Overview

As the designated metropolitan planning organization for the San Diego region, SANDAG is required by state and federal laws to develop and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) no less than every four years. The RTIP is a five-year program of proposed major transportation projects. It also includes the TransNet program of projects (POP). TransNet is the region’s voter-approved, half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements administered by SANDAG.

The current 2018 RTIP, adopted by the SANDAG Board of Directors in September 2018, covers FY 2019 through FY 2023. The five-year plan consists of $14.7 billion worth of projects to advance the region’s vision of building a balanced transportation network that offers a variety of transportation choices.

Implementing the Region’s Overall Transportation Strategy

The 2018 RTIP reflects the region’s priorities for the implementation of transportation projects. It is required to include realistic estimates of project costs and anticipated program revenue. In general, the RTIP must include all major projects receiving certain categories of federal or state transportation funding, capacity-increasing projects, and projects identified as regionally significant.

The RTIP incrementally implements the projects prioritized in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, the long-range transportation plan for the San Diego region adopted by the SANDAG Board of Directors in October 2015. The RTIP is a short-term, prioritized program designed to implement the region’s overall strategy for providing mobility and improve the efficiency and safety of the transportation system, while reducing transportation-related air pollution in support of efforts to attain federal and state air quality standards.

Federal Air Quality Conformity Requirements

Federal regulation requires that SANDAG conduct an air quality conformity analysis of all regionally significant projects that increase the transportation system capacity. Projections of pollutant emissions are developed for several years based on the estimated project opening date.

Federal Performance Management

Federal regulation also requires that the RTIP describe how the projects included will contribute toward achieving targets set for performance measures for safety and transit asset management. The 2018 RTIP directs $1.1 billion toward projects which will improve safety and $2.4 billion in updating assets for transit.

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