for member agencies	With improved travel monitoring, potential improved understanding of how active transportation infrastructure affects travel choices
	Provide annual Complete Streets progress report on SANDAG projects to Transportation Committee.	Better informed regional policies about supporting different mode choices
	Require periodic reporting and monitoring of complete streets projects as condition of grant funding	Improved ability to assess return on investment and increase effectiveness over time