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PUBLIC HEARING
AGENDA

Thursday, June 18, 2015
11:30 a.m.
North County Transit District Board Room
810 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92054

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT SAN DIEGO FORWARD:
  THE REGIONAL PLAN AND ITS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

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PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, June 18, 2015

ITEM NO.  

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS
   Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the SANDAG Hearing Officer on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Other public comments will be heard during the items under the heading “Reports.” Anyone desiring to speak shall reserve time by completing a “Request to Speak” form and giving it to the Clerk prior to speaking. Public speakers should notify the Clerk if they have a handout for distribution to the SANDAG Hearing Officer. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person.

REPORTS

2. PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN AND ITS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (Philip Trom)
   The SANDAG public meeting officer will accept public testimony on the Draft San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan (Draft Regional Plan) and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The public comment period for the Draft Regional Plan, its SCS, and the Draft Environmental Impact Report will close on July 15, 2015.

3. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS
   If the five speaker limit for public comments was exceeded at the beginning of this agenda, other public comments will be taken at this time. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT SAN DIEGO FORWARD:
THE REGIONAL PLAN AND ITS
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

Introduction

The Draft San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan (Regional Plan) combines the big-picture vision for how our region will grow over the next 35 years, with an implementation program to help make that vision a reality. On April 24, 2015, the Board of Directors accepted the Draft Regional Plan, including its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) for distribution for public review and comment. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was released for public review and comment on May 21, 2015. The close of the public comment period for the Draft Regional Plan and Draft EIR is July 15, 2015.

Two public hearings in June provide additional opportunity for public comment on the Draft Regional Plan, its SCS, and Draft AQCD. They include today’s public hearing at the North County Transit District (NCTD) Board Room and a hearing held at the SANDAG Board of Directors meeting on June 12, 2015.

Discussion

Draft San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan

The Draft Regional Plan and its SCS outline nearly $204 billion in transportation investments, paid for by local, state, and federal tax dollars. The investment strategy focuses heavily on expanding public transit and active transportation (biking and walking), while also reconfiguring existing highways to promote carpooling, public transit, and other alternatives to driving alone.

All transportation improvements outlined in the Draft Regional Plan are designed to serve new patterns of land use – a future with increasingly compact communities that demand a mix of easy-to-use and efficient public transit, more opportunities to walk and bike, and more efficient roadways.

Meeting these demands will support healthier communities, while protecting the environment and preserving more open space. Air quality has improved significantly over the past four decades, and the transportation investments detailed in the Regional Plan, coupled with improvements in fuel and vehicle technologies, will continue to help improve air quality throughout the San Diego region while lowering greenhouse gas emissions.
Public Outreach and Involvement

To obtain public input on the development of the Draft Regional Plan and its SCS, a broad range of media and communication avenues are being utilized to provide information, solicit participation and input, and allow for ongoing feedback and updates. In May, SANDAG hosted a series of seven public meetings throughout the San Diego region to obtain public input. Spanish translation was available at all of the workshops, and one workshop was conducted entirely in Spanish. Three workshops also were streamed live over the internet, allowing for remote access. The workshops schedule was as follows:

*May 2015 Public Meetings on the Draft Regional Plan and its SCS:*

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Simultaneous to SANDAG staff efforts, Community Based Organizations working with SANDAG to engage disadvantaged populations (lower-income, senior, and minority communities) are conducting outreach throughout the region.

Next Steps

At the June public hearings, comments may be provided in person and directly to the Board of Directors or its public meeting officer. Until July 15, 2015, the public also can make comments using the following methods:

- Online at [SDForward.com](http://SDForward.com)
- Telephone at (619) 699-1934, toll free (877) 277-5736, and TTY (619) 699-1904
- Fax to (619) 699-1905
- Mail to:
  
  Attn: Regional Plan
  
  401 B Street, Suite 800
  
  San Diego, CA 92101

- In person at the SANDAG offices at the address above
- Email to [sdforward@sandag.org](mailto:sdforward@sandag.org)
The anticipated major milestones for the Draft Regional Plan, its SCS, and Draft EIR include the following:

- July 15, 2015: Close of public comment period for the Draft Regional Plan and its SCS
- Fall 2015: Board of Directors certifies Final EIR, approves air quality conformity finding, and adopts Final Regional Plan and its SCS

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Key Staff Contact: Phil Trom, (619) 699-7330, phil.trom@sandag.org

Note: The Draft Regional Plan, SCS, and Appendices may be obtained from the SANDAG website at www.sandag.org or from the San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan website at www.sdforward.com. CDs of the entire document are available free of charge by contacting the SANDAG Public Information Office at (619) 699-1950. Copies of the Draft Regional Plan and Appendices A through C in printed format may be purchased for the cost of reproduction.