

San Diego Association of Governments
**JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AND CITIES/COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 5, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **3**

Action Requested: INFORMATION

SMART GROWTH CONCEPT MAP TECHNICAL UPDATE

File Number 3100400

Introduction

A technical update of the Smart Growth Concept Map has been completed to incorporate the transportation network included in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. The Smart Growth Concept Map consists of two components:

1. The Regional Scale Map and more detailed Subregional Maps for North County; North City and North County; Mid-City and East County; Downtown-Central; and South County; and
2. The corresponding Site Descriptions.

The maps and site descriptions are available on the SANDAG web site at sandag.org/SmartGrowth.

Following the 2004 adoption of the Regional Comprehensive Plan, which called for improved coordination between land use and transportation, SANDAG worked with all 19 local jurisdictions to prepare a Smart Growth Concept Map to illustrate the location of existing, planned, and potential Smart Growth Opportunity Areas (SGOAs) to prioritize public transit investments and for determining eligibility to compete for funding from the *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP). Revisions of the map are periodically necessary to account for updates of local general and community plans and changes to the regional transportation network. Prior to this update, the previous update was conducted in October 2014 to incorporate the Series 13 Regional Growth Forecast and for use in the third cycle of the SGIP.

Discussion

The updated 2016 map reflects the revised transportation network included in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, including specific transit route numbers and expected phasing years. Because the Series 13 Regional Growth Forecast continues to serve as the latest forecast, no changes to the land use inputs were made as part of this update. This update also includes one new subregional map, for the Downtown-Central subregion, to show this geographic area in greater detail given the number of SGOAs and transit services in this area.

The updated map contains 211 Smart Growth Opportunity Areas identified by planning staff from each of the 18 cities and the County. Based on the updated transportation network, there are 135 Existing/Planned and 76 Potential SGOAs. Below is a list of all SGOAs whose "Place Type" classification changed, either from "Potential" to "Existing/Planned" or from "Existing/Planned" to "Potential" as part of the update:

- La Mesa: LM-9: Potential to Existing/Planned
- San Diego: Mira Mesa: SD-MM-7: Existing/Planned to Potential
- San Diego: Mira Mesa: SD-MM-8: Existing/Planned to Potential
- San Diego: Pacific Highlands Ranch: SD-PHR-1: Potential to Existing/Planned

During the month of April, TWG members were asked to review updates to the Smart Growth Concept Map and Site Descriptions in their jurisdictions.

Next Steps

A resource binder with the final maps and site descriptions will be provided to each jurisdiction at the joint TWG/CTAC workshop. The maps will be updated again with the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast information before the next SGIP call for projects. The next SGIP call for projects is anticipated in late 2017 or early 2018.

Key Staff Contact: Carolina Ilic, (619) 699-1989, carolina.ilic@sandag.org